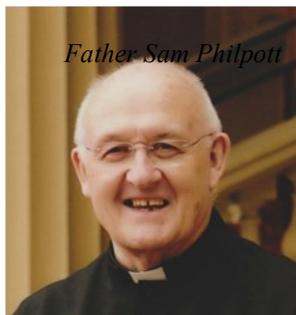


prayers at Mass prays "in exchange for our gifts of bread and wine You give us Yourself". We all need to allow Him to open the eyes of our hearts to see Him more clearly so that we may know Him, think like Him and so speak of Him to others.

Second, because in a time of trial - and we are being sorely tried - we need to turn our attention to the Lord, in company with one another, and allow him to embrace us in His love and to give us courage for the work of witness to which we have been called. Remember the storm tossed boat and what He did in response to the plea "Lord, we are sinking!" *St Matthew 8:25*

Pray for those who take up the invitation to share in the Holy Hours in Exeter and Truro. We will pray for you that when you spend time with the Lord in His Word and in His Sacrament, you may be bold enough to give yourself away to Him too.



**Would you like to contribute to the Quarterly passing on your news to others, sharing events?  
Then please forward any contributions to [mary@additionalcurates.co.uk](mailto:mary@additionalcurates.co.uk).  
Material for the next edition must be received by 4th May 2018**

**[www.confraternity.org.uk](http://www.confraternity.org.uk) Registered Charity No 1082897**



**THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
MARCH 2018 - MAY 2018**



## Bishop Roger writes



Last October, the Council-General met for its annual meeting at Senator House in Queen Victoria Street, the London offices of CCLA Investment Management Ltd. This is a major financial facility for charities, religious organisations as well as the public sector, and CBS invests a large proportion of its capital with them. This was something of a first, of course, and we are grateful to CCLA for its eagerness to welcome and entertain us (which they did superbly!). Obviously CCLA wants to put on a good show for us and encourage CBS to maintain its portfolio with them. Their investment activities on our behalf help us to maximise the money bequeathed to us by generous benefactors

down the years since CBS's foundation in 1862. Another first was that the members of the Council-General met earlier that day for Mass at the nearby Church of St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe where one of our Priest-Associates, Fr Luke Miller, resides and ministers as Archdeacon of London. We very much hope that we will be able to repeat this experience at this year's Council-General on 8<sup>th</sup> October and that District Superiors will make this a priority by putting it into their diaries now.

The Council-General is the governing body of CBS and is comprised of its officers (who are its Trustees) and its District Superiors, as well as certain Lay Associates elected by District Councils. It is important that District Councils do meet at least annually so as to take stock of the health and well-being of the CBS and its members in the region, as well as, every so often, for the Priests-Associate to elect the District Superior from their number. It might be a good thing for members to refresh their memories about the CBS Constitution in this respect (as well as being

reminded of what CBS stands for as a devotional society amongst our Catholic societies in the Church of England) and this may be easily done as it is now available on the CBS website. It is good to know that a number of new District Superiors have come forward, particularly in places where CBS needs re-invigorating. It has been gratifying to be involved in some of this important work during the last few years. I made a promise to those present at the last Council-General to put in print, for the benefit of all, an aide memoire of the role and duties of the Priest-Associate who has been elected (or on occasion appointed) as District Superior. As the representative of the Superior-General, the District Superior must be:

- ◆ conversant with the Constitution of the CBS
- ◆ take part in the Annual Meeting of the Council-General, which normally takes place in London in the autumn
- ◆ visit the Wards in his District regularly
- ◆ contact every Priest-Associate in the District once a year, encouraging the inactive to renew their contact with CBS through a local Ward or through the Secretary-General's List of unattached Associates
- ◆ summon an Annual Meeting of the District Council consisting of all Priests-Associate in District, preferably as part of a District Festival which might also include other Catholic societies, and at which the District Superior must be elected by all Priests Associate along with a Lay Associate to serve as a representative on the Council-General and who, at the same time, may be appointed District Secretary in support of the District Superior
- ◆ approve each application to become a Priest Associate within the District, ensuring that all Priests Associate can with integrity maintain mutual recognition of orders as defined in the Constitution
- ◆ approve all applications for grants of vessels and vestments, using his local knowledge to answer any points which may be raised by the Trustees, and do all he can to build up the life of the Confraternity within the District, including the formation of new Wards

