



THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
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Writing for the final time as Superior-General, Bishop Roger Jupp seeks to emphasize the primary object of the Confraternity, the promotion of the honour due to Jesus Christ our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, because within the Eucharist Christ remains true to his promise to abide with us for ever. This was originally delivered as a sermon for Corpus Christi 2022 at St Dunstan-in-the-West, Fleet St in London and at Holy Spirit, Southsea.

“The church is the earthly heaven in which the heavenly God dwells and moves”

(Patriarch Germanus of Constantinople d.733)

The first time I served at the altar was as a fifteen-year-old on Corpus Christi in 1972 and it was the first time I had ever attended a Corpus Christi Mass. So this is my golden anniversary of what as a server I came to recognize as the privilege of having a more intimate share in the Church’s sacramental liturgy, and of that moment when I began to recognize and know the Lord Jesus Christ as the one who is “both Priest and Victim in the Eucharistic Feast.” I had just discovered the catholic worship of the Church of England and its liturgy drew me like a magnet, an irresistible force, into the courts of heaven and the worship of the Lamb. And it still does! On Corpus Christi in 1972 I was thrown in at the deep end, being involved with the handling of sacramental things which, at the time, I did not fully understand although their power gripped me from the first. And they still do! As well as the teaching I received from the unfolding of the Scriptures and from the pulpit, it was also catholic hymnody which taught me much in those early days. Yes, hymns such as *Alleluia, sing to Jesus*, to which I have already alluded, had a profound teaching and emotional effect on me.

As an acolyte within the sanctuary I heard in that hymn these familiar words: “Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest...” And, from then on, I know that I believed in the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. “Faith, our outward sense befriending, makes the inward vision clear.” Those words of St Thomas Aquinas in the *Tantum ergo* we sing whilst kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament at Benediction express the stirring and quickening of my understanding as my heart recognized the crucified and risen Lord Jesus who revealed himself on the altar.

Some of you will know of Charles Wood, Lord Halifax, who was the leading Anglo-Catholic layman of his day who did much to promote the teachings of the Oxford Movement Fathers and their Tractarian successors during the second half of the 19th century and into the first decades of the 20th century, particularly through the English Church Union of which he was president for many years. The inheritance of the catholic traditions in belief and worship you experience here owe much to him and to his influence. His biographer wrote that Lord Halifax was universally respected and loved because he was known to be *“the man who knelt morning after morning at the altar, on the threshold of another world more real to him than the world seen by mortal eye.”* Reading those words recently reminded me of what I believed I experienced all those years ago on that Corpus Christi evening. Here, at the Eucharist, we enter with Jesus, our Great High Priest, through the Temple veil and are brought to that Holy of Holies where we are caught up into the mystery of the heavenly life of God. It is that life – the truer life of heaven which God lives – which God wishes us to live and to share, so much so that, said St Athanasius, in Jesus his Son he “became what we are so that he might make us what he is.”

And these words which Lord Halifax himself wrote in 1930 spoke to me greatly: *“On looking back over the last 75 years I see the best of all good gifts, the gifts of the Holy Communion. Our Lord’s Presence in Sacrament has been the support, the strength and joy of my life. Without it my life would have been such as I tremble to think of, and it is because of all the Blessed Sacrament has been to me that I wish to thank God for it in the most public manner I can...”*

And this is what we will do very soon, as we process with the Blessed Sacrament through the streets, giving thanks to God for his abiding sacramental presence with us in the most public manner we can.

There are some, of course, who would take issue with this belief in the Real Presence of the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. They would see it only as a memorial of Jesus, an act of remembrance alone which reminds us of his sacrifice on Calvary, and a spiritual feeding on him, the bread and wine being only tokens of his atoning death. It began in Jesus’ own day, during the time of his preaching and teaching. After the Feeding of the 5000 in John chapter 6, Jesus gave some extensive teaching about the meaning of this great sign. He said, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst... I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh.” St John tells us that, ‘Many of his disciples, when they heard it, said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” And “After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him.” So, even at the beginning, the meaning of what Jesus meant when he said “I am the Bread of Life” was argued over. Jesus used this “I am” saying six other times in St John’s Gospel: he said “I am the Light of the World... I am

the Door... I am the Good Shepherd... I am the Resurrection and the Life... I am the Way and the Truth and the Life... and I am the Vine." I was taught as early as Sunday School to believe the word of Jesus. Even Queen Elizabeth I is reported as believing the same: when asked her opinion of Christ's presence in the Sacrament, it is said that she answered in this way: "Twas God the word that spake it, He took the bread and brake it, And what the word did make it, That I believe and take it."

