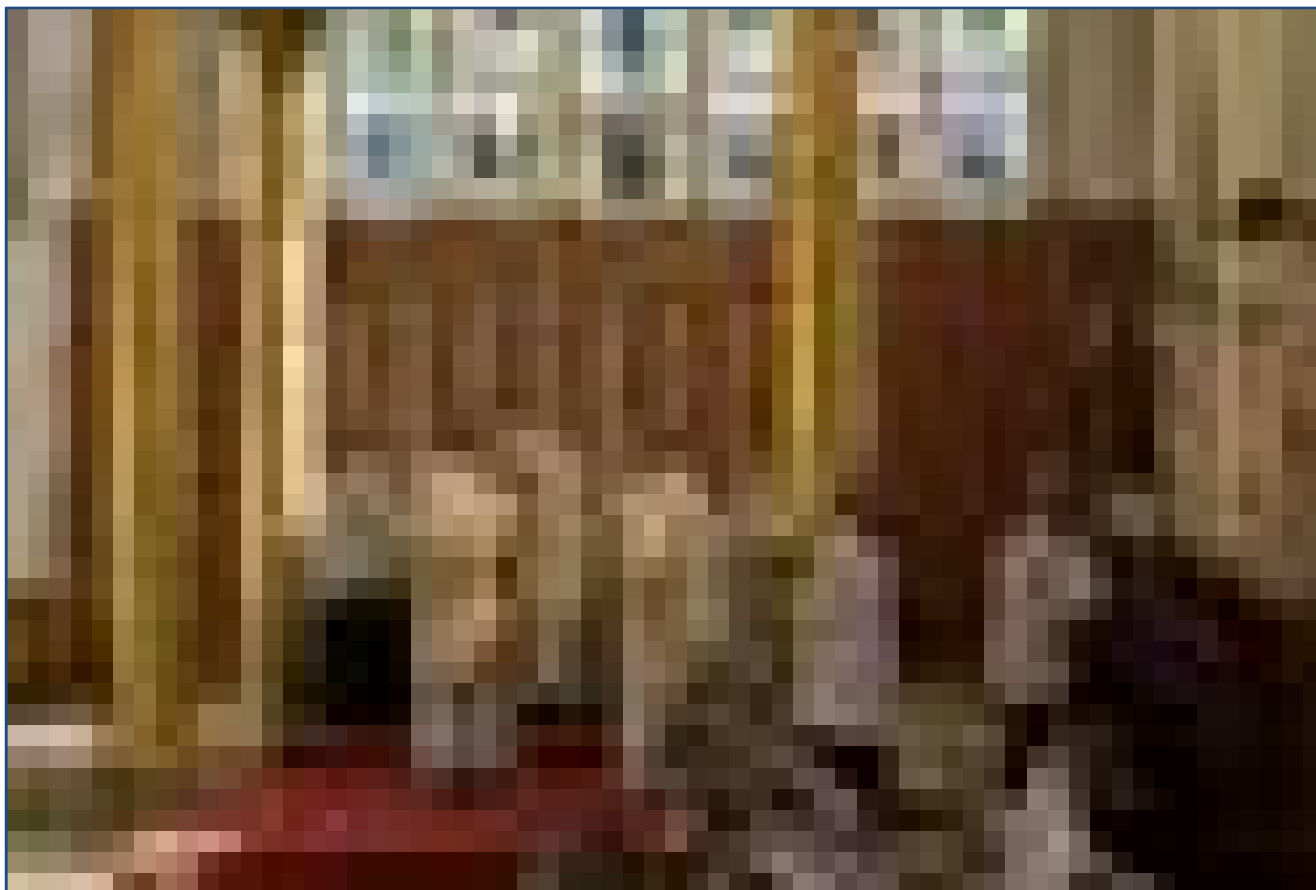


Dowry

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"O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gracious Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy Dowry." (Cardinal Wiseman)



(Picture: Solemn High Mass at London Colney Pastoral Centre in August 2009 during the workshop organised by the Latin Mass Society in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Westminster. Three priests from the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter were among the six tutors: Fr de Malleray (here as Celebrant) had come from Reading, while Fr Pendergraft (here as Deacon) and Fr Goodwin (here as Subdeacon), had flown from the U.S.A.)

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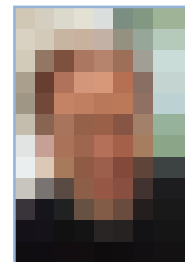
Dear Reader and Friend,

The casket containing the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux was touched by tens of thousands of hands across Britain during the last four weeks. The hands only expressed the souls' craving for intercession and spiritual help in general. Many among these pilgrims were not regular church-goers, possibly not even Catholics or Christians. To the secular eye, what a hurly-burly done for a few old bones... But these are the bones of a saint, that is, of a human being whose life and death were pleasing to God, to the point that at the end of time He will resurrect the whole body then united with its soul not for suffering in Hell, but in a state of integral perfection and amazing splendour, for ever reflecting His divine truth and bounty in Heaven.

Some saints are well known and some others we will discover only at the Last Judgment. How sad though when people admire the valuable casket and pay no attention to the relics left inside, as sometimes happens in museums. Visitors should be taught that such craftsmanship and care and wealth as displayed in such containers first and foremost express the deep faith of our forefathers in the value of relics and in the power of saints through God's grace. Just now if we look at our own hands we may ask ourselves: 'What sort of casket will be made for these limbs of mine (if not cremated)?' Thinking further, we will wonder what cathedrals and shrines will welcome our bones after our canonization. We tend to stop then, feeling this is pride and silly reverie.

Still, God is preparing for every single one of us more than a casket: "In my Father's house there are many mansions. If not, I would have told you: because I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). God calls us all to holiness. This universal calling however is particularised in the circumstances of our individual lives. It is shaped further by the part which the Redeemer has assigned for us to play in the spreading of His Word for the conversion of our contemporaries and countries. This is taking place now. Our modern era boasts of inventing globalisation, which allegedly manifests itself in wireless tools of instantaneous communication and in the spreading of uniform ways of dressing, eating, working, relaxing, and even of thinking.

(Picture: casket with St Thérèse's relics in Portsmouth Cathedral on 16-17 September 2009)



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Though some of these things are useful (allowing you to read *Dowry* online for instance), on the whole it looks more like a materialistic making up of the Communion of Saints. Holy Mother Church had not waited for the world, so that in Her turn She should meet every man's secret aspiration for unity. Long before, the Church was offering genuine unity based upon truth, promoted diversely according to the talents of each person and aiming not at men's glorification but at God's. Even while you read these words, millions of saints of all ages and places are alive with us, as we strive for deeper faith, higher hope and more ardent charity. They don't mind at all if we pray to them in Breton or in Japanese or Portuguese, just as little Norman girl St Thérèse has surely forwarded to God the thousands of requests expressed to her while on British soil these last weeks, although she did not speak English. But what the saints do mind is if we remain content with our mediocrity instead of drawing strength and inspiration from their lives – and bones – according to God's beautiful design of supernatural fraternity. Bringing Her Dowry back to Mary will take saints. It will take you, and me please God. Saints... Our daily routines at home and at work, ornate with our sacrifices big and small, are the precious living caskets designed by God Himself to enshrine our immortal souls! And in His own celestial 'cathedral' – the New Jerusalem – the good God wants these 'caskets' to be brought into Heaven and then... then our souls will be established in everlasting Life, and what on earth had weighed upon us as a rigid framework will then be floating like robes of silk and of ample damask embroidered with the shining virtues and the glorious merits humbly and faithfully cultivated here below.

Yours devotedly in the Hearts of
Jesus and Mary,

Malleray

Fr Armand de Malleray, Superior of
the English FSSP Apostolate
On the Feast of St Thérèse,
October 3rd, 2009.

Pope Benedict grants private audience to FSSP superiors: now the full report

A Meeting with Benedict XVI: a Founding Member bears Witness (kindly translated from the French by P.F. Counsell):

6th July 1988 – 6th July 2009. These two dates stand apart, on either side of a breach of twenty-one years, but the honour that graced each was the same — a meeting with the Holy Father.

In July 1988 I was, it so happened, one of the small number of priests who had arranged a meeting in Rome, not approving the illicit episcopal consecrations which had just taken place at Ecône on 30th June. On 3rd July, at four o'clock, we met the two Cardinals who were waiting to speak with us, one of them Augustin Cardinal Mayer, who had been named by Pope John Paul II as the President of the brand new Ecclesia Dei Commission. Beside him was Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and future Pope Benedict XVI. Spurred on by their fatherly encouragement, our dear Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter was then born.

During our stay in Rome, we expressed the desire to meet His Holiness Pope John Paul II so that we could let him know just how deeply grateful we were, and to assure him of our prayers. On Wednesday 6th July, after each of us had offered Holy Mass at St. Peter's, we mustered at the Bronze Doors and from there we proceeded to the Courtyard of St. Damascus, where we would pay our respects to the Sovereign Pontiff before his Wednesday audience. We had just assumed our positions when someone arrived with a message from the Holy Father. He wanted five of us to go and meet him in his private apartments! By a remarkable token of Grace, I found myself amongst the five who had been chosen. And so it was that I was able to meet the Pope who, at the beginning of his reign, had spoken those heartening words to all Catholics: 'Do not be afraid!' The Pope I met was deeply grief-stricken; despite his best efforts, part of his flock was beginning to distance itself from the one true Fold, paying no heed to the voice of the Good Shepherd entreating them to remain within. But I also saw the heart of this very same Shepherd tenderly moved by those few sheep who refused to drift away. He called us 'his priests'. He gave us his blessing and assured us of his confidence. We went back home, overjoyed to be acting on behalf of the Church, to be carrying the Cross *with* the Church. The Fraternity of St. Peter had chosen its namesake well.



(Pope Benedict XVI at his desk with Fr John Berg, FSSP on 6th July 2009)

Twenty-one years on and I was sat in peace and quiet in front of my screen when suddenly my attention was caught by a message from the Mother House at Wigratzbad. It was a letter — in English! Despite my feeble understanding of the language, I gathered nonetheless that the letter had been sent to all the founding members of the Fraternity, and that it referred to a private audience with the Holy Father. To my relief, the attached official letter from the Papal Court was accompanied by another letter from our Secretary General, Fr. Evrat— this time in French. I understood then that our Superior General, Fr. Berg, had himself requested this audience for the founding members, for the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity. And his request was granted! But on this matter we had to keep strict silence; it is so rare a thing that Pope Benedict XVI grants a private audience that we had to keep it secret, not wishing to show any discourtesy towards the Holy Father. In granting the audience, he had demonstrated his confidence in us.

End of May. Thanks to some generous donations from some faithful in Bordeaux, as helpful as they were discreet, the plane tickets were booked. The Mother House took care of the accommodation in Rome. All the same, I'll admit it— a few days before I went, I let my family know. That got me a few heartfelt prayers offered up!

Sunday 5th July. Flew to Rome. The group of scouts which I lead was going off to camp on Monday 6th. I promised them I'd be there by Wednesday night. If only they knew!

Sunday, 6pm. Arrival in Fiumicino. Got into Rome in a jiffy, thanks to my taxi driver (I told him I was in a rush)! He

understood my broken Italian without difficulty; hand gestures can replace words, you know!

Sunday, 8pm. Reunion with Frs. Berg, Bisig, and du Fay. The memories of twenty-one years ago have come flooding back. Granted, we all have a calmer spirit these days, but our general feeling was the same, and our enthusiasm hadn't flagged at all, as the very idea of a Papal audience had us over the moon, and it was going to be difficult for us to come back down to earth!

Monday 6th July, 7am. After a night as hot as only Rome can get, I met Fr. Berg again in front of St. Peter's. Going in to the Basilica, we filed into the sacristy, put our vestments on, and went to offer Holy Mass. After a few minutes' wait there was a free altar. I went up to it and politely thanked the altar boy who had come with me— it was clear that he was lost with the Extraordinary Form, and was only too happy to go back to the sacristy and carry on chattering with his friends.

'Introibo ad altare Dei...' I raised my eyes, finding myself at the altar of St. Leo the Great. Above the altar, a painting depicted Pope St. Leo stopping Attila the Hun from entering Rome. In the sky, the portentous fingers of St. Peter and St. Paul order the Hun-chief to retreat! I thought of all the present-day Attilas. And right now, the portentous finger of God was hidden, humble, yet awesome, in the Real Presence. At the altar, I offered my family, friends, parishioners, and the whole Fraternity to God.

11am, at the foot of the Obelisk. We were supposed to be at the Bronze Doors in time for 11:45am, but we had to get through the security doors first. There was a

large crowd of people who wanted to visit St Peter's, and half an hour just wasn't going to be enough for us to get through those dratted detectors! We met just at the stroke of eleven: Frs. Berg, Bisig, du Fay, Recktenwald, Zimmer, Gorgès and I. Fr. Berg had a brainwave — he went up to the police on guard by those unavoidable detectors, and showed one of them the letter granting us audience. They were as polite as could be— the officer in charge indicated that all we had to do was to report to the detectors five minutes before the audience, just by going through the Bernini colonnade, and he would give us priority access!

11:40am. We went through the security detectors as tourists shot envious glances at us. 'Who are these VIPs?' they must have wondered! As we didn't have a bomb with us, everything went very smoothly.

11:45am. The serious business began. We were welcomed at the top of the steps leading to the Bronze Door by the Swiss Guard on duty, and he passed our letter to his officer. A quick phone call later and we were invited to enter. The usual salute, then they showed us the way. We went up the magnificent staircase to the Courtyard of St. Damascus and walked across

it. Another Swiss Guard and another salute. We had got to the lift— we only hoped that it wouldn't break down!

An usher in very grand attire took charge of us; he was wearing a grey morning-coat and a white cravat. At first, he had us wait in the Clementine Hall. We spoke in hushed tones. Fr. Zimmer took a few photos. Then we were moved again, this time into a parlour, where we spoke in even quieter tones. A diplomat, his wife, and their two children smiled at us enthusiastically, and we smiled back. They were even more excited than we were. We knew the feeling! They'd be welcomed in in a few moments.