As you will see, if done properly, the work of the District Superior can be demanding, especially if he is to do this alongside all the other responsibilities he will have as a priest in the pastoral ministry. But I hope that this reminder of an essential responsibility within the life of CBS will serve as an encouragement to all our members to do all that they can to build up our witness, wherever we are, to the Eucharistic Faith which binds us together and which is the food and drink of our life in Jesus Christ. We pray constantly as a Confraternity that, by God's grace, "we may persevere unto the end in the faith, practice, and communion of [his] holy Church." We all need proper priestly support, guidance and encouragement if that prayer is to be made good.



the broken hearted, and bind up all their wounds, have mercy on us.

*Jesus Proclaims the coming of the Kingdom*



Living God: You were revealed in glory on the holy mountain, have Mercy on us.

*The Transfiguration*

Jesus, Lord and Christ, Son and Word of the Living God: You make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread, have mercy on us.



*The Last Supper*

The Holy Hour is spent in the presence of the Lord Himself, and the priest leading us will emphasise this time and again, lest we become distracted or forgetful.

The first part of the Hour is spent with the Lord in His Word – the Book of the Gospels is set before us, opened at the passage of Scripture that reveals the Mystery upon which we are meditating. And there is *silence*.

Then the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the Altar, alongside the Book of the Gospels and, without losing sight of His Word we recognise Him in His Sacrament. Yes, hidden behind the veil of bread but truly here with us as He promised. And there is *silence*.

*Silence, silence, silence!* How important it is simply to be in the Lord's Presence, to be free, not only from outside noises and distractions but within ourselves. So often we are chatterboxes and He has little opportunity to speak to our hearts.

The purpose of these Holy Hours is to "give ourselves away to Him" and, like St Therese of Lisieux, we linger hardly able to tear ourselves away from Him. So there is an opportunity to remain for a while when the Holy Hour is over.

We use a thirty-three bead rosary – one bead for each year of the Incarnate Life and there is a petition for each of the Mysteries.

#### **Why this Devotion?**

First, because this is the mission of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament – to open our eyes to the reality of Who comes to us in this wonderful Gift. As one of the

## Come and See!

I want to encourage you to prayerfully read St John 1: 35-42. Don't rush - linger and loiter with this passage, poke about and take it all in.

First, hear John Baptist who on seeing Jesus walking by the River Jordan cries out



“There is the Lamb of God...” Immediately you should be taken to the moment in the Mass when the priest shows you the Blessed Sacrament with the words “Behold the Lamb of God...”.

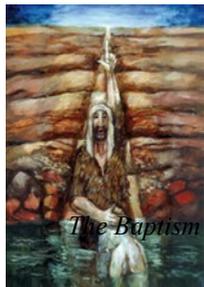
Then, watch as two of John's own disciples go off in pursuit of Jesus and when challenged by Him “What do you want?” ask “Where do you live?” They receive the wonderful invitation “Come and see!” St John tells us they went and stayed with him “that day”. Archbishop Alban Goodier SJ tells us that “in that moment they gave themselves away to Him”.

One of them was Andrew who, when he leaves Jesus, immediately goes and finds Peter telling him “We have found the Messiah” and he brings Peter to Jesus.

That is the way we should behave when we have the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament - with others at Mass and at Benediction, and when alone before the Tabernacle. We take up His invitation to “Come and see”. We give ourselves away to Him in adoration and love, and we never keep this joy hidden as though it is ours alone but we always look for opportunities to ask others to come to Him with us.

