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THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Bishop Roger writes

For some years now, CBS has made a grant to the Glastonbury Pilgrimage Association which has enabled the annual pilgrimage to take place each summer. Without the Trustees making such a grant, it is probable that this could not happen. Last year, of course, the pilgrimage could not be held because of the COVID-19 pandemic, as with so many similar events in the devotional calendar of Catholic Anglicans. Regrettably, it became all too clear that this year's Glastonbury Pilgrimage planned for 10th July would also have to be cancelled. But, rather than not have a pilgrimage, the Pilgrimage Association Council decided to hold a more modest Mass in the Abbey Undercroft Chapel, one which could be viewed online on the planned date so that pilgrims could pray for one another as we do what the Lord Jesus commanded us to do, as well to remind one another forcefully that, as HM the Queen said with such hope, "We will meet again." And so a small band of pilgrims did indeed gather around the altar at Glastonbury on 5th July.

Canon Steven Kirk, the Council's Deputy Chairman, was kind enough to preside. As a parish priest in South Wales, he represented what had been one of the pilgrimage's intentions for last year's cancelled pilgrimage – to mark the centenary of the establishment of the Church in Wales – from where come a number of pilgrims each year. The Mass that was celebrated was of ***Christ the King*** – the Lord of the Church, to whom all authority and power over creation has been given. As he holds all things together in grace and mercy, he brings us hope and peace in a challenging and often confusing world. This was the theme of the homily which Canon Kirk, who is also a CBS District Superior in Wales, offered at Glastonbury. It is appropriate that it is shared with CBS members as an encouragement to each one of us as we try to move forward, worshipping the Lord Jesus at the Eucharist to which he still invites us, bidding us set aside our fears and anxieties.

Canon Steven Kirk's homily

In our Gospel reading, we have just heard the words of the Lord Jesus to Pilate: "Mine is not a kingdom of this world." In a little while, we shall hear some more words of the Lord: "Thy kingdom come... on earth as it is in heaven." These last words, part of his own prayer, will become ours as we prepare to receive the body of the Lord in Holy Communion. We seek the kingdom he promised; we pray for it, as we prepare to taste the Bread of heaven. As that Bread is taken into our own bodies, it is a sign that the kingdom of heaven, and its life - the life Jesus now lives as our ascended and glorified Lord - once again takes possession of us. The heavenly life given to us in our baptism is renewed.

We are living physically in this world, but we are also living another life which is equally real, one which transcends the life of earth. This is why, as Christians, we think of ourselves as living in the world, whilst knowing that we are citizens of heaven. Recognizing the kingship of Christ has a claim on us which must not be denied. And because of all this, we hail Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords.

This understanding posed a challenge for those first Christians who lived in the Roman world. *Their* masters came up with a simple and straightforward test by which it would be shown where a person's allegiance lay. Just sprinkling a few grains of incense on a fire which burned before a statue of the Roman emperor (who claimed a divine status, of course) was enough. A small public act to deny the kingship of Christ was all that was needed to determine whether one lived or was condemned. A small gesture to affirm whether one was a loyal citizen of the empire, or a citizen of heaven. It was enough to lead to life or death.

Thank God, we do not live in such times and, generally speaking, we are free to give our allegiance wherever we wish. Living with the freedoms of life and conscience that we do, it makes little or no difference to other people. Recognizing the kingship of Christ and his lordship over our lives will not usually mean, for us, persecution, or the threat of imprisonment or even death; although we know very well that there are still places in today's world where this remains the case. But, although we rejoice in our freedoms, those freedoms of worship and conscience, and we are grateful for them, they also present a challenge for us. The challenge is that of complacency. For the Church to grow, it has been said, all that is needed is a little persecution. We are perhaps reminded of words written by Tertullian, a Christian apologist of the second century, that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church". Rather than stamping out the Christian faith, the

more Christians were martyred in the Roman arena, as a warning to others who might be tempted to give their allegiance to Christ as King, the greater was the number added to his kingdom.

