



**THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2019**



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WRITES...



Edenham Regional House (ERH) is a small retreat and conference centre set in the picturesque countryside of South Lincolnshire. Many readers of the Quarterly may be familiar with the Regional House through the 'Ghostly Counsel' column in New Directions written by the former Warden and Vicar Canon Andrew (Andy) Hawes who recently retired after nearly thirty years in post. In recent years CBS has supported the work at Edenham with a grant of vestments and, just prior to Canon Hawes' retirement, a new tabernacle was received in order to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in the Stable Chapel and to facilitate exposition and adoration for individuals and visiting groups.

One of my first tasks after being appointed to succeed Canon Hawes was to arrange for the tabernacle to be fitted in the Chapel. I was fortunate to discover that the Crucifer at St Michael's, the Parish Church in Edenham, is a carpenter and joiner of considerable skill who kindly crafted an oak shelf so that the tabernacle could be placed to the left of the altar where it could be seen by all and be easily accessed by the celebrant at Mass.



Each week the Friday Mass at Edenham is followed by a bring-and-share lunch (rarely a meagre affair!) and is attended by both locals and friends from further afield. It was my great privilege to begin reservation in the Chapel after celebrating Mass there for the first time and to introduce exposition on Fridays from 11am. It means a great deal to those who visit Edenham to have the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the Stable Chapel. As part of our observation of *Thy Kingdom Come* this year a watch will be held before the Sacrament each evening before Compline is said.

This year will see a new and challenging development in the life of Edenham Regional House as we launch CEMES (Church of England Ministry Experience Scheme) in the diocese of Lincoln. It is envisaged that up to three ministry interns will join us from September to June to live, work and pray as part of a residential community based here in Edenham. Corporate Morning and Evening Prayer and the daily celebration of the Eucharist will form the foundation of that community as its members seek to gain experience, develop skills, and pursue a possible vocation to ministry in the wider Church.

Ministering in a rural context comes with its own unique challenges and opportunities. It is our hope that the catholic ethos of the Regional House and the surrounding Benefice will both encourage and



school those who join us to form patterns of prayer and discipline that will sustain them here and serve them in a variety of future contexts.

Key to that endeavour will be the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Stable Chapel. The Chapel is open twenty-four hours a day for prayer and contemplation and it is our profound hope that it will become a place of refuge, reflection and challenge for all those involved in the Lincoln CEMES project. Please pray for us as we seek to grow both in experience and

discernment that our efforts may shape, form and equip those who are seeking to answer the call to ministry both now and in the years to come.

Father Edward Martin

The FMJK - Fikambanan'ny Mpanompoavin Jesoa Kristy (Society of the Servants of Jesus Christ) - was founded in 1985 by Canon Hall Speers in 1985. The sisters live in the village of Tsinjohasina, on the high plateau above the rice fields, situated some fifteen kilometres from Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar. The Sisters work in the village dispensary and are active in visiting, Christian teaching and pastoral work in the villages around. They are an independent community but have strong links with the Community of St Mary the Virgin in Wantage.

Last year their founder Canon Speers applied to CBS for a new chalice and paten for use by the Community in its Chapel. Canon Speers takes

up the story... "I had the privilege and joy of presenting the chalice and paten from CBS to Sister Isabelle, Leader of the Community, as shown in the accompanying photograph. She is pictured showing them to the congregation at Holy Trinity Church, Antananarivo. That morning there were over 600 communicants and several hundred children in Church. Two Sisters had just made their Life Vows and there was a huge celebration. Prior to the arrival of the new chalice and paten I had been using a tiny pewter chalice at the daily Mass in the Convent so you can



imagine what joy and delight there was with the arrival of the wonderful gift from CBS. Sister's display of the chalice was greeted by exuberant applause from the Community and congregation."

Shortly after the photograph was taken it was announced that Canon Speers was to leave retirement, and the UK, in order to be consecrated on 31st March as Bishop of the diocese of Mahajanga in Madagascar. We wish him every blessing in his new ministry and pray that the FMJK Sisters continue to be a source of encouragement to all whom they serve.