In the Diocese of Exeter and Truro we have the opportunity to do all these things as we look forward to a series of Holy Hours using the Jesus Rosary. We will prayerfully reflect on and respond to the five Mysteries comprising the Ministry of Jesus. They are:

Jesus, Lord and Christ, Son and Word of the Living God: You were anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power, have mercy on us.



*The Baptism of the Lord*

Jesus, Lord and Christ, Son and Word of the Living God: You heal

Jesus, Lord and Christ, Son and Word of the Living God: You changed water into wine, have mercy on us



*Water into wine*

Jesus, Lord and Christ, Son and Word of the

## ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, RICHMOND ROAD SHEFFIELD

### Sanctuary Reordering

St Catherine's is an Anglo-Catholic parish, affiliated to The Society and under the sacramental and pastoral care of the Bishop of Beverley. The parish serves the urban area of Woodthorpe, Richmond and Stradbroke to the South East of Sheffield city centre. The area has a number of social issues and challenges. The Parish Church dominates the centre of the parish and has a vibrant, growing congregation and serves the local community in a number of



*Before*

practical ways. The building designed by Sir Basil Spence, was built in 1959 and has over the years been subject to internal reordering including the moving forward of the large (12 feet in length) altar some thirty years ago, the removal of vicar's stall, pulpit and altar rails, and the addition of a central tabernacle placed on a plinth on the site of the altar's original position. In the last two years it became apparent that there is a need for greater flexibility of the space for liturgical and community purposes. It was decided by the PCC to take steps to return the altar (constructed of steel with timber mensa) to its original position, placing the tabernacle centrally upon it and replacing the original brass candlesticks, together with four additional candlesticks of the same design and material and being used as shrine candlesticks; these would be fitted with oil candles. The altar would be dressed with a Laudian frontal and new linen. In addition a smaller more portable forward altar would be introduced. The parish is very grateful to the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament for its generosity in providing funding which has enabled it to realise the project for a parish which otherwise would struggle to raise the monies required. The reordering has enabled us to encourage greater devotion to the Blessed Sacrament through liturgy enhanced by a more efficient and comfortable use of the space. It is now possible for intimate surroundings focussed around the sacrament placed on what is now the High Altar.



*After*

The re-ordering allows the forward space to be used for concerts and has succeeded in bringing integrity to the whole of our spacious building, an integrity which it is felt was lost those thirty years ago. Indeed a number of folk have commented 'it feels like church again!'

**INTERCESSIONS  
INTERCESSIONS**

R.I.P.

## MARCH

- 1 Saint David—Credo Cymru
- 2 Ward of the Sacred Heart Lincoln
- 3 Adoremus Ward Hanworth
- 4 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT**  
He was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body
- 5 Alexander Mackonochie Ward Holborn
- 6 Corpus Christi Ward, Kenton
- 7 Ward of Our Lady & S George
- 8 Ward of S Giles, Reading
- 9 Love of Jesus Ward, Wantage
- 10 Saint Francis Ward, Derby
- 11 4th SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday)**  
God so loved the world
- 12 Saint Laurence Ward, Long Eaton
- 13 All Saints Ward, Collingham
- 14 Holy Cross Ward, Nottingham
- 15 Saint Martin Ward, Salisbury
- 16 Saint Michael Ward, Croydon
- 17 Saint Patrick—Christians in Ireland
- 18 5th SUNDAY IN LENT**  
I shall draw all people to myself
- 19 Saint Joseph—Fathers & adoptive parents
- 20 Saint Agnes Ward, Kennington
- 21 Corpus Christi et Sanguis Christi Plumstead
- 22 Saint Peter Ward, Streatham
- 23 Sacred Heart Ward, Bude
- 24 S. Mary, Star of the Sea Ward, Penzance
- 25 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
- 26 Good Shepherd Ward, Guildford
- 27 Corpus Christi Ward, Portsmouth
- 28 The Stigmata Ward, Bournemouth
- 29 MAUNDY THURSDAY** Priest of the Society
- 30 GOOD FRIDAY** Society of the Holy Cross SSC
- 31 HOLY SATURDAY** Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary (GSS)

