



**THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
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***The Superior-General writes:***

***“Wash your hands & say your prayers “cause Jesus & germs are everywhere.”***

Those encouraging words appeared on a notice board outside at least one church in the United States. Someone with a bit of flair in our sombre mood during the current devastating COVID-19 pandemic needs congratulating for injecting into it the right level of humour! The COVID-19 disease which appears to have us in its grip is called a pandemic because the World Health Organisation declared in March that it has now spread worldwide. So this disease is everywhere. No wonder the writer of those notice board words tells us not only to wash our hands but also to pray to the Lord Jesus who, at his ascension, has assured us that “I am with you always, to the close of the age” (*Matthew 28:20*). Indeed, however hard we are pressed in our present difficulties, and whatever the challenges and limitations imposed upon us, if we are to remain true to Jesus Christ we must continue to proclaim his sovereignty over the whole world. Jesus himself assures his apostles of this as he faces his passion and as he predicts their own: “In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world” (*John 16:33*).

These last few weeks have indeed been a testing time for all of us. As we have found our lives restricted as a result of governmental instruction – no doubt a very necessary situation as it seeks to protect us and limit the spread of this dreadful virus - we have been deprived of the comfort of the sacraments and gathering together to fulfil the Lord’s command to “do this in memory of me.” A lot of comment has been made about this, particularly highlighting the dilemma that we are in that, at the very time we have most need of being fed and encouraged by the Eucharist, we find that the bishops have told us that this is not possible. If we seek a precedent for this (although the circumstances are, of course, entirely different), we perhaps need to go back as far as the reign of King John when England was placed under an interdict by Pope Innocent III and the king himself was excommunicated. Between the years 1209 and 1213 Mass could not be celebrated and all rites of the Church were suspended. We ask the Lord in our own day to spare us such a sorrow!

In company with many others who are responsible for organizing annual devotional gatherings such as at Walsingham and at Glastonbury, I have had to take the decision to cancel this year's CBS National Festival which was due to take place at St Stephen's, Gloucester Road in London on 20<sup>th</sup> June. It is a sadness shared by all our people that we cannot have the joy of coming together on pilgrimage at such events and proclaiming the faith once delivered to the saints. But I hope that next year we can gather in London at St Stephen's: Fr Philip Barnes, the parish priest and a CBS Priest Associate, has said that we will be very welcome and I am grateful to him for that assurance. I hope too that we will be able to see Br Joseph Emmanuel SSF in the pulpit. You will recall that he was elected as one of our Trustees at last year's Council-General.

In correspondence with Fr Philip Barnes at the beginning of the lockdown when we discussed the decision to cancel this year's National Festival, he told me that, as he busied himself ringing round to his folk and putting together appropriate resources to meet people's spiritual need when they could no longer come to church and gather around the altar, "I have a strong sense of the *yearning* for the Eucharist in people's hearts, and maybe, in an odd sort of way, this might help our devotion grow." Indeed, the experience of the lack of something important to us – our freedom to move around, being with family and friends, the touch of those we love – only makes us more eager for it. So it is, as Fr Philip reminds us, we have a deep yearning for the Bread of Life, for the feeding and nurture which is at the very core of the Lord's gift of the Eucharist. Being deprived of the sacraments is a great burden, particularly when it comes as a result of no lack of faith or error into which we have fallen on our own part. For us it is as though Lent has gone beyond forty days and forty nights and that a more far reaching discipline has been imposed on us rather than one we have chosen for ourselves - that of being excluded from the communion of the church in nearly every sense. Despite the restrictions, our clergy have gone to heroic lengths to continue to minister to people, to try every method, old and new, to continue the life and worship of the Church, to live stream Mass from wherever it was possible to do it, and to ensure folk that the kingly presence of Christ is everywhere, and that he continues to sustain and feed his people as he ever has. God bless our priests and those who encourage and support them through thick and thin, especially when they have felt obstructed and let down by those in authority who have not made the priestly and pastoral life of the Church any easier in difficult times.