Our time had come, but (and I hope you'll forgive me) — I hadn't kept an eye on the time at all! In silence we went through a succession of small parlours; thus we arrived at a door, which, of course, had wisely been left closed, but we could still hear the dulcet tones of the Holy Father's voice through it. The door opened, and Fr. Berg was the first to be received. He stayed with the Holy Father for a conversation of nearly 15 minutes. But those 15 minutes seemed like an eternity! A small bell rang, and the door opened. Each of us went in, one after the other. The Vicar of Christ was stood there, welcoming us. Each of us was introduced by Fr. Berg,

and the Holy Father took our hands with a smile, the smile of a father in common. There we testified our recognition of his authority by genuflecting before him and kissing the Fisherman's Ring. His face was that of a man of prayer, communicating his fatherly concern for every one of his priests, in knowing that we are with him, and his faith in our mission and our fidelity.



(Pope Benedict with founders; Fr Coiffet is second from left.)

When we asked him what he expected from the

Fraternity of St. Peter, he replied with simple magnificence, 'Only that it remain faithful, as it has always been.'

Official photographs were taken with us all surrounding the Pope. A moving moment when he gave us each a rosary. An informal moment as he spoke freely with Fr. Bisig. We had much to contemplate as we received his blessing. Then that last smile, and final words of encouragement, and we had to leave.

We spoke with a Swiss Guard in the Courtyard of St. Damascus. He came from Fribourg and was very familiar with the Fraternity. Then he raised his halberd in a final salute, at the top of the steps to the Bronze Doors. At the bottom, some Japanese tourists had gone into a photograph-taking frenzy at the sight of these seven silent priests in their cassocks!

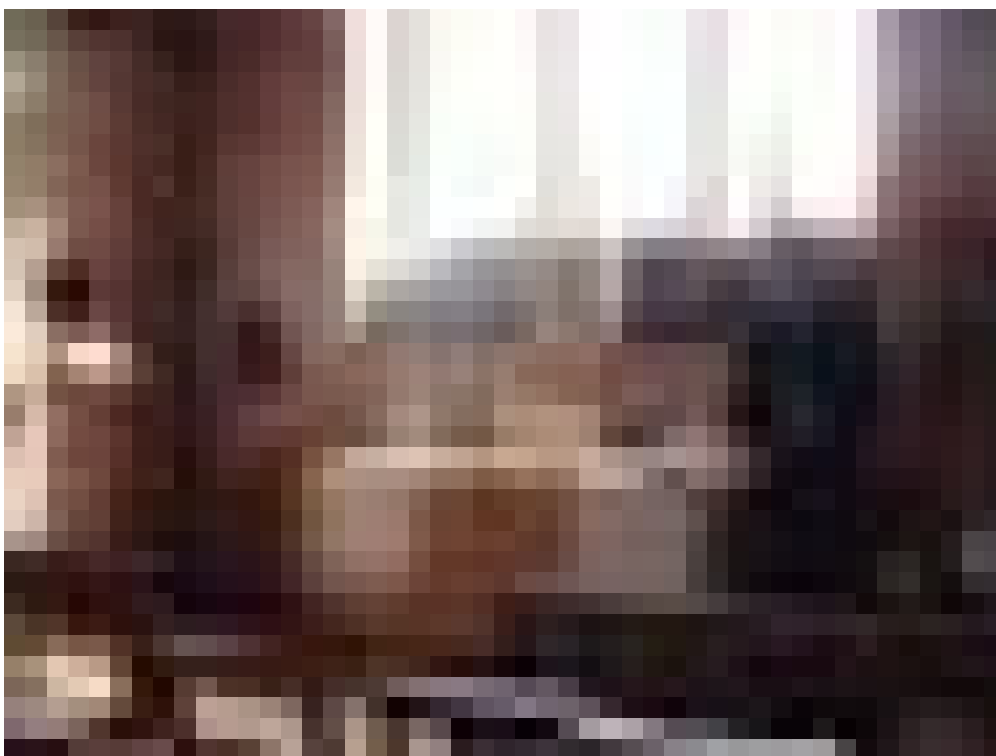
On the plane back (Kuwait Airways!) I brought back much more than a happy memory — I brought the joy of being truly Roman, and of sharing that joy with others.

Fr. Denis Coiffet, Bordeaux, France
Founding Member of the Fraternity of St. Peter

Markenfield Hall revisited: Catholic family back in ancestral recusant house

In April of this year Holy Mass was offered in the *usus antiquior* by Fr de Malleray, FSSP in the private chapel at Markenfield Hall, near Ripon, North Yorkshire. This historic house was built by Canon John de Markenfield, a high official under King Edward II, who obtained a licence to crenellate the house in 1310. His descendant Sir Thomas Markenfield was the main instigator of the Rising of the North in 1569, a doomed attempt to restore freedom for the old religion to the North of England during the Reformation. His main co-leader was his elderly uncle, Sir Richard Norton of Rylstone Castle, known as "old Norton", a former High Sheriff of Yorkshire, who had taken part in the equally ill-fated Pilgrimage of Grace in 1536. On 20 November 1569 a large contingent assembled in the courtyard at Markenfield. Bearing their standard, the five wounds of Christ, they proceeded to Ripon Cathedral where amidst scenes of great rejoicing they overturned the new high altar and took out the new Protestant prayer books and burnt them. The Rising was a tragic failure and was put down with great savagery. Over 200 who took part were hanged, drawn and quartered. The leaders were attainted for high treason and fled to the Low Countries where they lived in great poverty.

(Fr de Malleray after Mass in the chapel)



(Above: Entrance gate to the Hall.)

Sir Richard was captured over there by agents of Queen Elizabeth in 1585, well into his eighties, and died a prisoner on the boat back to England; he gave his last few remaining possessions to the sailors who had been kind to him. Eight of his sons had joined in the Rising. One son Christopher, and his uncle Thomas Norton, were executed at Tyburn. Rylstone Castle was razed to the ground, and was subsequently commemorated by Wordsworth in his poem "*The White Doe of Rylstone; or, the Fate of the Nortons*".

Sir Thomas was sentenced in absentia to be hanged, drawn and quartered. In August 1592 a papal correspondent wrote: "Sir Thomas Markenfield has been found dead, lying on the bare floor of his chamber, no creature being present at his death... He died this week in Brussels, in extreme want

and in a most miserable cottage". Markenfield was confiscated by the Crown and acquired by Sir Thomas Egerton, who subsequently became Lord Chancellor. It passed down through his descendants to the Earls and Dukes of Bridgewater, who never lived there.

In 1761 Sir Fletcher Norton, a descendant of Sir Richard, bought Markenfield back from the Egerton family. Sir Fletcher was a successful barrister and MP and lived nearby at Grantley Hall. He gave Markenfield a new roof and saved the house from ruin. He became Attorney General and from 1770-80 was Speaker of the House of Commons. In 1782, when offered a peerage, he took the title Lord Grantley of Markenfield.

After several centuries as a tenanted farm house, Markenfield is now once again a family home. It is occupied by Ian and Lady Deirdre Curteis, formerly widow of the seventh Lord Grantley and the first Catholic occupant since the Reformation. Her son, the eighth Lord Grantley, serves on the Council of the British Association of the Order of Malta. The chapel is dedicated to St Michael the Archangel. Since 2006 there has been an annual Requiem Mass in the chapel for the souls of the Markenfield family, celebrated in the old rite by Fr Ronald Creighton-Jobe, *Cong. Orat.*, and sung by monks of Ampleforth.



(The moated House now restored.)

Markenfield is surrounded by a moat with swans. Scarcely altered since 1310, it is the most complete fourteenth century manor house left in England. The house and the chapel have been beautifully restored, and in 2008 Markenfield won a new award, conferred by Sotheby's and the Historic Houses Association, for "*the best restoration project in England*".

Lord Grantley,
on the feast of St Michael the Archangel 2009.

Information: The house is open to the public 28 days a year (group visits by appointment), and Mass is celebrated in the chapel about once a month. It has become a popular venue for weddings. Details of the house, opening times and Mass times are available on www.markenfield.com, or telephone 01765 692303.

Advent retreat on the theme:

'The Holy Angels - who they are, and what they do'.

Advent retreat at Douai Abbey (Upper Woolhampton RG7 5TQ, Berks. – railway: Midgham)

Tues. 15th (2pm)- Fri. 18th (11am) December 2009

Preacher: Fr Armand de Malleray, FSSP

Cost: £107 - to cover:

- *Accommodation: single room with en-suite bathroom, full board: £92, full board, including VAT.*
- *Retreat Master's expenses: £15.*

Booking: *please send a £15 check made payable to 'FSSP England' to : Fr Armand de Malleray, FSSP,*

179 Elgar Rd, RG2 0DH, Reading, Berkshire, UK.



The priest and the confessional

Along with the praise and glory which he renders towards God, the primary work of the priest, and that towards which all of his duties impel him, is his duty toward the sanctification of souls, referred to in theological terms as the *munus sanctificandi*. The priest, as another Christ, is fundamentally obliged to work towards the sanctification of the souls which have been confided to him.

It is the same profound desire and duty for the salvation of souls which particularly attracted St. John-Mary Vianney towards the priesthood: “When I was young, I thought, ‘If I were a priest, I would win many souls for the Lord.’” And when he was in the midst of a moment of discouragement and had decided to abandon his studies for the priesthood, it was enough for his ‘tutor and protector,’ Fr. Balley simply to remind him, “Very well, goodbye to your dreams, John-Mary! Goodbye to the priesthood, goodbye to souls,” for him to put behind him the temptation to quit his studies.

How, concretely, does the priest fulfil his duty towards the sanctification of souls? Clearly he principally does so through the administration of the Sacraments, because this is the means by which he will impart and augment divine grace in souls; it is also through the administration of these sacraments that he will strive to work out his own sanctification with the most dignity, the most holiness, and the most faith possible. The Holy Curé of Ars, whom Benedict XVI invites each priest to take on as a model in his pastoral duty, exhorted his faithful above all else towards the frequent reception of the Sacraments. “All those, he would say, who approach the Sacraments are not saints, but the saints are always among those who receive them often.”

And among these Sacraments of course Confession and the Holy Eucharist hold a particular place. He would say: “The more we use the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist, the more the yoke of the Lord is sweet and light. Purified by these Sacraments like a salutary bath, our soul lifts itself towards God.”

The Sacrament of Confession

All who are even a bit familiar with the life of Saint John-Mary Vianney know what an important place his apostolate in the confessional had in his life. In his letter introducing the current Year for Priests, Benedict XVI wrote: “From St. John-Mary Vianney we can learn to put our unflinching trust in the Sacrament of Penance, to set it once more at the centre of our pastoral concerns, and to take up the ‘dialogue of salvation’ which it entails.”

The holy Curé would hear confessions for up to 18 hours a day and would enter the confessional at one in the morning except when, due to the number of pilgrims, he would be obliged to begin before midnight. After having heard so very many confessions during his life, he said one day: “If I had not been a priest, I would have never known what sin truly is.”

It is because he knew the ugliness of sin, because he knew what an offense it is to God and how much damage it does to souls that he said that he was always free to offer the mercy of God to the souls who came to see him, no matter how many that might be. “Why are we insensible to the benefits of Confession? It is because we fail to look at all for the benefits of the mercy of the good Lord, who has placed no limits in this sacrament.” The love St. John-Mary Vianney had for the confessional came from, as we have said, his thirst for the conversion of sinners. Mademoiselle des Garets tells us that each evening during his prayers he was so moved to tears that he could hardly recite the phrase “O Lord, who wills that no sinner might be lost...” Fr. Toccanier testified at his

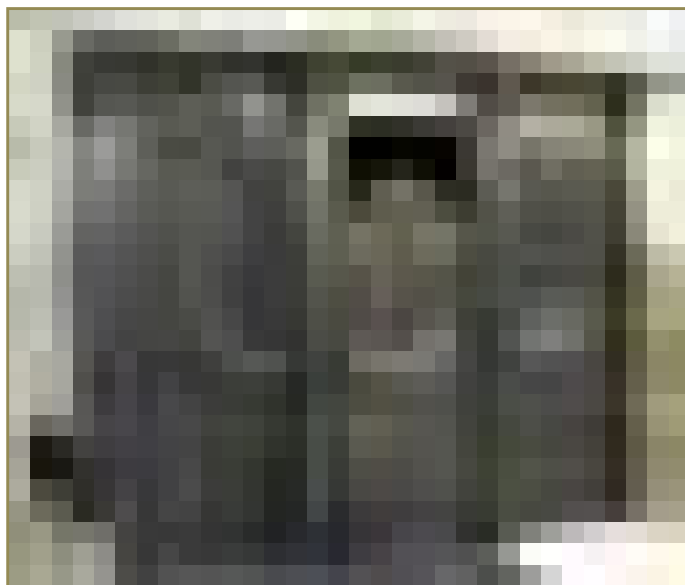
beatification that the Curé d’Ars told him, “I am the happiest when I am praying for sinners.”

This is why priests in their ministry should work to acquire a deep sense of sin and of its consequences. The Saint would say, “If we had faith and could see a soul in a state of mortal sin we would die of fear. The soul in a state of grace is like a white dove. In a state of mortal sin it is no more than a rotting cadaver, a carrion.”