So it is necessary for us constantly to remind ourselves that we are citizens of heaven and that that citizenship tells us to make Christ-like choices in the way we live and in our relationships with others. With all the challenges to our lives, to our families and friends, to our homes and our livelihoods during the life-threatening pandemic we have been battling these last eighteen months, we have had to play our part in showing that, as citizens of heaven, and with Christ having first place in our hearts, we still believe that Christ is the King and Lord of creation. Whatever the threat to humanity, whether it is engineered by mankind, or a product of 21st century life within a complex yet fragile global community, we must remain steadfast in the belief which was St Paul's that "neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

With all those pilgrims to Glastonbury who have gone before us, today we renew our faith in that conviction. In our hearts we join our voices in singing the hymn:

*Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!
Brothers and sisters, with one voice
Make all men know he is your choice:
Alleluya!*

May Christ our King keep us firm in this faith and in our choice of Christ the King. His alone is the victory because, as we sing in that same hymn to Christ the King, through all ages, he is the same. And it is his unconquerable might that keeps us united in service to him who has conquered the darkness of sin and death because he is the Lord of light.

With Christ as our King, then, we can look the future squarely in the face and continue our pilgrim journey through this life with confidence. I made my first pilgrimage to Glastonbury 43 years ago and, like you, I long to hear the hymns of praise resound through these Abbey ruins again, offered up to heaven by the pilgrims of Christ, our Lord and our King. May his Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Glastonbury, bring us together once more in this holy place to unite those songs with the praise of the saints and martyrs of England and Wales, to witness to our faith in him, a faith that is for ever new.



**Bishop Glyn – an appreciation on behalf of his priests and people
by a Priest Associate of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament**

“...a true shepherd of the flock, a true father of his people will live on in their memory even after death...” St John of Kronstadt (1829 – 1909)

To begin with such words, when marking the retirement of a bishop rather than his death, may well seem strange, and yet St John of Kronstadt’s words (contained in his spiritual journal) are apposite for this moment. Although Bishop Glyn has not passed from us, we – his priests and people – are grappling with the news that he will retire as our beloved Bishop and Father in God on the Feast of the Epiphany next year whilst only beginning to realise the debt of gratitude we owe him. Much has been written of Bishop Glyn’s faithful ministry in the diocese of York since his ordination in 1977. As Bishop of Beverley, however, the geographical compass of Bishop Glyn’s ministry has stretched from the diocese of Newcastle in the northeast of the Northern Province to the diocese of Chester in the south. Is it reasonable or kind for the Church to expect one man to fulfil such a herculean and exhausting task? Here is not the place to ask such a question, but it is a valid one nonetheless. Whatever the answer, we must say that, despite the daunting nature of the task, Bishop Glyn – like his predecessors – has risen to the challenge admirably, bringing to this role his own God-given qualities and gifts. During the course of his ministry, he has, like the great bishop saints of old, travelled huge distances, gathering his flock around him, unifying them in faith, in confidence, in service and in mission. Bishop Glyn has been unswervingly loyal to the Catholic Faith as the Church of England has received it. Yet his ministry has not only been valued by those who share his understanding of Church Order for he is highly regarded by many others throughout the

Northern Province as a wise, generous and loyal Brother in Christ. The Bishop of Manchester, writing of Bishop Glyn has said: “...*The radiance of his deep faith in Jesus Christ has shone in many a service, meeting, and pastoral encounter. Through his leadership, Mutual Flourishing has been far more than a slogan, it has been central to how we have grappled with the diversity of church tradition...*”

Bishop Glyn is also, of course, a much-loved Father in God to his own priests and people who have gathered around him in glorious services in Durham and York, at numerous ordinations (thanks be to God!) and in more ordinary (though equally significant) parish confirmations and celebrations.