## APRIL

- 1 EASTER DAY - Surrexit Alleluia!**
- 2 Bishop Jupp, our Superior General
- 3 Father Darren Smith, our Treasurer General
- 4 Father Edward Martin, our Secretary General
- 5 CBS Trustees
- 6 CBS Council General
- 7 My Ward—its Superior and Members
- 8 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY**  
My Lord and my God!
- 9 Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Priest Chaplains of Mary the Mother of the Church
- 10 Saint Brigid Ward, Sweden
- 11 Saint Michael Ward, Bath
- 12 All Saints with S Saviour Ward, Weston –s-Mare
- 13 S Gregory & S Augustine Ward, Bristol
- 14 The Holy Family Ward, Swindon
- 15 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
He opened their minds to the Scriptures
- 16 Saint Thomas Ward, Birmingham
- 17 The Holy Family Ward, Leamington Spa
- 18 Saint Faith Ward, Bradford
- 19 Saint Wilfrid Ward, Leeds
- 20 Saint Herbert Ward, Carlisle
- 21 The Precious Blood Ward, Durham
- 22 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
I am the Good Shepherd
- 23 St George—Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
- 24 Saint Benedict Ward, Blyth
- 25 Saint Mark the Evangelist—For those who  
Teach and study the Scriptures
- 26 The Annunciation Ward, Chislehurst
- 27 The Transfiguration Ward, Sevenoaks
- 28 Christ the King & Stella Maris Ward Blackpool
- 29 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
I am the vine, you are the branches
- 30 The Protomartyr Ward, Blackpool

## MAY

- 1 Ss Werberg & Winifred Ward, Wirral & N Wales
- 2 The American CBS
- 3 Saints Philip and James - All Bishops
- 4 Saint Agnes Ward, Liverpool
- 5 The Precious Blood Ward, Southport
- 6 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
The Lord has set his people free
- 7 The Precious Blood Ward, Swinton & Pendlebury
- 8 The Holy Angels Ward, Brentwood
- 9 The Sacred Passion Ward, Ilford
- 10 The Ascension of the Lord**  
God does up with shouts of joy!
- 11 Christ the King Ward, Leigh-on-Sea
- 12 The Epiphany Ward, Leytonstone
- 13 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
That they may be one
- 14 Saint John Vianney Ward, Mid-Essex
- 15 Saint Anthony Ward, Woodford Green
- 16 The Sacred Heart Ward, Hammerfield
- 17 The Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary
- 18 Our Lady Ward, Walsingham
- 19 Christ in Glory Ward, Aldwick
- 20 PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
The Spirit will lead you to the truth
- 21 The Annunciation Ward, Brighton
- 22 Saint Saviour & Saint Peter Ward, Eastbourne
- 23 The Transfiguration Ward, Haywards Heath
- 24 The Precious Blood Ward, Horsham
- 25 Saint Anne Ward, Hove
- 26 Ss Mary & Nicolas Ward, Lancing College
- 27 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**  
I am with you always
- 28 Our Lady Ward, St Leonards-on-Sea
- 29 Anima Christi Ward, St Leonards-on-Sea
- 30 Saint Cuthman Ward, Storrington Deanery
- 31 **Corpus Christi** The CBS Council General

Please also pray for our new members

I want to encourage you to prayerfully read St John 1: 35-42. Don't rush - linger and loiter with this passage,

### THE OFFICERS

**Superior-General**  
The Right Reverend Roger Jupp

**Treasurer-General**  
The Reverend Darren Smith

**Secretary-General**  
The Reverend Edward Martin

All contacts to be sent to:  
Mrs M Bashford  
c/o Additional Curates Society  
Gordon Browning House  
Unit 7 Spitfire Road,  
Birmingham B24 9PB