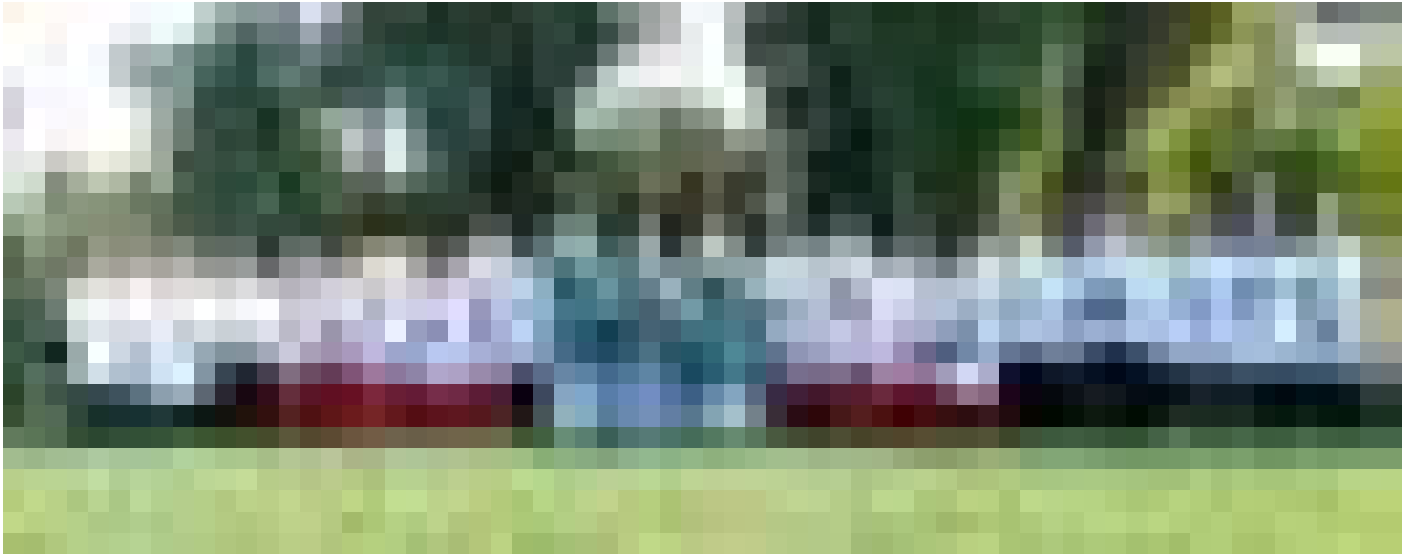
Along with St. John Vianney’s physical penance of remaining for such long hours in the confessional – he passed out a number of times, he suffered from the cold in winter and from the heat in the summer – it was even more so a moral penance for his soul: “No,

there is nothing sadder in this world than the life of the priest! How does he carry out his days? By seeing the good Lord offended. The priest sees nothing but this. He is constantly like St. Peter in the praetorium. He always has before his eyes Our Lord being insulted, despised, covered in opprobrium... Oh, if I had known this was the life of a priest, instead of going to the seminary, I would have hurried to enter a Trappist monastery.” But, nevertheless, the confessional was the place where throughout the life of the Holy Curé thousands of souls were reconciled to God. Many left the confessional with tears in their eyes and their souls completely transformed. “Oh my friend,” the Curé d’Ars would say, “It is only at the last judgment that we will know how many souls found their salvation here.”

By his long hours in the confessional St. John-Mary Vianney has given a lesson to all priests throughout the world. It was in this hidden place that he passed the greater part of his days. Pope Benedict XVI on June 21st of this year stated, “Priests



(Confessional: the Code of Canon Law approves of: “*confessionals with a fixed grille between penitent and confessor*” Canon 963§2.)



(FSSP priests and seminarians in Ars with statue of the Curé in the background on Sunday 13th September 2009; Sacred Minister on the left is British FSSP deacon Rev Mr Simon Harkins.)

should never find it acceptable that their confessionals are empty, nor should they think it enough to simply apprehend that the faithful no longer have a taste for this extraordinary source of serenity and peace.” Here once again the Curé of Ars is an example for each priest: when there were fewer faithful coming to Ars, he would even pray novenas for the crowds of penitents to return. This ought to show us as priests how much we need to pray that souls will approach the confessional where the pardon of God awaits them.

“I know,” he would say, “that we are weak, and we can fall into sin. Nevertheless, it is our fault because God does not refuse us His grace. But to remain in sin after having committed it, while one has all of the means to escape from it, to remain in enmity with God, this is something I could never understand.”

As the Holy Father reminds us in his letter for the opening of the Year for Priests, St. John-Mary Vianney adapted himself to each soul which presented itself to him. He never took long with a penitent, but for each soul he showed a great compassion. Once a sinner who was kneeling before him asked the Saint why he was crying and he responded, “Well my friend, I am crying because you are not crying enough.” One priest who was a witness at his beatification stated that a number of those converted had told him later that “seeing that man cry over their sins was what had made the greatest impression upon them.”

To all souls, finally, the Curé d’Ars preached without ceasing about the mercy of God. “The sacrament of Confession, where God seems to forget His justice in order to manifest His mercy,” is how he would explain it. “His greatest pleasure is to

pardon us. . . Let us therefore give this joy to this good Father; let us return to Him and we will be happy.”

He often stressed the consoling and encouraging fact that once a sin is confessed it will never reappear again: “You saw my candle; this night, this morning it burned out. Where is it? It no longer exists; it has gone out of existence. The same is true of our sins which have been absolved; they no longer exist, they have been annihilated.”

Finally, in order to inspire the sinner with confidence and to encourage him to confess freely, the Saint, along with the tears that he often wept, would not hesitate to say to him, “I am much more culpable than you, do not hesitate to accuse yourself.”

In fact he loved to say the following phrase which should be a rule for each priest: “One must have compassion for the sinner, not contempt.”

Holy Mass

In his duty towards the sanctification of souls the priest of course finds the celebration of Holy Mass at the centre. Benedict XVI invites all priests to offer the Holy Sacrifice daily. Here once again St. John-Mary Vianney is a priestly example. After his sickness in 1843, he could hardly stand up and he had to be carried rather than walk to the church. Due to his weakness he could not go until the morning without eating. In order to keep the fast he would offer the Holy Sacrifice at three in the morning. “When I ask during the Mass to know the will of God, I see a light which seems to indicate it to me.”

The Saint would say, “I don’t want to be the pastor of a parish, but I am glad to be a priest so that I can celebrate Mass.”

Even if the hours spent in the confessional could serve as an excellent preparation for the celebration of Holy Mass as his confessor had assured him, St. John-Mary Vianney would always remain kneeling on the steps of the sanctuary for 20 to 30 minutes before each Mass. His hands would be joined in prayer and his eyes cast upon the tabernacle. He would say, when

‘Year for Priests’ Clergy pilgrimage to Ars & Lyons:

8-12 February 2010 (only 6 places left).

Led by Fr Armand de Malleray, FSSP

Depart Monday morning 8th February 2010 from the UK, arriving in the afternoon in Lyon and reach Francheville (FSSP house on the outskirts of Lyons). Return from Lyons Friday morning 12th February 2010.

Cost estimate: £330 per person.

Possibility of offering EF private Mass daily. Prayer, conferences, fraternal meals and recreation.

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speaking simply about attending Mass: “One ought always to devote at least a quarter of an hour to prepare oneself to attend Mass well.”

His long preparation, his thanksgiving which he would carry out in just as edifying a manner, and his manner of celebrating the Mass, would profoundly touch souls as they saw in it a profound faith in the Mysteries of the altar. “We will not understand the greatness of being able to offer Mass until we are in heaven.” During his thanksgiving, if one of his parishioners needed to speak to him after Mass, the Curé would go out with him and after having briefly answered the needs of the soul before him, he would excuse himself from the conversation in saying, “My friend please excuse me, I must return to the church, there is Someone who is waiting for me.”

It also occurred that many priests would ask the Curé of Ars to help them better understand and better live out the mystery of the Mass. He would tell them that “the foremost cause of laxity in priests is a lack of attention during the Mass! Alas, my God! How culpable is a priest when he treats it as something ordinary.”

His profound faith in such a great mystery helps us understand why he always selected what was the most beautiful and precious to be used for the celebration of Mass. This is likewise an excellent lesson for our own times. He was fond of saying that nothing was too beautiful for the Lord. His biographers tell us that for the Holy Curé the vestments for Mass could never be too magnificent. He wanted a chalice that was of solid gold, because the most beautiful one he

had did not seem to be sufficiently worthy to him to hold the Precious Blood of Our Lord.

“All our good works put together do not equal the Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men, and the Holy Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison; it is the sacrifice that man makes of his life to God; the Mass is the sacrifice which God makes for men of His body and of His blood.”

In celebrating Mass he was not known to be too slow. Nevertheless, exceptionally, he would slow down at the Elevation where he could pass up to five minutes, his eyes

fixed upon the Host, as if in ecstasy. It was as if St. John-Mary Vianney saw Our Lord at the altar; as if he saw Him with his own eyes; as if he recognized Him at Holy Communion coming to those who had the good fortune to attend that Mass.

He was known to follow rigorously the rubrics of the missal and Mgr. Convert tells us that when flies would bother him at the altar he would not even move his hand to chase them away.

“This idea of the Holy Sacrifice which he had was also the cause for the respect which he professed for the holy liturgy; he would observe the smallest detail of it with perfect exactitude.” The same author states what is also an important point of meditation for our times: “He would never give Holy Communion without using the paten, which he carried with the ciborium, that he might catch a Host which might accidentally

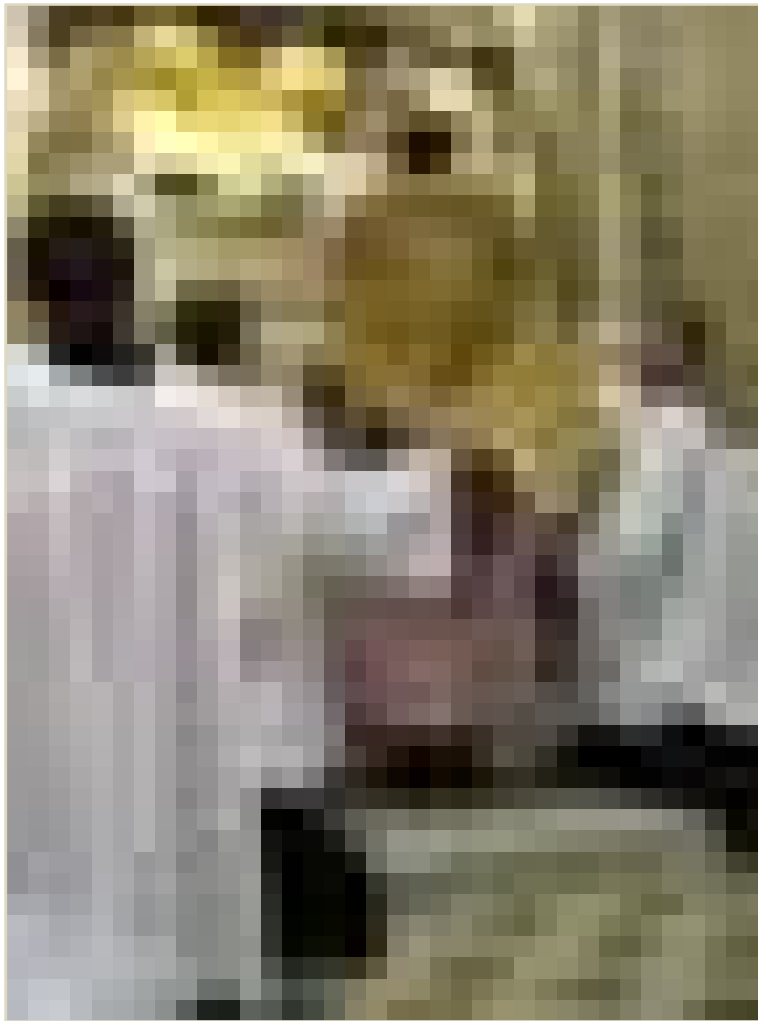
fall, and in order to collect any particles which might detach from the Host. One day he cried tears while speaking of the particles which fell to the ground, saying: “We march over the good Lord! Oh, how sad it is! It is painful even to think about it.”

His manner of celebrating, his piety at the altar was in itself a means of preaching. Fr. Monnin explained that: “The mere sight of the Curé d’Ars celebrating Mass converted more than one sinner.”

In the encyclical which Bl. John XXIII wrote for the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the death of St. John-Mary Vianney we find these words which can serve as an excellent conclusion: “Speaking as a Father, We urge Our beloved priests to set aside a time to examine themselves on how they celebrate the divine mysteries, what their dispositions of soul and external attitude are as they ascend the altar and what

fruit they are trying to gain from it. They should be spurred to do this by the centenary celebrations that are being held in honour of this outstanding and wonderful priest, who drew such great strength and such great desire to dedicate himself ‘from the consolation and happiness of offering the divine victim.’ May his prayers, which We feel sure they will have, bring a fullness of light and strength down upon Our beloved priests.”

Fr Hubert Bizard, FSSP, Vice-Rector of the International Seminary of St Peter, Wigratzbad (Germany).



(Fr Bizard – on the right – assists Bishop Brouwet at Pontifical Mass in Ars on 13th September 2009.)

‘You’ll never walk again!’ – suffering and redemption

When a doctor told me that I would never walk again, I thought that my world had reached rock bottom, that nothing could be worse than this. During the next couple of weeks however, I learned that I was wrong, and that my inability to put one foot in front of another was the least of my problems. Every shred of confidence was gradually torn from me, as one indignity followed another. When the crushing weight of my suffering had become unbearable, I remembered Jesus’ miracles and the command ‘Take up thy bed and walk’ seemed to ring in my ears. Yet my legs stubbornly failed to respond. My family, friends and I myself, prayed with greater zeal, different novenas were tried, including ones which claimed that they were never known to fail – they failed. That is, they failed to deliver the answer to what had long since ceased to be a humble prayer of petition, but had become a fixation.

Then gradually I saw that it was hopeless, that however hard I tried to earn a miracle, or however many Holy Masses were said, or novenas prayed, or promises made, at last, in a moment of agony, I realised that I would go to my grave a paralysed man. It was then that the tomb seemed to beckon me, like those sirens in mythology, and I knew, quite clearly but with surreal detachment, that I was on the verge of despair. Slowly, oh so painfully slowly, I began to change tack and tried to live with the truth that it might well be God’s holy will that I should not be healed of my paralysis. I could not give up that hope totally, but I simply tried to accept the fact that God’s plans for my life might not include a cure.