Whatever the context, all have valued his friendship, his humour, and his encouragement. For this – and for so many other reasons – he will be greatly missed. As he retires, we assure him of our love, our gratitude, and our prayers. We hope and pray that he will enjoy a long and fruitful retirement, and we know that he will continue to serve his Lord and Saviour as

faithfully in retirement as he has in active ministry. We look forward to his presence among us for many, many years to come!

Yet the story does not – and must not - end here. Bishop Glyn is retiring and we are sad, but the apostolic mission of which he – and we – are part does not end. In this pandemic-torn world, we need to experience the life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ ever more clearly, and yet there are those within the Church who have come to regard more traditional forms of ministry and mission as ‘key limiting factors.’ But let us be in no doubt: we need loving pastors who, whilst unashamedly Catholic in their convictions, are open to the Spirit as He guides the Church through the ‘encircling gloom’ towards the radiant light which, by God’s grace, will come. We must therefore pray for Bishop Glyn’s successor as we pray for Bishop Glyn on his retirement. We must also pray for the Archbishop of York and those who will appoint his successor. The Church of England, of course, is committed as an institution (and as individuals) to the Five Guiding Principles and thus we may earnestly hope that a successor (not a replacement!) will be appointed. So let us pray for those who will choose Bishop Glyn’s successor: that they will be guided by the Spirit; and that, in so doing, they will do God’s Will. Bishop Glyn’s successor will face a daunting task as he seeks to navigate this new and very uncertain landscape, and yet he will do so strengthened by our love, our support, and our prayers.

Ad multos annos!

INTERCESSIONS

SEPTEMBER

- 1 The Little Flower, Longton
- 2 Our Lady and S Andrew, Newcastle under Lyme
- 3 Ss Mary and Dominic, Friar Park
- 4 The Holy Grail, Wolverhampton
- 5 **23rd Sunday/Trinity 14 – That we may give up all to follow Christ**
- 6 The Sacred Heart, Lincoln
- 7 S Magnus, City of London
- 8 The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary – The Society of Mary Adoremus, Hanworth
- 9 Alexander Mackonochie, Holborn
- 10 Corpus Christi, Kenton
- 11 **24th Sunday/Trinity 15 – That we may rejoice in God's welcome to the lost**
- 12 St John Chrysostom – Holy Preachers
- 13 Holy Cross Day – The Society of the Holy Cross (SSC)
- 14 The Sacred Heart, Bude
- 15 The Love of Jesus, Wantage
- 16 S Francis, Derby
- 17 S Laurence, Long Eaton
- 18 **25th Sunday/Trinity 16 – That we may support the weak and oppressed**
- 19 The Martyrs of Korea – Freedom & Reconciliation for the Korean people
- 20 S Martin, Salisbury
- 21 S Michael, Croydon
- 22 S Agnes, Kennington
- 23 Our Lady of Walsingham – The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham
- 24 S Peter, Streatham
- 25 **26th Sunday / Trinity 17 – That we may bear witness to the truth**
- 26 S Vincent de Paul - Helpers of the poor
- 27 Holy Trinity and S Cadoc, Llandaff
- 28 S Michael & All Angels – Thanksgiving for the ministry of the angels
- 29 Corpus Christi, Portsmouth
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OCTOBER