"Lord, give us this bread always" was the response of the people in John's Gospel to the word of Jesus that "the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world." Jesus' whole teaching about God's gift to the world of the living bread is found in chapter 6 of John's Gospel. Perhaps it might be helpful to us in our lack of feeding to read it through as a whole and ponder upon it again. That teaching is given in response to the feeding of the five thousand when everyone there had to eat as much as they wanted. Looking more closely at the narrative we

find that, following this great sign – the wonderful feeding of the great multitude – Jesus is driven to escape to the mountain nearby because he saw that they wanted to make him king. That evening the disciples themselves got into a boat, intending to cross to Capernaum. It was dark and a strong wind rose and they must have found it hard going. They were frightened not just by the fierce wind and the torrent about them, but by what they saw, Jesus coming towards them, walking on the sea. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” The incident ends with St John’s telling comment that “then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going” (*John 6: 21*).



When the Lord comes to us, having assured us that he is the Bread of Life, he comes in such way as to take away our fears and to ensure that we are brought safely home. The torrent may beat about us and the darkness surround us, but his is the presence which calms and saves. In our present crisis, despite its terrible toll, the Lord Jesus remains as king. He is such because God has made him so, glorifying him through his death on the cross, and crowning him through his Easter resurrection: the Lord is king, but not at our hands, and we need only acclaim him as such in the Church and in the world. When we can all gather once more around his altar to celebrate and set forth his sacrifice, we will know the truth of this, the Lord coming to us and assuring us with those same words, “It is I; do not be afraid.”

Until such time, we make a spiritual communion. Many of you will have received a booklet produced by the Church Union and *The Society called Praying at Home – A resource for those praying at home as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic*. This is a hugely helpful and encouraging devotional aid. It would be presumptuous of me to commend it to you as it has been available already for some weeks! It addresses this need for an act of Spiritual Communion, introducing it with these words: *At this time, when our churches are closed for public worship, we will not be able to receive Holy Communion physically, which will be a painful thing for many of us. The tradition of the Church has been for people to make a Spiritual Communion when they are prevented from receiving Holy Communion. St Thomas Aquinas says in this we should have “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” You can pray this prayer as often as you like, but most specifically at the time when you would normally be present at Mass.* One of the two prayers which then follows is kindly attributed to CBS – it is on our website

under devotional material – but it comes not surprisingly from St Alphonsus de Liguori (1696-1787), the founder of the Redemptorists. Much of his writing was aimed at fostering devotion and became, and still is, very popular. Do use this prayer which has echoes of the beloved Anima Christi to proclaim your belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, to acclaim him as king, and so to take away any fear in the darkness and distress of our present time. Jesus is with us always, even to the end of time.

**My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament.**

**I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul.**

**Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**As though you have already come,  
I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you;  
never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

✠ **Roger**

## CONGRATULATIONS



At the time of writing this, we have just been gladdened by the news of the appointment of Prebendary William Hazlewood SSC to be the next Bishop of Lewes in the diocese of Chichester. A Priest Associate of CBS, Fr Will is Parish Priest of Dartmouth in Devon. We rejoice in this good news and send him and his family the assurance of our loving prayers.

## GRANT NEWS

St Barnabas' Church Limassol is a simple stone church built just over 100 years ago, in Greek style with an apse. It serves a diverse congregation of British expats and retirees and increasing numbers of Anglicans from different parts of the world who come to work or study in Cyprus – for example, people from Nigeria, India, Sri Lanka, China. We are an interesting bunch!

When I arrived in the parish – which is the base for my ministry as Spirituality Adviser for the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf – I hunted for the Reserved Sacrament. It was not to be found in the church.