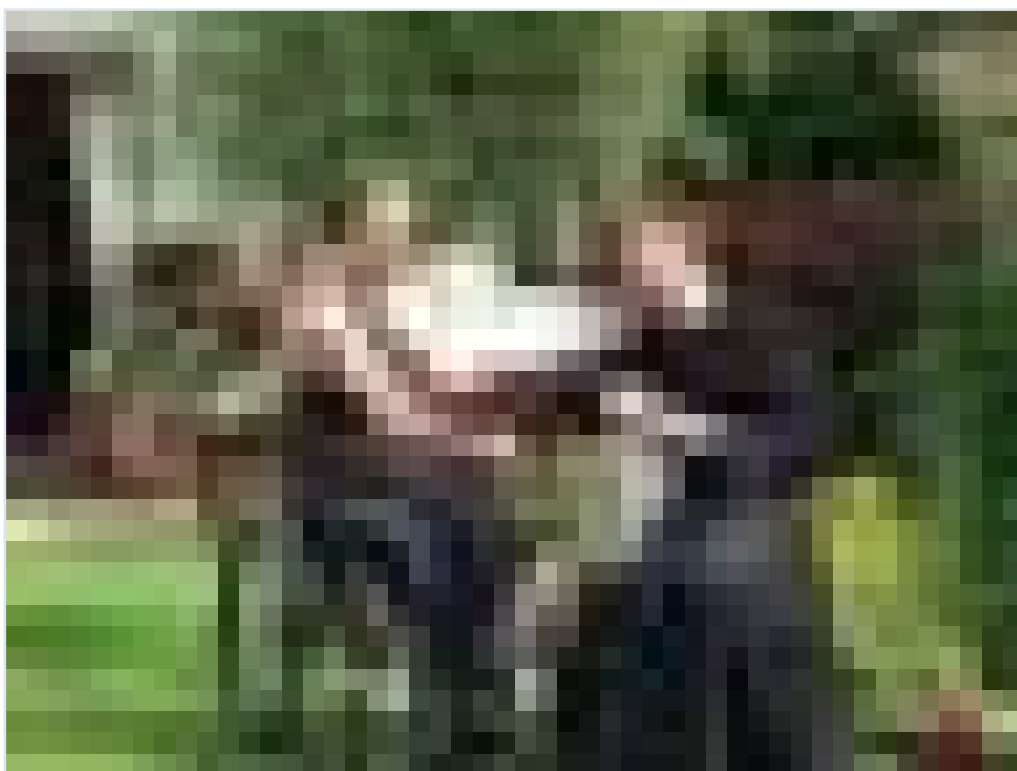
Over a quarter of a century later I am now able, with God’s grace, to thank Him for my injuries. Indeed, not only thank

Him, but to know quite positively and without any great act of faith, that my disability is one of the greatest blessings of my life. If this sounds unbelievable or smug, I can assure you that you are quite mistaken. Should it appear unnatural, I wholeheartedly agree. What has taken place in my heart is a supernatural phenomenon. I can declare with absolute sincerity that, to use the words of Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D. “I would prefer to weep at the foot of the Cross and be with our blessed Lord, than share in all the empty consolations that this world can offer.”

How can I have the audacity to utter such sentiments? Simple; as a pupil of the school run by the Holy Spirit, I have learnt enough to know that my claim is true. Clearly though, I would never have the temerity to say that I preferred suffering to worldly comforts, if I was relying on my own powers, but I am not. This most stupid, hardhearted and arrogant of all students has, at last, come to understand those words of Our Blessed Lord, “Without Me you can do nothing”. Happily, the reverse is also true; with the help of Blessed Trinity, I can do all that God wishes to achieve in me, for His greater glory and my sanctification, even to the writing of words that would have appeared to me 26 years ago, sheer lunacy or the parroting of a phrase found in some ‘holy book’. St Therese expressed it this way: “Ever since I realised I could do nothing on my own, my task has no longer seemed difficult; I know that the only thing necessary is to become more and more united to Jesus – the rest will be given to me freely”.

Before my accident the idea of becoming more united to Jesus would have sounded straightforward enough. I did not appreciate then, that to get closer to Christ one has to become more detached from creatures, oneself being the most difficult

(S. F. and Fr de Malleray in conversation in the garden.)



person one has to deal with, so pressing are the claims of that ‘individual’, who at all times seeks to be the centre of attention. Yet, if one is to achieve union with God, and the alternative is too horrible to contemplate, this detachment from self-love must happen. In my case it just took an absurdly long time and I still have a long way to go.

If I were able to travel back in time to that newly injured youth, I should like to pass on to him three pieces of advice. Firstly, to tell him to pray for the gift of trusting God and then to act as if the gift had been already given to him. To say “I trust in Thee Lord” and then when he began to doubt again, probably about ten seconds later, tell him to repeat the

prayer and never to cease from this prayer until the gift of trust were granted him. Next, I would suggest whenever he thought about himself, whether it be flattering or damning, whether a worry or something comforting, unless these thoughts were part of his nightly examination of conscience, to flee from the idea as if he were running from a devil, and return at once to thinking about God or praying for one's neighbour, for love of God. Finally, I would remind him of Jesus' promise that He would give us peace. For no matter the suffering he would undergo, he would always feel Christ's gift of peace whenever

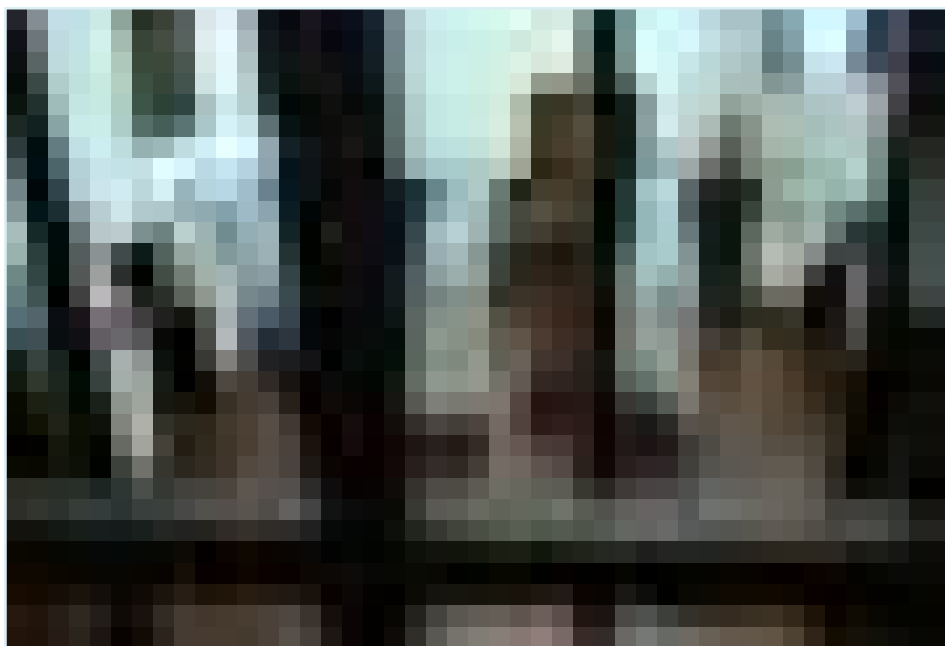
he was patient and calm. Whilst, on the other hand, whatever the pleasure he was enjoying or seeking to enjoy, if it were not the will of God, it would be an enjoyment devoid of peace and therefore would become more bitter than the greatest trial. So go on young man, I would tell him, you will catch me up in about 26 years and then the way ahead will be one of confidence and light, the light that is, which comes from seeing that the Beatific Vision is not now so very far away.

S.P.F. August 2009

Heaven by the sea: the first 'Extraordinary Form' Catholic convent in England

During the 6th century the Welsh Missionary Mawgan or Meugan arrived in this area. Mawgan and his followers moved a mile or so up the Lanherne valley and over the years a monastery with its little church was established. Later the Saxon church was replaced by the existing 12th century church of St Mawgan with St Nicholas as cotitular. The Monastery became Lanherne. In 1086 it had become the Manor of Lanherne, part of the land of the Bishop of Exeter as described in the Domesday Book (commissioned in December 1085 by William the Conqueror). The great manor house and estate of Lanherne was owned by the Arundell family and became their principal residence from 1360. In 1794 the estate was given to be turned into a convent of Carmelite nuns. These Carmelites were English nuns established in The Netherlands, who had come back to England. Sadly, this oldest Carmel in England ran short of vocations and the nuns decided to leave in 2001.

Thanks be to God, another contemplative community assumed their mantle. They are the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate, a branch of the 30-year-old Franciscan community, founded under the patronage and inspiration of St Maximilian Kolbe. Less than two years ago, the sisters decided



(Picture below: The sisters enter the main choir in procession; behind the grill the Church can be seen.

Above: The sisters pray the Divine Office in the choir. This photograph was taken from the Church.)

to make use of the provision made in Pope Benedict XVI's motu proprio *Summorum Pontificum* (7th July 2007) whose Article 3 states that: "Communities or Institutes of consecrated life and Societies of apostolic life, of either pontifical or diocesan right, wishing to celebrate Mass in accordance with the edition of the Roman Missal promulgated in 1962, for conventual or "community" celebration in their oratories, may do so".

Consequently the Sisters daily attend – and sing – Holy Mass offered in the Extraordinary Form by their chaplain. They also pray the whole Divine Office according to the Roman Breviary in force in 1962. The great wonder is that a whole enclosed community did not need longer than 18 months to learn, assimilate and now use exclusively these more ancient liturgical rites. The reason for this is not to be found in some nostalgic attachment, since none of the Sisters were brought up in Old Rite parishes. All of them entered religious life following the Ordinary Form of the Roman liturgy and only later on chose to change to the *Usus antiquior*. There are currently 13 Sisters at Lanherne, with an average age of 33.



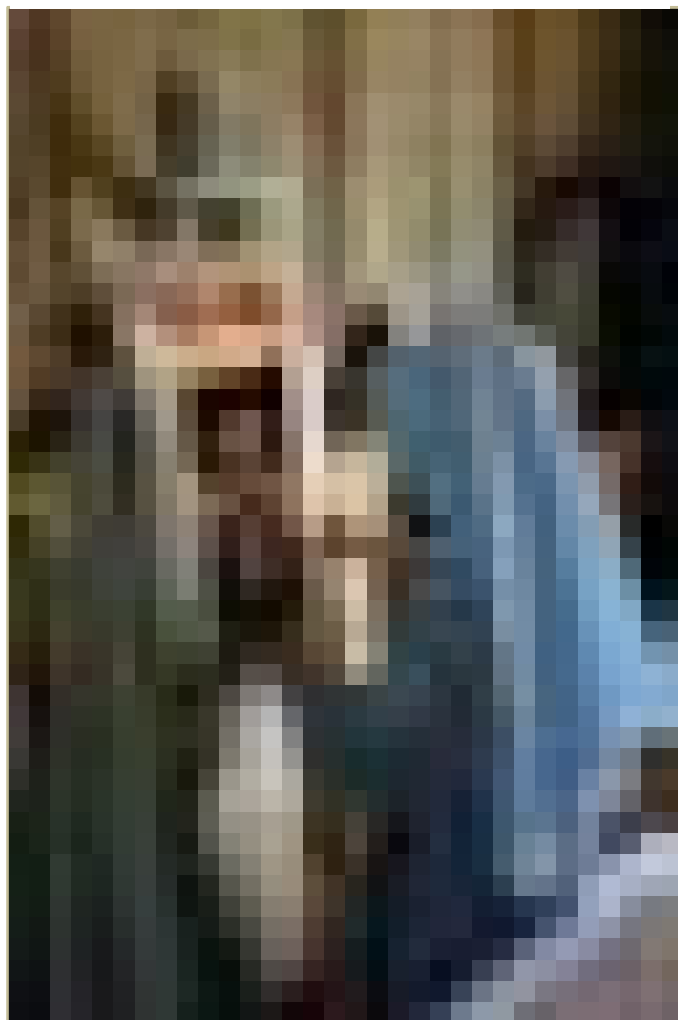


I had my own Breviary with me (the beautiful *Nova & Vetera* edition made in collaboration with the FSSP, a copy of which a generous English priest had given me.) I was very pleased that everything I heard the Sisters pray and psalm-tone was exactly as I had learned at seminary and what our 359 priests and seminarians in the Fraternity of St Peter worldwide pray daily. Matins were followed by Lauds and then by a few other prayers. There was then time for 3 or 4 hours' rest and the Sisters rose again at 5.30am for more prayer until the 7.30am community Mass. Fr Roth had kindly offered to let me be the celebrant. I went into the sacristy, where the vestments, with ample Roman cut and elegant embroidery, had been prepared for me and laid on the press in the appropriate order. All required linens were ready, clean and properly folded across the valuable chalice and paten. The Sisters sang the Mass integrally, including the whole Proper and Kyriale, as they do every morning. And they sang it well. A few faithful from the village attended. The sanctuary is beautifully adorned with alabaster statues and the altar has clearly been designed by a priest who knew – or knows – what width and length are needed to genuflect and move the missal and chalice from the Epistle side to the Gospel side.

During breakfast, Fr Roth told me that he still needed practice before he could feel comfortable when offering Mass in the Extraordinary Form. However, he said, many of his Franciscan brethren are learning to say the traditional Mass like him to please their Sisters, and they have come to find this form of the Roman rite truly enriching. Indeed, at the traditional pilgrimage of Pentecost to Chartres, several Franciscan Friars

(Left: As the sisters pass by the life sized Crucifix, they always kiss the feet of Jesus.

Below: A sacristan at work.) →



→ One only is English – Mother Superior – who heard God's calling at a 'Day With Mary' near London (a Marian day of recollection regularly led by the Franciscans of the Immaculate). The other Sisters are from the Philippines and Italy.