INTERCESSIONS

JUNE

- 1 Ward of The Little Flower, Longton
- 2 **Easter 7 – O Lord hear my voice**
- 3 The Ward of S Agnes, Liverpool
- 4 The Precious Blood, Southport
- 5 The Ward of The Precious Blood, Swinton & Pendlebury
- 6 The Holy Angels, Brentwood
- 7 The Sacred Passion, Ilford
- 8 Christ the King, Leigh-on-Sea
- 9 **Pentecost – The Holy Spirit will teach you everything**
- 10 The Epiphany, Leytonstone
- 11 S John Vianney, Mid-Essex
- 12 S Anthony, Woodford Green
- 13 The Sacred Heart, Hammerfield
- 15 Our Lady, Walsingham
- 16 **The Most Holy Trinity – Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit**
- 17 Christ in Glory, Aldwick
- 18 The Annunciation, Brighton
- 19 S Saviour & S Peter, Eastbourne
- 20 Corpus Christi – The food and drink of eternal life
- 21 The Transfiguration, Haywards Heath
- 22 The Precious Blood, Horsham
- 23 **12th Sunday / Trinity 1 – God is the strength of his people**
- 24 The Birth of John the Baptist – We too must bear witness to the light
- 25 The Ward of S Anne, Hove
- 26 Ss Mary & Nicolas, Lancing College
- 27 Our Lady, St Leonards-on-Sea
- 28 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – The fount of heavenly gifts
- 29 Ss Peter and Paul – Remain true to the faith of the Apostles
- 30 **13th Sunday / Trinity 2 – Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you**

JULY

- 1 Feast of the Precious Blood – The Sodality of the Precious Blood
- 2 All Saints with S Saviour, Weston-Super-Mare
- 3 St Thomas the Apostle – Missionaries
- 4 S Gregory & S Augustine, Bristol
- 5 The Holy Family, Swindon
- 6 The Ward of S Thomas, Birmingham
- 7 **14th Sunday / Trinity 3 – The kingdom of God is very near you**
- 8 The Holy Family, Leamington Spa
- 9 The Ward of S Faith, Bradford
- 10 My Ward – its Superior & Members
- 11 St Benedict – For members of RooT
- 12 The Ward of S Wilfrid, Leeds
- 13 The Ward of S Herbert, Carlisle
- 14 **15th Sunday / Trinity 4 – Go and do likewise**
- 15 St Bonaventure - Those who teach the faith
- 16 The Precious Blood, Durham
- 17 The Ward of S Benedict, Blyth
- 18 The Annunciation Chislehurst
- 19 The Transfiguration, Sevenoaks
- 20 Christ the King & Stella Maris, Blackpool
- 21 **16th Sunday / Trinity 5 – She has chosen the better part**
- 21 The Protomartyr, Blackpool
- 22 Mary Magdalene – May we be true witnesses & ambassadors for the Lord
- 23 St Bridget – CBS in Sweden and the Society of St Bridget (SSB)
- 24 Ss Werberg & Winifred, Wirral/N Wales
- 25 St James – May we not shy away from drinking the cup of the Lord's suffering
- 26 Ss Joachim & Ann – For grandparents.
- 27 The Ward of S Agnes, Liverpool
- 28 **17th Sunday / Trinity 6 – Ask and it will be given to you**
- 29 Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage begins...
- 30 The Precious Blood, Southport
- 31 The Precious Blood, Swinton and Pendlebury

INTERCESSIONS

AUGUST

- 1 Holy Angels, Brentwood
- 2 The Sacred Passion, Ilford
- 3 Christ the King, Leigh-on-Sea
- 4 **18th Sunday / Trinity 7 – Store up treasure in heaven**
- 5 The Epiphany, Leytonstone
- 6 The Transfiguration – Lord, it is good for us to be here
- 7 S John Vianney, Mid-Essex
- 8 St Dominic – For those who preach and teachers of homiletics
- 9 St Teresa Benedicta – For those persecuted for their faith in Christ
- 10 St Lawrence – For Deacons affiliated with the Society
- 11 **19th Sunday / Trinity 8 – It has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom**
- 12 S Anthony, Woodford Green
- 13 The Sacred Heart, Hammerfield
- 14 The Ward of Our Lady, Walsingham
- 15 The Assumption of Our Lady – My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
- 16 The Ward of Christ in Glory, Aldwick
- 17 The Annunciation, Brighton
- 18 **20th Sunday / Trinity 9 – I have come to bring fire to the earth!**
- 19 S Saviour & S Peter, Eastbourne
- 20 The Transfiguration, Haywards Heath
- 21 Bishop Roger Jupp our Superior-General
- 22 The Queenship of Mary
- 23 The Precious Blood, Horsham
- 24 St Bartholomew – Bishops as successors of the Apostles
- 25 **21st Sunday / Trinity 10 – The last shall be first & the first shall be last**
- 26 The Ward of S Anne, Hove
- 27 St Monica – For work with children and young people
- 28 St Augustine
- 29 Ss Mary & Nicolas, Lancing College
- 30 Our Lady, St Leonards-on-Sea
- 31 My Ward – its Superior and Members

R.I.P.