At last I discovered It tucked away in a noisy vestry in a sick communion pack. I asked the advice of the Bishop – now Archbishop – Michael Lewis. Are there any guidelines for the proper keeping of the consecrated elements of Holy Communion? He wrote: 'Reservation is vital in the life of an Anglican church and parish, for the communion of the sick and housebound, often at short notice, and also for those occasions when no priest is available to preside at a celebration of the eucharist. As diocesan policy I require that such reservation shall always be in



church and not elsewhere, as close to an altar as is feasible, in a secure and dignified recess or container, under lock and key...' Armed with this helpful advice, I went to the PCC to ask that the recess in the apse by the Altar – used in place of a credence table and filled with vessels etc – be converted into an Aumbry with the simple addition of doors. The PCC were happy to acquiesce, and a local craftsman made beautiful doors in oak. It bears the design of a Jerusalem Cross which is the symbol of this Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

The doors have been dedicated recently by the Archbishop and the Aumbry is now in use. I was able to use its introduction as a an occasion to give teaching about the Blessed Sacrament. I explained that the white light added signifies the presence of Christ in the elements. I explained how at each Sunday eucharist we set aside consecrated elements for the Communion of the sick and housebound, and how therefore those who are not able to be present are always remembered at the Altar. So an Aumbry is a sign of our pastoral commitment to the needy (and no one can argue with that!!). I was able to point out that the Jerusalem Cross – which includes a cross in each of its 'quadrants' – represents the Gospel going to the four quarters of the world and can remind us that the love and healing grace of Christ – mediated in the Sacrament – is going out to the four corners of the Parish (which, by the way, is forty miles wide and thirty miles deep!). The generous grant from CBS enabled this. These are difficult times for parishes in Cyprus as several expat families and retirees are returning to UK due to B. etc. So it would have been difficult to seek this from our budget (even though I regard it as an essential and not a luxury!). CBS came to our aid, giving also a small ciborium. I thank the Trustees and CBS supporters!



**Canon Dr Andrew D. Mayes**

# INTERCESSIONS

## JUNE

- 1 **The Visitation [or Mary, Mother of the Church] – All generations will call me blessed**
- 2 The Sacred Heart with  
S Andrew, East Finchley
- 3 Adoremus Ward, Hanworth
- 4 Alexander Mackonochie Ward,  
Holborn
- 5 Corpus Christi, Kenton
- 6 The Council-General of the CBS
- 7 **Trinity Sunday – God sent his Son so that the world might be saved**
- 8 Our Lady & S George, Winchmore Hill
- 9 S Giles, Reading
- 10 The Love of Jesus, Wantage
- 11 **Corpus Christi – My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink**
- 12 St Barnabas – The Bishops of  
the Society
- 13 St Anthony of Padua – (RoOT)
- 14 **Trinity 1 / 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday – The harvest is rich but the labourers are few**
- 15 S Francis, Derby
- 16 St Richard of Chichester –  
Bishop Martin Warner
- 17 S Laurence, Long Eaton
- 18 The Holy Cross, Nottingham
- 19 **Sacred Heart of Jesus – Shoulder my yoke & learn from me**
- 20 S Martin, Salisbury
- 21 **Trinity 2 / 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Do not be afraid**
- 22 S Michael, Croydon
- 23 S Agnes, Kennington
- 24 **Birth of John the Baptist – His name is John**
- 25 Corpus et Sanguis Christi, Plumstead
- 26 S Peter, Streatham
- 27 The Sacred Heart, Bude
- 28 **Ss Peter and Paul – On this rock I will build my Church**
- 29 S Mary Star of the Sea, Penzance
- 30 Holy Trinity & S Cadoc, Landaff