On my way to do a wedding near Penzance in Cornwall I seized the opportunity to visit Lanherne. Fr Roth, F.I. the Chaplain welcomed me very hospitably and we prayed together and talked. I decided to attend Matins with the Sisters. What a wonderful experience to rise a bit before midnight and be at the chapel exactly when a new day begins to offer it to God in advance, with all the graces, sufferings, trials and joys it will bring for the whole of humanity and in particular for our fellow Catholics! Young people who are reading these lines and may be walking by a nightclub at midnight in the near future: remember that the Sisters of Lanherne are starting their 'day' at the same time and surely include you in their prayers. Night shift workers deprived of social life and exhausted by challenging time schedules: realise that you are not alone at your desk or in your ward, as the Sisters at Lanherne are wide awake, with you in God. Compulsive Internet users glued to your computer screens and tragically led to visit evil websites at night when parents or family are asleep: ask God for deliverance and be freed, thinking that other souls, in the same silence of the same night are requesting from our merciful Saviour healing from your addictions. Prisoners and sick people in hospital and all of you who lie helpless at night: let your souls take courage and turn to God even though everything may look so bleak and dark; for somewhere in Cornwall at midnight, the sacred canticle of praise to God and of intercession for you has started.

of the Immaculate walked along with us this year and last year as well. They seem to have followed the same path as the Benedictine monks of St Benedict's Abbey in Norcia, Italy, who are now using the Extraordinary Form of the Roman rite; and similarly the Trappist abbey of Mariawald in Germany.

After breakfast I had a meeting with Mother Superior and her Assistant in the parlour. This room has not changed since it was designed for the original Carmel in the late XVIIIth century. The visitor waits behind two strong grilles, when a curtain is drawn and the enclosed Sisters on the other side can be seen. It was very encouraging to talk with Mother Superior and to hear how this extraordinary change took place in their community. Before I left, I was offered the great grace of venerating a most precious relic kept at Lanherne: the (upper part of the) skull of martyred recusant priest Saint Cuthbert Mayne. How moving indeed it was to see this object of devotion and to imagine how many thoughts and ardent prayers must have been formed for the conversion of Britain under this light cap of bone and sent through it to God and to Our Lady. Saint Cuthbert Mayne was a Catholic convert and companion of St Edmund Campion at St John College in Oxford. He was ordained a Catholic priest at Douai in 1575 and martyred on November 29th 1577. He is one of Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.

Immediately after leaving Lanherne, the car drove by the very modern-looking local airport of Newquay. Although it takes literally 5 minutes to walk down to the Convent, one cannot imagine planes are actually landing and taking off so near, as they can't be seen or heard from the cloister. What a striking contrast, I thought, to have an airport so close to an enclosed contemplative community: movement and immobility. Some think they are free because they check in and board as often as they please, not seeing how tightly tied they are to the heaviness of the world; whereas others only seem confined, who fly straighter towards and further within the secure territories of self oblation, for the love of God.



(Chaplain Fr George Roth, FFI and Assistant Fryar.
All other pictures by courtesy of Mr Perry Wayne)

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Successful youth week-end in Berkshire

Report by Damian Barker, Head of YCA

During the weekend of the 18-20 September 2009, Young Catholic Adults (YCA), which is part of the Juventutem Federation, held its annual weekend at

Douai Abbey, a Benedictine monastery in the south of England. It was by far the biggest YCA event so far, with three Masses, three talks and a Marian procession taking place over

(Young people carry a statue of Our Blessed Lady in procession.)



the long weekend. It was led by the Juventutem Ecclesiastical Assistant Fr de Malleray, FSSP. His doctrinal conferences lasted about one hour each. The themes were: 1) *How to bear witness to Christ in today's world?*; 2) *Why and how to pray?*; 3) *'Thy will be done': God's will, our fulfilment.* Nearly 30 young adults participated. No teenagers were among them, rather students and young professionals, and even two young married

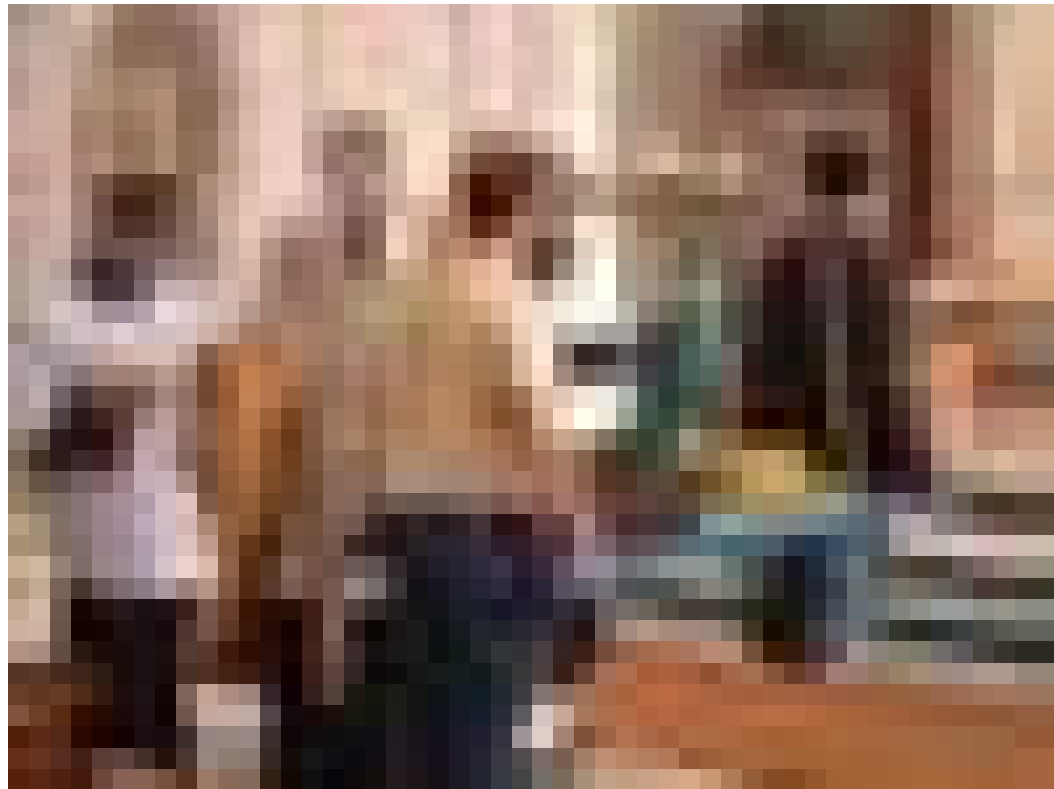
couples. Some people stayed for the whole weekend, while others came for the Saturday to the Marian Procession and Sung Mass of St. Januarius and Companions, which was sung by the Douai Abbey Singers. Both these events were open to the public and attracted approximately 70 people; moreover, it was the first public Traditional Mass to be celebrated in the main Douai Abbey Church since the liturgical changes.

Fr. de Malleray celebrated three Masses in all, St. Joseph of Cupertino on the Friday, St. Januarius and Companions on Saturday and Holy Mass for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

One of the retreatants wrote:

“Well, it’s been over a week since the retreat and I just thought I’d like to express my gratitude to Damian, Fr. de Malleray and all those involved with the retreat. I really appreciated the retreat itself, and the effort everyone put in. The retreat was exactly what I was looking for, a peaceful, laid-back and social setting, deep and thought provoking talks and the absolute beauty of the extraordinary rite of Mass. I really believe this is what young Catholics need, something deeply enriching. It certainly helped me to be a bit more serious about my Faith! I feel really great as a result of the retreat, and having met all the other great people there was fantastic, it gave me the real sense of being part of something huge, the Church.”

The organisation is always looking to create more local groups and events, if you would like to volunteer or be put onto the mailing list please email us.



(Censing Our Lady’s statue before procession.)

Further comments: *“I’d also like to echo what George says below.... Thank you all - Fr de Malleray, Damian, and everyone else!”* (Joseph). *“I still feel very spiritually and physically refreshed from the weekend, and motivated to do Chartres for the first time next year!”* (Tess). *“I’d like to echo what George said - unforgettable experience! To everyone else - get yourselves to the next one...Thank you so much for organising such a great retreat! I had a wonderful time, and very helpful to me in all sorts of ways!”* (Seth). *“Thank you very much for organising the lovely weekend.”* (Kristine). *“Thank you so much for a wonderful weekend - it was fantastically organised and as a result I think all of us found it extremely rewarding.”* (Justin)

The next annual YCA-Juventutem week-end is planned on 10-11 September 2010, led by Damian Barker and Fr de Malleray – also at Douai Abbey.

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About priests and future priests:

Liturgical event in Ireland last July (Fr Simon Leworthy reports):

“The Liturgy is not about us, but about God. Forgetting about God is the most imminent danger of our age. As against this, the Liturgy should be setting up a sign of God’s presence” [Pope Benedict XVI]. Inspired by this vision of the Sacred Liturgy, *St Colman’s Society for Catholic Liturgy* encourages and promotes among its members full active and conscious participation in Catholic Liturgy in accordance with the authentic tradition of the Church especially as expressed in *Sacrosanctum Concilium* and subsequent liturgical legislation. Fota is a small island in Cork Harbour, which is on the south coast of the Republic of Ireland. The theme of the *Society’s* Second Fota Island Conference, held in mid-July of this year,

was 'Beauty in the Liturgy according to the mind of Benedict XVI'; and an array of international speakers were present – featuring particularly, George Cardinal Pell of Sydney. As well as giving the key-note address, His Eminence kindly celebrated Pontifical High Mass at the Church of Sts Peter and Paul, in Cork city on the Sunday; and, next day in the lovely St Colman’s Cathedral, Cobh, sat in Choir while High Mass was sung in his presence by Msgr James O’Brien, of the Congregation for Divine Worship.

It was good to see so many at the Conference: lay, religious and clerics. In particular one noted the pleasing presence of younger priests and seminarians. The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter was especially well represented by Fr John Emerson, FSSP, Scottish Superior; Fr Sven Conrad, FSSP, Secretary of



(Fr Pendergraft, FSSP at Benediction during the London Colney workshop, August 2009.)

the German District – himself a liturgical scholar of note; Herr Jerome Bucker, FSSP, then recently ordained to the Diaconate; and Fr Simon Leworthy, Sac. Cand. Also present was Irish Mgr Seamus Horgan, whom Fr Leworthy had known during his studies in Rome, and who is now the Secretary to the Apostolic Nunciature in Bern, Switzerland. A third conference - Fota III - is planned by *St Colman's Society* for 2010 with the theme *Psallite Sapienter* [Sing ye wisely]. It will focus on music in the Liturgy according to the norms promoted by Pope Benedict. Information about the Conference can be found on the *Society's* website: <http://scscliturg.com/News.html>

Clergy retreat:

Also in July, Fr de Malleray preached a retreat for fellow clergy at Douai Abbey, Berkshire, on the theme: '*The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and our priestly identification to Christ*'. There was time for questions and meditation. Most priests were familiar with the 1962 missal and were able to offer their private Masses in the Extraordinary Form.

Some of them and other clergy have already sent their deposit for the pilgrimage led by Fr de Malleray to Ars and Lyons the week before Ash Wednesday (8-12 February 2010 – cf detailed announcement under 'Upcoming Events'). Clergy may book now.

London Colney liturgical workshop:

Last August the Latin Mass Society requested the participation of three priests from the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter as tutors for their liturgical workshop in London Colney (the pastoral centre of the Westminster Archdiocese, who supported the event). This session had been officially approved by the Conference of Bishops of England and Wales and was advertised as such by bishops to their clergy in the 'Ad Clerum' in several dioceses. Like at the Low Week session in Ushaw, the atmosphere at London

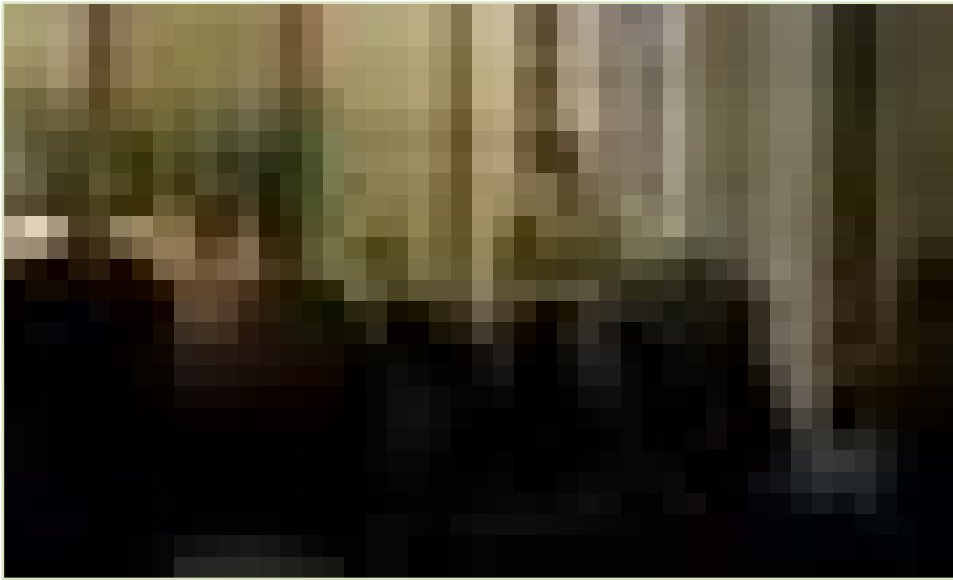
Colney was fraternal and convivial. The feedback was very positive, with a clear desire to devote as much time as possible to actual practice in small groups at the altar under the supervision of a tutor. Such had been the intention of the organisers, who know from experience that an EF learner will not feel confident until he has been able to perform every gestures and words of the Low Mass *in situ* at an altar. This is why we spent several hours a day in small groups for step-by-step practice. This activity requires a lot of concentration, but it also allows for sharing a few interesting anecdotes, or for the tutor to give some historical and theological explanations of the rituals, thus avoiding a mere mechanical exercise. There was also time for beautiful liturgies in the magnificent Ninian Comper-designed chapel. Last but not least, we did spend time chatting at table in the refectory or in the Great Hall for the formal dinner. Priests had travelled from all over the

country and were pleased to find that their interest for the more ancient uses of the Roman rite was shared by many confreres and promoted by them and by the tutors, simply as valuable instruments for their sanctification as priests and for the benefit of souls. Frs Calvin Goodwin, FSSP and Gregory Pendergraft, FSSP had flown especially from the U.S.A. Both had been actively involved in the making of the recent tutorial DVD by the Fraternity of St Peter in collaboration with EWTN. Also, they regularly serve as tutors for diocesan clergy attending the successful workshop at the FSSP seminary in Nebraska where Fr Goodwin resides as a Latin and liturgy professor. His lecture at London Colney on the various parts of the 1962 missal was greatly appreciated.