- 1 S Therese of Lisieux - Devotion to Christ
- 2 The Holy Guardian Angels – Thanks to God for their protection
- 3 **27th Sunday / Trinity 18 – That the Lord will increase our faith**
- 4 S Francis of Assisi – All Franciscans
- 5 S Thomas Aquinas, Calgary
- 6 S Margaret, Montreal
- 7 S Michael & All Angels, Winnipeg
- 8 S Brigid, Sweden
- 9 Our Lady, Letchworth
- 10 **28th Sunday/Trinity 19 – That we may thank the God who has healed us**
- 11 Christ in Glory, Aldwick
- 12 The Annunciation, Brighton
- 13 S Saviour and S Peter, Eastbourne
- 14 The Transfiguration, Haywards Heath
- 15 The Precious Blood, Horsham
- 16 S Anne, Hove
- 17 **29th Sunday / Trinity 20 – That we may pray and never lose heart**
- 18 S Luke – S Luke's for the Clergy
- 19 Our Lady of Littlehampton
- 20 Anima Christi, St Leonards on Sea
- 21 S Cuthman, Storrington Deanery
- 22 S Gabriel, Worthing
- 23 Our Lady & Corpus Christi, Cambridge
- 24 **30th Sunday/Last after Trinity – That we may stand with humility before our Judge**
- 25 S Edmund, King & Martyr, Downham Market
- 26 S Mary, Great Yarmouth
- 27 Our Lady, Walsingham
- 28 Ss Peter and Paul, Uppingham
- 29 Our Lady, at Saint Mary Steps, Exeter
- 30 S Peter Plymouth
- 31 **31st Sunday / 4 before Advent – That we may rejoice at Christ's presence with us**

INTERCESSIONS

NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints – Thanksgiving for God’s Holy Ones
- 2 All Souls – The Guild of All Souls and all the Faithful Departed
- 3 S Margaret-Mary Alacoque, Cheltenham
- 4 The Little Flower, Longton
- 5 Our Lady and S Andrew, Newcastle under Lyme
- 6 Ss Mary and Dominic, Friar Park
- 7 **32nd Sunday / 3 before Advent – That we may be filled with the vision of God’s glory**
- 8 The Holy Grail, Wolverhampton
- 9 The Sacred Heart, Lincoln
- 10 S Magnus, City of London
- 11 The Sacred Heart with S Andrew, East Finchley
- 12 Adoremus, Hanworth
- 13 Alexander Mackonochie, Holborn
- 14 **33rd Sunday/2 before Advent / Remembrance – That we may receive strength to fight again evil**
- 15 Corpus Christi, Kenton
- 16 Our Lady and S George, Winchmore Hill
- 17 S Giles, Reading
- 18 The Love of Jesus, Wantage
- 19 S Francis, Derby
- 20 S Laurence, Long Eaton
- 21 **Christ the King – That all may acknowledge his kingship**
- 22 S Cecilia – Church musicians
- 23 S Martin, Salisbury
- 24 S Michael, Croydon
- 25 S Agnes, Kennington
- 26 Corpus et Sanguis Christi, Plumstead
- 27 S Peter, Streatham
- 28 **Advent 1 – Readiness for the Day of the Lord**
- 29 The Sacred Heart, Bude
- 30 S Andrew – Missionaries

R.I.P.

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

Priests Associate

Father Barry O’Neill
Father Anthony Allsop
Father Anthony Wibberley

Lay Associates

Margaret Whitfield
Miss D L Kent
Doreen Yates
Pamela Beattie

Please also pray for our new members

New Priest Associates

Father David Lawrence March
Father Anthony Hutchinson

New Lay Associates

Anthony Lawrence

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2021 COUNCIL-GENERAL TUESDAY 5th OCTOBER 2021

11.30 am Mass at St James, Garlickythe, London EC4V 2AF
Followed by meeting at the CCLA Offices
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET

*We remain hopeful that it will be possible for District-Superiors and Lay Representatives to meet for this annual event, although last year's happened virtually. The Superior-General will be contacting them to encourage them to attend if possible, although it will be understood if there are hesitations. One of our Trustees, Father Peter Edwards from Bathwick, comes to the end of his three-year term this year, but he has indicated that he is happy to continue for a further period if the Council-General agrees.
The Trustees are happy to recommend this.*

NATIONAL FESTIVAL 2022

We very much hope to be at St Stephen's Gloucester Road, London in 2022 and we offer our thanks to Fr Philip Barnes for his understanding and for his agreement to welcome us back there next year. We are also grateful to Brother Joseph Emmanuel SSF for being willing to preach for us. Let us all pray for better times and for a renewal of our fellowship as members of CBS around the altar.

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