## JULY

- 1 Feast of the Precious Blood –  
Sodality of the Precious Blood
- 2 The Good Shepherd, Guildford
- 3 **St Thomas – My Lord and my God!**
- 4 Corpus Christi, Portsmouth
- 5 **Trinity 4 / 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday – I am gentle and humble in heart**
- 6 The Stigmata Ward
- 7 S Michel du Valle, Guernsey
- 8 Blessed Mary McKillop &  
S Benedict, Melbourne
- 9 S Thomas Aquinas, Calgary
- 10 S Margaret, Montreal
- 11 St Benedict–Community of the Holy Cross
- 12 **Trinity 5 / 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday – The seed in the rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it**
- 13 S Michael & All Angels, Winnipeg
- 14 S Brigid, Sweden
- 15 S Michael & All Angels, Batchwick
- 16 All Saints with S Saviour,  
Weston Super Mare
- 17 S Gregory & S Augustine, Bristol
- 18 The Holy Family, Swindon
- 19 **Trinity 6 / 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Listen, anyone who has ears!**
- 20 S Thomas, Birmingham
- 21 Our Lady of the Isle, Wilmcote
- 22 St Mary Magdalene – Those who  
facilitate the healing ministries
- 23 St Bridget – The Society of  
St Bridget (SSB)
- 24 The Holy Family Leamington
- 25 **St James – The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many**
- 26 **Trinity 7 / 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Those whom he called, he justified**
- 27 S Faith, Bradford
- 28 S Hilda & St Benedict Joseph Labre,  
Leeds
- 29 St Martha, Mary and Lazarus –  
Spiritual Direction and counselling
- 30 S Wilfrid, Leeds
- 31 Ark of the Covenant , Sheffield

# INTERCESSIONS

## AUGUST

- 1 The Precious Blood, Durham
- 2 **Trinity 8 / 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday – They all ate as much as they wanted**
- 3 S Benedict, Blyth
- 4 St John Mary Vianney – Vocations to the Sacred Priesthood
- 5 Our Lady of Deal, Deal
- 6 **Transfiguration of the Lord – Stand up, do not be afraid!**
- 7 The Annunciation, Chislehurst
- 8 Christ the King & Stella Maris, Blackpool
- 9 **Trinity 9 / 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Truly, you are the Son of God!**
- 10 St Laurence – Those ordained Deacon this Petertide / Michaelmas
- 11 St Clare – Those who work in communications on behalf of the Church
- 12 The Protomartyr, Blackpool
- 13 Ss Werburg & Winifred, Wirral & North Wales
- 14 St Maximilian Kolbe – Those who work and pray for peace and justice
- 15 The Precious Blood, Southport
- 16 **Assumption of the BVM – The Almighty has done great things for me**
- 17 The Precious Blood, Swinton & Pendlebury
- 18 The Holy Angels, Brentwood
- 19 The Saints of Essex, Colchester
- 20 The Sacred Passion, Romford
- 22 Christ the King, South Benfleet
- 23 **Trinity 11 / 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday – You are the Christ, the Son of the living God**
- 24 **St Bartholomew – Come and see**
- 25 S John Vianney, Mid-Essex
- 26 S Anthony, Woodford Green
- 27 St Monica – all who work with children
- 28 St Augustine – For theological education
- 29 Our Lady with S Michael, Thorpe le Soken
- 30 **Trinity 12 / 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Anyone who loses their life for my sake will find it**
- 31 The Sacred Heart, Hammerfield

R.I.P.

We commend to God the souls of all **Departed Associates of the Confraternity, especially the following who have died recently:**

### Priests-Associates

Father Alan Rabjohns  
Father Graham Francis  
Father Allan Buik  
Father Colin Tolworthy

### Lay Associates

Anne Jarrett  
Peter Jackson

**Please also pray for our new members**

### New Lay Associates

Dr Thomas Mathews    Angela Simon  
Byron Hadley            Michael Hollings  
Teresa Hollings         Angela Baxter

## COUNCIL-GENERAL

**5th OCTOBER 2020**

**11.30am Mass at**

**St James Garlickhythe, Garlick Hill,  
London EC4V 2AF**

**followed by meeting at 12.30 at**

**CCLA Senator House,  
85 Queen Victoria St,  
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**Lunch will be provided**

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THE 2020 NATIONAL FESTIVAL  
WHICH WAS TO BE HELD ON  
SATURDAY 20TH JUNE  
HAS HAD TO BE CANCELLED**

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