Before departing, some priests walked to the edge of the Centre's grounds to Chantry Island, famous for being the arrest place of Saint Alban, the first Christian Martyr in Britain. A recent convert, Alban knew that in this little wood a priest had found refuge against the Roman persecution. When soldiers came searching the area, Alban offered to swap clothes with the priest, so as to be arrested in his stead, which happened. He was martyred in Verulamium, later renamed Saint Alban's in his honour. Despite the fact that the tiny monument in Chantry Island can scarcely be called a chapel and is in very poor condition, what a meaningful shrine for the participants to the session, who were reminded of the fact that from the beginning their priestly identity was indeed unwelcome by the Church's enemies but that, thanks be to God, it could be supported by the heroic dedication of generous souls.

(Fr Goodwin, FSSP explains the EF Missal at London Colney.)





(British FSSP Deacon Rev Mr Simon Harkins preaching at LMS Solemn High Mass in Portsmouth Cathedral on 4th October 2009.)

Various other events with clergy and religious:

Other ecclesiastical events included Fr Tim Finigan's jubilee of ordination in Blackfen, Southwark, and the 'Priests for the Gospel of Life' day in Westminster.

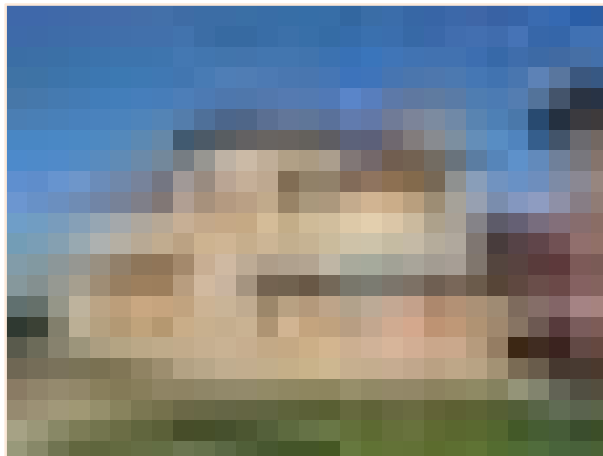
In July Br Vincent-Mary Hoare, FSVF was back in England on vacation. He belongs to the Fraternity of St Vincent Ferrier, who follows the liturgical and disciplinary traditions of the Dominican Order. He came to attend Mass in Reading, and later accompanied Fr de Malleray to pray at Tyburn Convent, London. The English martyrs must have found these prayers quite singular, being offered as they were by a French priest based in England together with an English Friar based in France, in an English convent founded in London by a French nun for the conversion of England – a supernatural 'Entente Cordiale'!

In September Fr de Malleray was invited to visit the Carmelite Priory in Kensington, London. It was founded by famous Jewish convert Fr Augustin-Mary of the Most Holy Sacrament (previously Hermann Cohen, a renowned disciple of virtuoso Franz Liszt). There Fr de Malleray venerated a most precious relic kept in the sacristy – the very arm of St Simon Stock, that same Carmelite Friar who established the Order in England in the XIIIth century and who received the Brown Scapular from Our Blessed Lady with her promise: "*This will be for you and for all Carmelites the privilege, that he who dies in this will not suffer eternal fire*".

Vocations retreat:

In August Fr de Malleray preached a retreat for 6 young adults in Devon. The group were glad to take time to pray and discern a possible calling. The peaceful countryside around was truly conducive to prayer. One of them applied to join the Fraternity and was admitted in our European seminary where he has started this month.

Two others young British who had been in contact with Fr de Malleray since January had applied for our American seminary but the Admission director discerned that they were



(New chapel at the FSSP international seminary in America, to be dedicated by Bishop Fabian Bruskevitz of Lincoln on 25th February 2010.)

not called to join the FSSP. However, more young men have manifested interest since and some are applying for next year.

British FSSP Deacon visiting:

In October we rejoiced at the visit of Rev Mr Simon Harkins, a British deacon from the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter. Rev Mr Harkins has completed his formation in our American seminary and is currently stationed in our Motherhouse in Germany. He was able to improve his pastoral experience when attending at the Baptism of young Jonathan Tyler administered by Fr de Malleray in Reading. He also preached at the Sunday Mass in Reading and served as Deacon at the LMS Solemn High Mass in Portsmouth Cathedral on October 4th.

Please pray for Rev Mr Harkins who shall be ordained a priest in May 2010.

Our seminaries:

This year we have admitted 40 seminarians in the First Year in our two international seminaries. Out of the 46 who were admitted last year, 30 will receive the Tonsure on Saturday 24th October 2009. One of them is British seminarian Ian V. who spent one week in Reading last June. Please pray for them all, as well as for Rev Mr Jose Zepeda, FSSP, our ninth new FSSP priest this year, to be ordained in Oakland by the Most Rev Salvatore Cordelione, S.J.D., Bishop of Oakland, CA (U.S.A.) on 19th December 2009.

In a further issue of *Dowry* we intend to give more details on the building of the new seminary chapel in our American seminary (<http://www.fsspolgs.org/chapel.html>). Its dedication is scheduled on 25th February 2010. It will be an event of extraordinary significance, since it will be the first seminary chapel built for the formation of priests according to the Gregorian liturgy and traditions since the liturgical changes forty years ago. EWTN will televise the ceremony. Our Lady of Guadalupe International Seminary is the only Catholic seminary in the world offering the full 7-year curriculum of formation in English according to the *Usus Antiquior* integrally. Each year some candidates are sent by their own Ordinaries (diocesan Bishops or religious superiors) to be formed by the FSSP, as foreseen by our definitively approved Constitutions, §10: "*The Fraternity is devoted to all the works of priestly formation, and all that relates to those works, primarily for the members of the Fraternity, but also for other candidates for the priesthood, with the agreement of their bishops*". There are currently 140 FSSP seminarians – to serve your souls as priests tomorrow. O Lord grant us priests; O Lord grant us many priests; O Lord grant us many holy priests!

Indulged Prayer for the Year for Priests:

By decree of the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary dated 25 April 2009: “The *Partial Indulgence* is granted to all the faithful every time they devoutly recite five *Our Fathers*, *Hail Marys* and *Glorias*, or another expressly approved prayer, in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to obtain that priests be preserved in purity and holiness of life.” Consequently the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter invites all faithful (even if they are not members of the Confraternity of St Peter) to pray the following prayer, daily if they can: →

→ In Britain, 115 members of the Confraternity of St Peter pray this *Prayer* daily and perform other good works for mutual spiritual support and in support of the priestly ministry and vocations. The members of the Confraternity can be lay people but also priests, nuns, religious and seminarians (already 4 Parish Priests in Britain have joined). Membership is not made public unless members agree individually. Contact us for more information or visit <http://www.fssp.org.uk/england/>.

“O Lord Jesus, born to give testimony to the Truth, Thou who lovest unto the end those whom Thou hadst chosen, kindly hear our prayers for our pastors.

Thou who knowest all things, knowest that they love Thee and can do all things in Thee who strengthen them.

Sanctify them in Truth. Pour into them, we beseech Thee, the Spirit whom Thou didst give to Thy apostles, who would make them, in all things, like unto Thee.

Receive the homage of love which they offer up to Thee, who hast graciously received the threefold confession of Peter.

And so that a pure oblation may everywhere be offered without ceasing unto the Most Holy Trinity, graciously enrich their number and keep them in Thy love, who art one with the Father and the Holy Ghost, to whom be glory and honour forever. Amen.”

Nihil obstat: Vic. Gen. FSSP, 05.II.2007 Imprimatur: Vic. Gen. Dioc. Laus. Gen. Frib., 28.II.2007

First EF pontifical High Mass in St Peter’s basilica:

Members of the Confraternity of St Peter and other friends of our Community will be glad to read that the FSSP was honoured to partake in the very first EF Pontifical High Mass offered in St Peter’s Basilica in Rome since the liturgical changes four decades ago. This took place on Sunday 18th October 2009,

Archbishop Raymond Burke being assisted by Rev Fr Almir De Andrade, FSSP as Deacon. Fr De Andrade is Second Assistant to the Superior General of the FSSP. Although the Sunday took precedence over the feast of St Luke, FSSP members and friends will surely have remembered that October 18th, 2009 was the 21st anniversary of the

erection of the FSSP as of pontifical right by the Holy See.

As our FSSP representative at this historic Mass in St Peter’s Basilica, Fr De Andrade will have brought before God all our thanksgiving. Deo gratias!

Clergy pilgrimage to Ars & Lyons, 8-12 February 2010: read further details under *News and Events*.

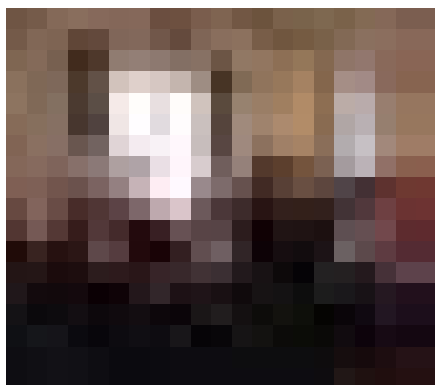
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Bristol recollection:

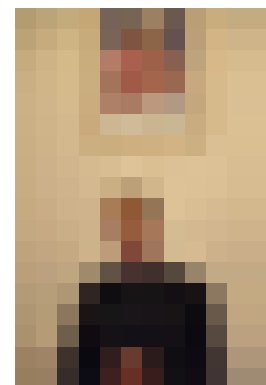
In October, at the initiative a member of the Confraternity of Saint Peter, a day of recollection was organised in Bristol with

the friendly collaboration of the parish priest of St Antony’s. The programme of the recollection was even posted on the board at the Cathedral. Nearly 60 faithful of all

ages attended the Low Mass offered by Fr de Malleray, FSSP and served by the local LMS representative Charles Ashley. The celebrant preached on the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. A picnic lunch was offered after in the parish hall, followed with a doctrinal conference (attended by about 30 people) on the Divine Motherhood of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, which Feast was commemorated on that Sunday. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament then took place, and the faithful could continue and



(Left: Bristol faithful listening to Fr de Malleray’s conference at St Michael’s Parish – picture right.)



adore the Lord or enter the confessionals for absolution or spiritual direction. With Bristol located less than one hour from Reading by train, it is likely that another recollection might be organised.

Across Wales:

Fr de Malleray was invited in Wales to meet with local clergy involved in EF Masses. He was offered to be the celebrant at the Friday parish Mass in Abergavenny, at the beautiful altar of St Michael's Church. Fr de Malleray preached on the priesthood as a continuation of Christ's mediation between God and men. He had been lent for the occasion the very chasuble of Dom Robert Wharton, the last Benedictine Abbot of the Abbey at Bermondsey and last Catholic Bishop of Hereford under Queen Mary I Tudor. The small travelling chalice of Welsh Jesuit St David Lewis was used for Mass as well. Most moving was the short pilgrimage to Usk, at the tomb of the same St Lewis, S.J. martyred after more than 30 years of fruitful ministry in Wales in the midst of persecution. The stay included a visit at the local Anglican Church of St Mary, formerly a Catholic monastery depending on Le Mans in France. Fr de Malleray also met with Abbot Paul Stonham, O.S.B. at Belmont Abbey, before travelling to Cardiff where he heard confessions during the monthly EF Mass offered in St Peter's Church. An invitation was sent for him to give a day of recollection at the national shrine of Our Lady of the Taper near Cardigan, but this may have to be postponed until next year due to busy schedule.

Ireland:

Fr Simon Leworthy continues to travel once a month to Ireland for Sunday Mass in Ballimany, Co. Kildare, and for other pastoral care. He was requested by the Latin Mass Society of Ireland to help at a clergy workshop.

The Reading & Flitwick apostolates:

While travelling across England and Wales (and even to Ireland), our priests do their best to serve the needs of the faithful attending Holy Mass in Reading where we are based.

As well as daily Mass (please now visit <http://www.fssp.co.uk/england/> for Mass times), we have a monthly Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration for priestly ministry and vocations.

Every first Friday, the St Bruno prayer group for men does take place as follows: after Holy Mass in the evening, a substantial doctrinal talk is given, followed with the Rosary and confessions or spiritual direction for those requesting. All men from 16 onwards are welcome to attend.

There is now also a ladies' prayer group under the patronage of St Margaret Clitherow. Many faithful travel from a distance to

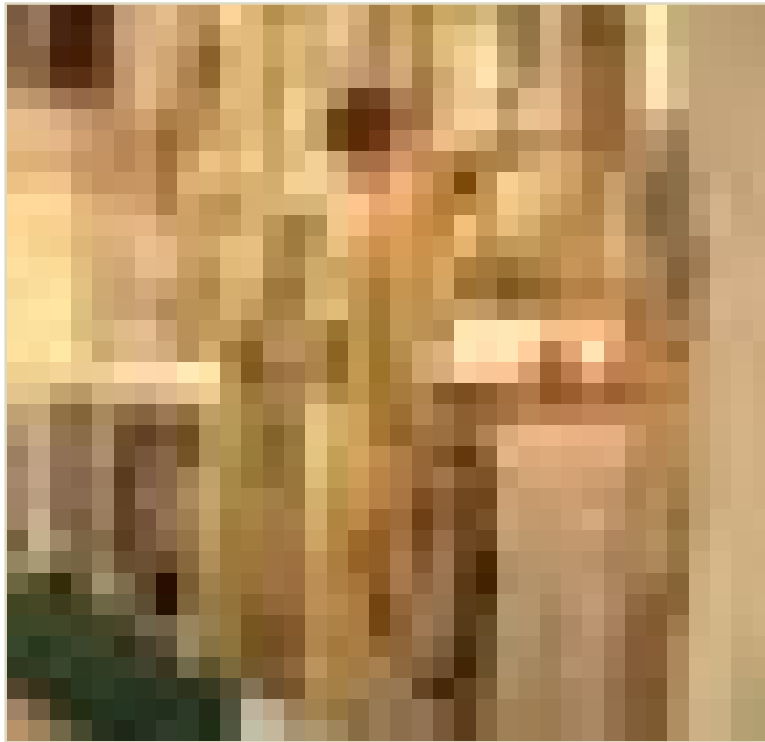
attend Mass and are glad to stay in the church hall afterwards for refreshments.