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

Priest Associate

Father Geoffery Miller

Lay Associates

Hamish Beattie

Kathleen Dunnill

Please also pray for our new members

New Lay Associates

Mary Hatton

Tegwyn Harris

Joy Lewandowska

Christopher Goodman

Jayne Davies

Bryon Davies

Badon Favill

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St Philip's, Tafara.



In January Zimbabwe towns erupted in protests against the government's mishandling of the economy. The crackdown was vicious and the people of Tafara suffered greatly as young men and women were dragged out of their houses, beaten and sometimes raped. St Philip's Anglican church became a haven where they could

hide until the army left. So I was very touched a few days later to receive a request from their priest, Fr Philip Mutasa, for a thurible. In the midst of the violence they wanted to worship God properly.

On the 10th March I was there to celebrate and preach, and used the beautiful thurible that CBS had provided, blazing hot with live coals (no wimpish ecclesiastical charcoal!) and belching clouds of smoke! The people loved it and their worship was, as always, vibrant and deeply moving. They have a deep sense of the presence of Christ at the Eucharist and it overrides all their fears and anxieties about daily life. The most wonderful thing about the people in Zimbabwe is their resilience and joy in the face of all their hardships, and their love for God. God really is their only hope in trouble.

Father Nicolas Stebbing CR

SOWING SEEDS IN EXPECTATION OF A HARVEST:

How many of us go about our lives, work and witness as Christians with those words firmly in our hearts and prayers?

Is your personal life and that of the local Church community within which you live out your baptismal calling aware that the Love of Christ compels us to go with Him *and to bring others with us*?

How often do you pray that others may hear and respond to the Gospel of Christ? More importantly, do you work to ensure that they do?

Here is a prayer you could use each day:

*“We await your coming
as the parched field waits for the rain;
Lord; drench us with your Love,
and we shall yield a harvest again”*



Let us be honest with ourselves. The Church in every community in our country desperately needs the faithful, both lay and ordained, to sow, water and reap, and to do so full of expectation that the good God will ensure that the harvest is abundant.

Do I hear the oft repeated excuse “But we are so few and we are all in senior years”?

Listen again and more attentively to the four Evangelists who tell us that our Lord called twelve disciples. That’s right, twelve! And they weren’t up to much. One of them betrayed Him; another denied Him; and when He needed them to be strong, they ran away! In spite of this, it is because of *their* witness we know Our Lord.

The secret? As Archbishop Alban Goodier puts it, “They gave themselves away to Him.” During His incarnate life they kept Him company, leaving everything and following after Him. They listened to Him; watched Him; learned from Him. Above all, they learned to pray like Him.

Whatever else is needed to reverse the fortunes of the Church in this present moment, I think there is an urgent need for every individual Christian, lay and ordained, to imitate those first disciples – to listen, watch, learn and pray in the company of the Lord.

Members of this Confraternity should show what that means by seeking His company in the Blessed Sacrament. Do so every day. Simply linger, loiter in His Presence above. When you are with Him, don’t chatter! Only Listen! You will never spend a single minute in His company without coming away with the very blessing He knows that you and your local Church community need. And just before leaving, pray the prayer above.

2019 NATIONAL FESTIVAL

Saturday 8th JUNE 2019
St Matthew's Church
Carver Street, Sheffield, S1 4FT

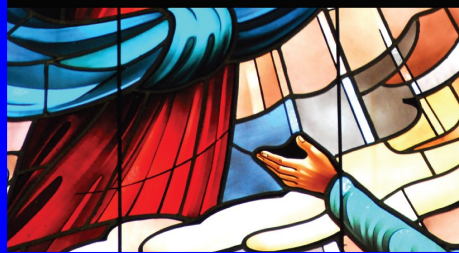
Preacher - The Bishop of Richborough

12 noon

SOLEMN CONCELEBRATED MASS



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13TH JULY 2019 12 NOON
MARY, DISCIPLE OF THE LORD



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