Last August, good weather allowing, we gathered for a picnic on the beautiful grounds of Mapledurham after Mass in the House chapel on the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (22 August 2009).

We now have a Sung Mass every Sunday – but for one Sunday a month when some faithful like a more sober Low Mass. Confessions are heard before and after Mass. People often come on week days, travelling up to one hour, for spiritual direction.

Our congregation of about 90 souls comprises many children from large families. Last August Fr Leworthy baptised the newly-born child of Edward and Florence Jackson.

An average 40 souls attend our other Sunday Mass in Flitwick (5pm, Northampton Diocese). Most of them are families with children. The parish priest Canon McSweeney is very supportive and the whole community really feels welcome in the parish.



(Low Mass by Fr de Malleray, FSSP at Abergavenny, October 2009.)

Wedding:

After several months of doctrinal preparation by Fr Leworthy, Diego De Napoli and Isabella Fiore-Brown were married by Fr de Malleray in September 2009 at St Yves, Cornwall. It was a beautiful occasion and the parish staff and clergy welcomed us very kindly. Our congratulations to this new Catholic couple! We need more young people like them, daring to build genuine mutual love upon the very charity of Christ. On 25th July 2009, Fr de Malleray was invited to celebrate the 50th anniversary Mass of Mr and Mrs Peter FitzGerald, in Surrey. A lovely marquee had been arranged in the garden for Holy Mass to take place. Relatives and friends had travelled for the occasion.

Congratulations again to the happy jubilarians.

Funerals:

On Friday 25th September in Lyndhurst, New Forest, Fr de Malleray did the funeral of Derrick Palengat, a long time friend and dedicated supporter of the Fraternity of St Peter. His family originally came from the Pyrenees in France. Surely Our Lady of Lourdes will have been with him at the hour of his death. Our heartfelt condolences to his wife Denise and family. On 6th August, Fr Leworthy did the funeral of Basil Morcas at St Francis Church, Holland Park, London; and on 13th August the funeral of Pdraig Fahy at St Mary's & St Joseph's, Boxmoor, Hemel Hempstead.

Holy Masses were also offered for the repose of the souls of other faithful who have died last summer, including Eric Smith, Lydia Jackson and May Clarke (mother of Peter Clarke on the Isle of Wight). Requiescant in pace.



(Votive EF Low Mass of St Thérèse, Portsmouth Cathedral,
17th September 2009 – Celebrant: Fr Glaysher.)

Veneration of St Thérèse's relics:

One year ago Fr de Malleray had written to the diocesan authorities about bringing a group of the faithful attending the EF Mass to venerate St Thérèse's Relics at Portsmouth Cathedral. Despite a tight schedule during the days the relics were present for veneration, the Cathedral Administrator kindly allowed for an EF Low Mass to be offered at the altar of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 17th September 2009 at 8am. Over 40 faithful attended this votive Mass of St Thérèse. About the coming of the relics, Bishop Crispian Hollis said later on: "*Over the years of the history of our diocese and our cathedral in Portsmouth we have witnessed many great events and occasions. But for sheer intensity of prayer and real devotion, I doubt whether any have matched what we have experienced during the hours of the visit to the cathedral of St Thérèse.*"

First British traditional Calendar:

Whereas for years several other countries had designed their own traditional wall calendars, this was still to be done in Britain. At the initiative of a young layman who had already done one, the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter liaised with the Latin Mass Society to discuss the project. We wanted to emphasize traditional events taking place in England and Wales or intrinsically connected with Britain. Many faithful have regular access to the Internet and to the numerous pictures displayed about traditional Masses and conferences. However, for these and also for many others who simply don't live on the 'blogosphere', this calendar would answer the need for a printed selection of pictures illustrating the variety of traditional events which took place in Our Lady's Dowry – and Wales – over the last year. As souls are not supported exclusively through liturgical events, we made sure to include other pictures such as pilgrimages and youth formation. We hope you will find our LMS-FSSP calendar 2010 useful and we invite you to order it very soon with us, sending us a £8.00 check made payable to FSSP ENGLAND. We make no profit on this calendar which is purely for your spiritual benefit. If it proves financially viable, then we will surely have a 2011 edition. (If you have access to the Internet, you may purchase

on line at
<http://www.southwellbooks.com/traditional-catholic-calendar-2010-3290-p.asp>.)

FSSP England now on line:

After more than a year of unsuccessful attempts, we were eventually able to have an easier software installed on our website, allowing frequent updating. This has been done last month. Being now able to interact on line will definitely help our ministry in the future. Every week the daily Mass times are updated, upcoming events are advertised and useful links and information made available. You will also find on our website all issues of our quarterly *Dowry* in pdf format. Please visit us on <http://www.fssp.co.uk/england/> and forward the link to your acquaintances.

Dowry:

You have sent us good feedback on the first issues of *Dowry*. It seems you are interested in a variety of news and articles presented in a light format. Since most of you live too far away to attend our daily Masses and meet us, *Dowry* is an attempt to bridge the gap and

keep you informed of and involved in our ministry and in wider issues of interest. From an original newsletter, *Dowry* is becoming a quarterly magazine of information and spirituality about traditional matters in England, Wales and elsewhere. As you can imagine, collecting the articles and pictures, checking the numerous events and doing the layout of 24 to 32 pages requires a lot of our time. Any help – let it be only to help us put in envelopes and stick every stamp – would be most welcome. Thank you for your support.

We make no profit at all on *Dowry*. In order to encourage subscriptions, we have decided to bring the price for one year (4 issues) from £26 to £14. Those who can pay more than £14 will have our particular gratitude as Supporter Subscribers. You will help us a lot by circulating your printed copy and making sure the good news in it are forwarded to your family and acquaintances, including every sympathetic clergy. Please make sure you inform us of your change of address, or of any inaccuracy in your entry in our database.

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Adverts:

☞ Bungalow for sale by *Dowry* reader in Battle, E. Sussex: detached bungalow with brick elevations under a pitched tiled roof, well positioned with glorious views from the front aspect with well proportioned accommodation to include two bedrooms, kitchen/breakfast room; Sun room; Delightful enclosed gardens; Large front gardens enjoying



(Fr Simon Leworthy preaching at the L.M.S. Catholic Martyrs of Oxford procession, and giving Benediction – picture below – at Blackfriars, Oxford, 24th October 2009.)

glorious unspoiled views; Detached garage; Off-road parking facilities; Lane location; Chain free. Price: £259,950.

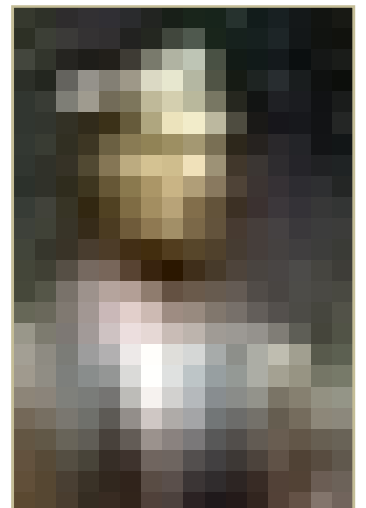
- ☞ Car: we currently have one car only for two priests, a VW Golf about 15 years old, kindly donated to us last summer (83,000 miles). However, we had to pay £911.87 to have it fixed last week, hopefully for another several years according to the garage. Please kindly help us pay this bill.
- ☞ Help requested for mending vestments; for translating,

layout, printing and posting of *Dowry*; for coordinating events (retreats, pilgrimages etc). Computer-literacy required. A great many thanks for your generous support.

- ☞ Our house in Reading is under the patronage of St John Fisher. We are looking for a replica of what is thought to be the best depiction of this great bishop, a bust by Florentine sculptor Pietro Torrigiano: if anyone can help us get a copy of this bust for our new house we should be most grateful.



(Torrighiano's bust of St John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester and Chancellor of Cambridge University. The great martyr had been created a Cardinal by Pope Paul III. He was canonised by Pope Pius XI in 1935.)



Upcoming events:

Retreats:

General information: all retreats preached by Fr Armand de Malleray, FSSP. Holy Mass daily in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman rite. Full board accommodation in single room (or double room on request). Unless mentioned otherwise, each retreat starts at 2pm on the day of arrival and ends at 11am on the day of departure. Booking: send as deposit a check made payable to 'FSSP ENGLAND' to be posted to: FSSP Retreats, 179 Elgar Road, RG2 0DH, Reading, England. N.B. The deposit amounts to the basic expenses of the Retreat Master, whereas the remaining (to be paid directly to the Guest Master during the retreat) is the actual accommodation required by the House of Retreat. Free car park. Table reading during meals for our group. Traditional Holy Mass daily and devotions (Eucharistic Adoration). Possibility of attending the monks Divine Office (Vespers and Compline are in Latin) in Douai Abbey. Nice walks along country public footpaths around Abbey. Possibility of confession and private meeting with Fr de Malleray, FSSP. Bring Traditional hand missal; Catholic Holy Bible; good books on lives of saints or spirituality (since the guests' library is not very big); rosary beads; umbrella, warm clothes; alarm clock. Abbey's website:

<http://www.douaiabbey.org.uk/>.

☞ **Advent retreat: 15-18 December 2009:** on 'The Holy Angels, who they are and what they do'. Total price: £92 incl. VAT. Deposit: £15.

☞ **Lenten week-end recollection: 5-7 March 2010:** on 'The Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Hell and Heaven'. All Saints

Conference Centre, Shenley Lane, London Colney, Herts, AL2 1AF. Website: www.allsaintspc.org.uk. Starts on Friday 5th March 2010 at 5pm (later arrival possible) – ends on Sunday 7th March 2010 at 4pm. Price: £126 everything included (for: £116 as Centre's fees + £10 as FSSP fees). Deposit: £15 (please send a check made payable to FSSP ENGLAND). Please book early.

☞ **Summer retreat: 5-9 July 2010:** on 'The Holy Eucharist: God with us'. Douai Abbey: £130 per person (plus VAT); shared room £100 per person plus VAT. Deposit: £20.

☞ **Summer Youth week-end: September 2010,** Douai Abbey (cf article).

☞ **Advent week-end recollection: 10-12 December 2010,** on 'The Incarnation of the Word'. Douai Abbey: £90 plus VAT; shared room £70 per person plus VAT.

Important precision from the Douai Abbey Guest Master: Unemployed & students can pay half price. Other discounts on request.

'Year for Priests' Clergy pilgrimage to Ars & Lyons: 8-12 February 2010 (only 6 places left).

Depart Monday morning 8th February 2010 from the UK, arriving in the afternoon in Lyons and reach Francheville (FSSP house on the outskirts of Lyons). Return from Lyons Friday morning 12th February 2010.

Our pilgrimage will be under the special protection of Our Blessed Lady, the Mother of God and the Mother of priests, with the anniversary of Her Apparitions in Lourdes (Feb. 11th).

Location: We will be based in the beautiful St Padre Pio House run by the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter in Francheville (Lyons), less than an hour drive from Ars. Single rooms. Garden.

Scheduled: A full day in Ars, the climax of our stay.

Possibility of offering Holy Mass in Ars. Visit of the *Curé's* presbytery. Veneration of his relics.

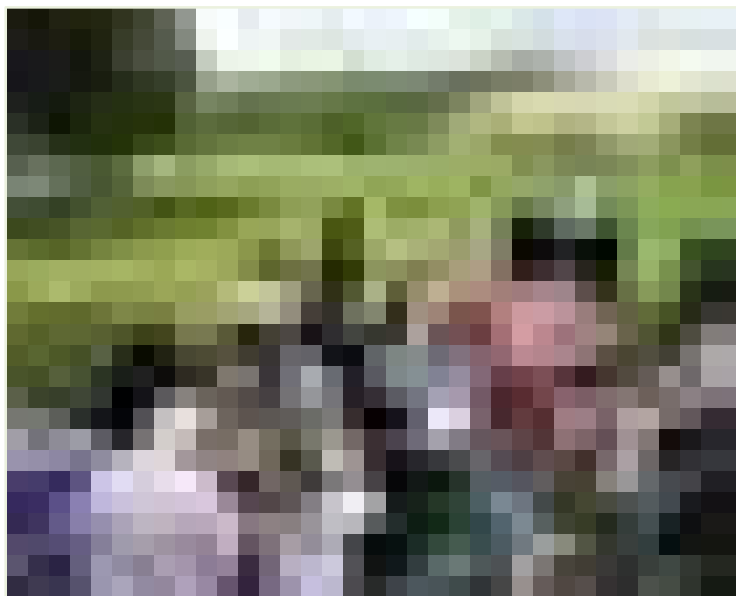
One day in Lyons, original Episcopal See of St Irenaeus: visit of the Basilica of Fourvières; prayer at the place of death of St Francis de Sales; visit of the Roman amphitheatre where the proto-martyrs of Gaul SS. Polycarp, Blandina, Pothinus and others suffered in 117 a.D. On a lighter note, meal in a 'bouchon' (traditional *Lyonnais* restaurant cf <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bouchon>).

☞ We will also have conferences on priestly spirituality, including the theology of the Mass, the EF Roman liturgy and prayer life.

Cost (estimate): £330 per person.

- ✓ £120 for 4 days & 4 nights, single room.
- ✓ £150 for return train ticket London St Pancras-Lyons-London St Pancras (reduction possible if we travel as a group). Alternatively: *Easyjet* direct return flight Stansted-Lyons-Gatwick: minimum price £51 (for group ticket of 15 passengers). N.B. You would need to buy your travel tickets from and to the UK yourself, as we cannot coordinate this purchase for you. We will book all other events for you.
- ✓ £60: transport in Lyons and to Ars + 2 meals outside the house.

Liturgy: Possibility of offering private Mass daily in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman rite (please bring only your alb, biretta, cingulum, linens and surplice). Compline (or one other Hour per day) in the EF of the Roman rite (please bring EF breviary if you possess one).



(Community picnic at Mapledurham after Sung Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the House Chapel, on 22nd August 2009 – picture by courtesy of David West).

Booking: please send a £120 cheque made payable to ‘FSSP ENGLAND’, posted to: Fr de Malleray, FSSP, 179 Elgar Rd, RG2 0DH, Reading, Berkshire, UK. Please include your complete contact details in the booking.

Remembrance Sunday: 8th November 2009, 11am: Sung Requiem offered in Reading by Very Rev Fr John M. Berg, Superior General FSSP. In Parish hall after Mass and refreshments (please bring pack lunch): Talk by Fr Berg on the development of Catholic traditions worldwide.

Towards Advent Festival of Catholic Culture, Saturday 14th November 2009. For the 7th consecutive year the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter will hold a booth. Please do come and visit us.

To be opened by Archbishop Vincent Nichols at 10.30 am. Music from the Chamber Choir of the London Oratory School. Talks, displays by Catholic organisations, books, DVDs etc on sale. A chance to see something of the wide range of Catholic activities in Britain, to meet friends, make new contacts, browse among books and publications. Talks: Dr Suha Rassam of Iraqi Christians in Need. Prof Jonathan Riley-Smith (Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge), on The Crusades. Joanna Bogle (author and broadcaster) on English Catholic Heroines. Guided tour of Westminster Cathedral. Entry to the Festival is FREE. Tickets for talks and tour £2.00.

‘Art for Souls’ tour at the Tate Gallery, London: Saturday 5th December 2009, 2pm.

Theme: ‘Mothers: a spiritual reflection on women in relation to their children and families’. Whereas our modern era seems to have lost appreciation of motherhood, we will explore various aspects of this sacred reality as illustrated in various non

religious paintings at the Tate Britain Gallery (N.B. NOT the Tate Modern across the Thames). All welcome. Free entrance. We meet in the main entrance hall at 1.45pm for start at 2pm, Millbank, London SW1P 4RG. Duration of tour: 1 hour. Nearest underground: Pimlico. Gallery’s website: <http://www.tate.org.uk/britain/information/>.

Next First Friday meetings of the St Bruno group of doctrinal & spiritual support for men (Reading): **Friday 6th November, Friday 4th December 2009.** Each time: after 7.20pm Low Mass, Doctrinal talk at 8.10pm followed with Questions; 9.10pm Rosary and silent prayer while confessions are heard and spiritual direction given. All men welcome from age 16.

Next monthly Saturday Ladies’ group of doctrinal and spiritual support (Reading): **Saturday 21st November, Saturday 12th December 2009.** Each time: Doctrinal talk at 10am followed with Questions and Confessions, then with Low Mass at 11.20am; refreshments in hall from 12 noon; prayer in church from 1pm while further confessions are heard and spiritual direction given. Under patronage of St Margaret Clitherow. All ladies welcome from age 16 (so as to allow recollection for all ladies, regrettably children may not be brought along – thank you).

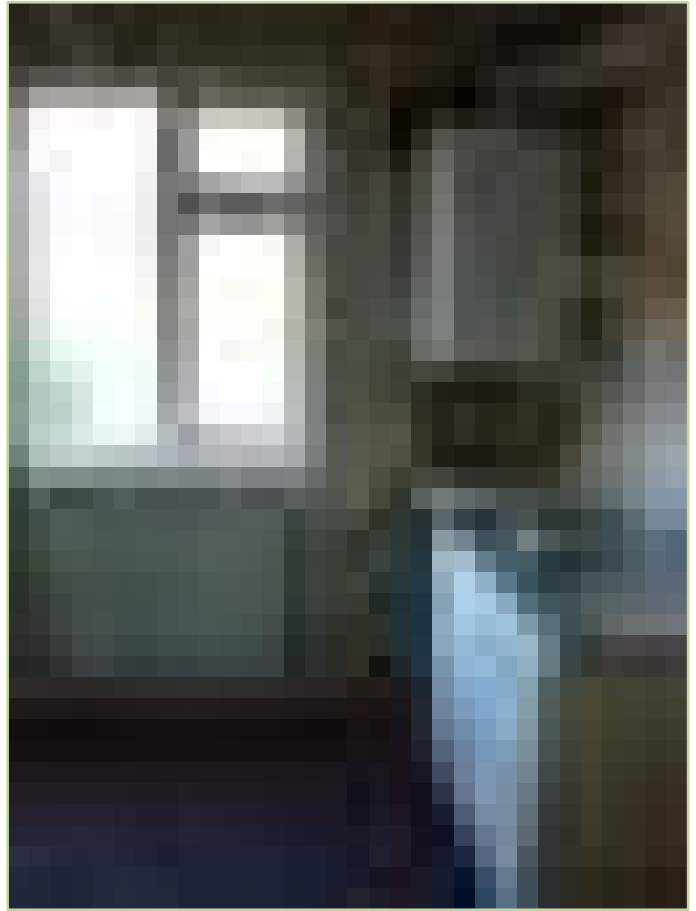
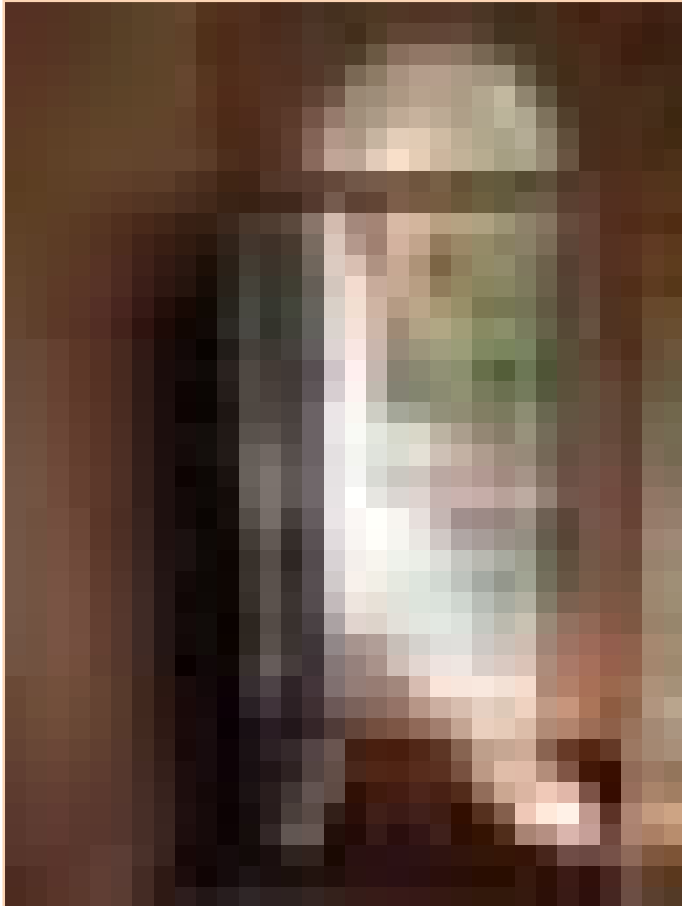
‘Sacra Doctrina’ French monthly doctrinal conference in London: **Friday 20th November; Friday 11th December 2009** – both in Earl’s Court. Starts 8.15pm; followed with questions and dessert from 9.15pm. All Francophones welcome. Free entrance.

(Pictures below: the newly purchased FSSP house in Reading.)



The *Haven for Priests* Campaign successful

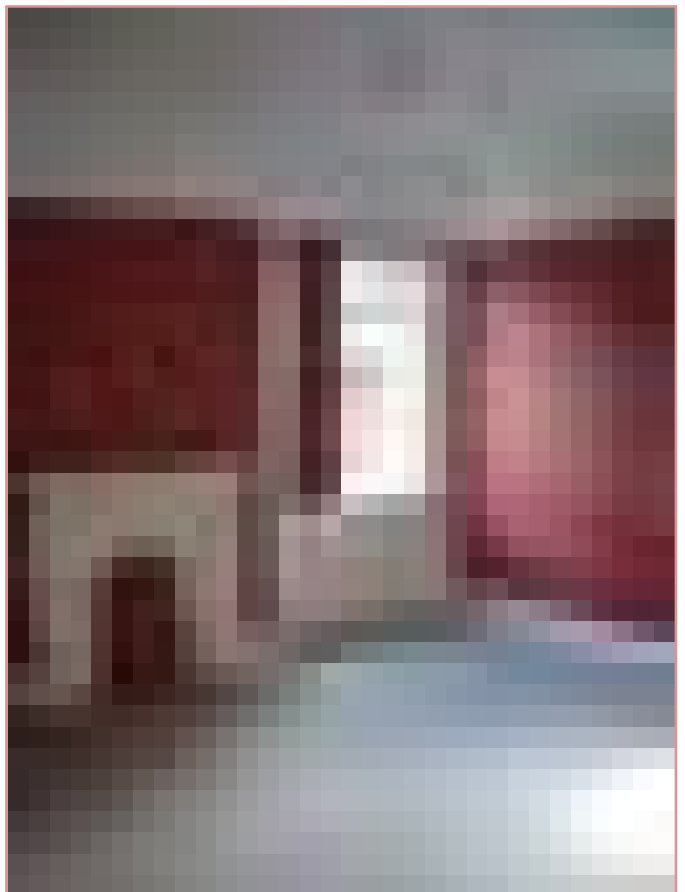
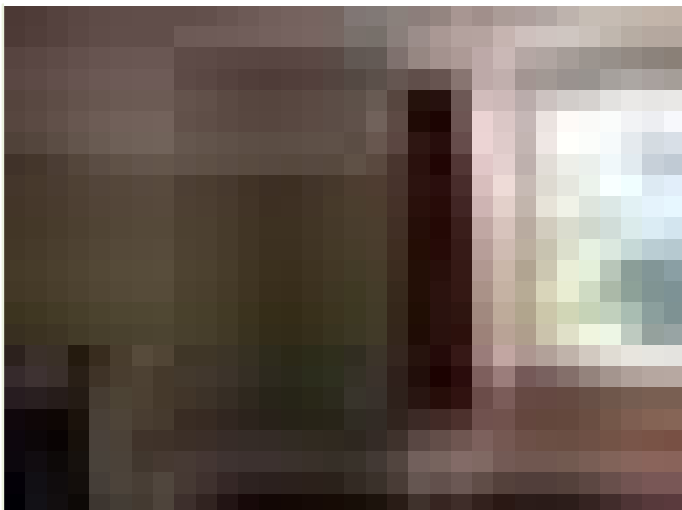
Dear Friends, we have now completed the purchase of a house in Reading. The total amount we have paid including taxes and legal fees is £485,588.50. This is a decisive step, as it is the very first house owned by the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter in England and Wales, and the first one bought by us in Britain at large (since our residence in Edinburgh was donated to us).



Of Edwardian style with bow-windows, this detached house is located in a quiet street surrounded with residential detached

Our offer for a larger house as advertised in the previous issue of *Dowry* had been rejected. However, the one we have bought still allows us to have a fairly spacious and stable base for our ministry across England and Wales. Walking to the church takes between 5 and 10mn.

(Entrance, drawing-room, kitchen and bedroom.)





houses. The garden is fairly large and the size of the rooms is adequate. There is off-street parking for 5 cars.

Since the neighbouring houses have had an extension added, there is reasonable hope that we will be granted planning permission for our own extension. A parishioner of ours, a builder by profession, has offered to follow up the work on our behalf and will make sure every pound is spent wisely.

After almost 10 years of uninterrupted ministry in England without a roof of our own, we now own a roof and even the walls under it! This most significant step for our apostolate would definitely not have been taken without your spiritual, moral and financial support. We try to reply individually to each of your letters or emails but we must apologise for sometimes not being able to do so (or only with long delays) due to lack of time and of manpower.

Refurbishing our new house will take several months and building the extension another couple of months. We now ask for your support again for allowing us to move in, as the contractor has given us a £162,300 estimate for the global work cost (including £80,600 for extension). We have received a promise of a £30,000 donation and have committed ourselves to a £50,000 loan against the property. This enables us to start the work immediately. But we surely are going to need further important donations soon if we want to complete what has been planned, which includes two bedrooms for resident priests with separate access, six small guest-rooms (cells) plus a conference room to allow small groups to come for a day of recollection and even stay overnight, and a small oratory for daily praying of Divine Office (according to our Constitutions) as well as for occasional Holy Masses and liturgical practice with visiting clergy. Please help us answer this most urgent need for an Extraordinary Form pastoral Centre, still lacking in England and Wales.



Please contact us for any information you need for donating and for putting our registered charity (official name: **Fraternitas Sacerdotalis Sancti Petri Limited**) in your will. While so many convents, seminaries, churches and presbyteries are being sold for secular purpose nowadays – what a statement of supernatural hope to do just the opposite and help us turn a secular building into a ‘Haven for Priests’ – and not only for priests but also for all the faithful who will want to visit us. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered at your intentions at least one Thursday per month, followed with a Holy Hour of prayer for priestly vocations and ministry.

Bequest: As well as sending us a donation, please kindly consider making a bequest to ‘FSSP England’.

Why should you make a Will at all? Making a Will is the only way you can be sure that your property and belongings go exactly where you want them to go. If you have no surviving relatives and die without a Will, your estate would pass to the state. Because ‘FSSP England’ is a registered charity, any legacy to ‘FSSP England’ will be exempt from Inheritance Tax and will reduce the overall tax liability of your estate. Please note that home-made wills, though they may be valid, can lead to court action and result in the frustration of the testator's intentions. You should seek legal advice and ensure that the appropriate wording is incorporated into your Will. Alternatively, please contact on our behalf Rev Mr Stephen

Morgan, also a Trustee of ‘FSSP England’: Diocesan Office, St Edmund's House, Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth PO1 3QA, England. Telephone: 023 9282 5430.

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Funding from outside the UK also possible: please contact us.

Please note that all your donations will be used for the development of our ministry in England and Wales exclusively. We thank wholeheartedly all our benefactors for their trust in our mission. Since we are not financially supported by the dioceses at this stage, your donations and your prayer are vital for us. May the good God reward you already in this life and surely in the next!

With our prayers for a beautiful month of the Holy Rosary,

Rev Fr Armand de Malleray, FSSP – and Rev Fr Simon Leworthy, FSSP cand.

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