So, now, here are some words of another eucharistic hymn on which to end, as we most especially pray today that Jesus Christ may be blessed, praised, and hallowed on his throne of glory, and in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. It comes from the old and largely forgotten *English Catholic Hymn Book*:

*There was a time in England,
A time of faith and love,
When men believed that Jesus
Came down from heav'n above;
Came down, and on his altar,
In consecrated Host,
Vouchsafed to all who sought him
Love to the uttermost.*

It concludes in this way:

*O Mary, God's own Mother,
Pray for our native-land;
And ye, O Saints and Angels,
Around the throne who stand;
Pray for our darken'd country,
That faith may live again,
That Jesus in his Sacrament
Once more supreme may reign!*

May we know Jesus often on the altar, may we come into his presence there with that prayer on our lips and our hearts afire with his love - that faith in Jesus Christ may live again and that in his sacrament once more he may reign supreme. Because, as we sing *Alleluia*, *sing to Jesus*, we sing that his is the sceptre, his the throne, his the triumph, his the victory alone. And he has made of our hearts his kingly throne and in our lives he has made his abiding home. Our baptism into Christ, into his death and resurrection as St Paul says, has brought us into the Church, that place "which is the earthly heaven in which the heavenly God dwells and moves." We are always in his presence and his presence within us through the gift of the Holy Spirit. That lovely Welsh tune to which we sing this hymn, called *Hyfrydol*, means *Good cheer*. That good cheer warms our hearts because the Lord's promise indeed is this: "I am with you evermore."

INTERCESSIONS

SEPTEMBER

- 1 My Ward—its Superior & Members
- 2 S Laurence, Long Eaton
- 3 S Gregory – Church musicians
- 4 **23rd Sunday / Trinity 12 - That we may be faithful to God's New Covenant**
- 5 The Holy Cross, Nottingham
- 6 S Martin, Salisbury
- 7 S Michael, Croydon
- 8 The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary - The Society of Mary
- 9 S Agnes, Kennington
- 10 Corpus et Sanguis Christi, Plumstead
- 11 **24th Sunday / Trinity 13 - That we may give up all to follow Christ**
- 12 S Peter, Streatham
- 13 S John Chrysostom – Preachers
- 14 Holy Cross Day – The Society of the Holy Cross (SSC)
- 15 The Sacred Heart, Bude
- 16 S Mary Star of the Sea, Penzance
- 17 Holy Trinity and S Cadoc, Llandaff
- 18 **25th Sunday / Trinity 14 - That we may rejoice in God's welcome to the lost**
- 19 The Catholic League
- 20 The Martyrs of Korea – Freedom & reconciliation throughout Korea
- 21 S Matthew - Politicians & civil servants
- 22 The Good Shepherd, Guildford
- 23 Corpus Christi, Portsmouth
- 24 Our Lady of Walsingham – The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham
- 25 **26th Sunday / Trinity 15 - That we may bear witness to the truth**
- 26 S Michel due Valle, Guernsey
- 27 S Vincent de Paul – Helpers of the poor
- 28 Blessed Mary McKillop & S Benedict, Melbourne
- 29 S Michael & All Angels – Thanksgiving for the ministry of the angels
- 30 S Jerome – Those who teach and uphold Biblical truth

OCTOBER

- 1 S Therese of Lisieux - Devotion to Christ
- 2 **27th Sunday / Trinity 16 - That the Lord will increase our faith**
- 3 S Thomas Aquinas, Calgary
- 4 S Francis of Assisi – All Franciscans
- 5 Bishop Roger Jupp - Superior General
- 6 S Margaret, Montreal
- 7 S Michael & All Angels, Winnipeg
- 8 S Brigid, Sweden
- 9 **28th Sunday / Trinity 17 - That we may thank the God who has healed us**
- 10 Fr Darren Smith - Treasurer General
- 11 S Michael & All Angels, Bathwick
- 12 All Saints with S Saviour, Weston Super Mare
- 13 S Gregory & S Augustine, Bristol
- 14 The Holy Family, Swindon
- 15 S Teresa of Avila – Renewal of the Religious Life
- 16 29th Sunday / Trinity 18 - That we may pray and never lose heart
- 17 S Ignatius of Antioch – Faithfulness unto death
- 18 S Luke – S Luke's Healthcare for the Clergy
- 19 S Thomas, Birmingham
- 20 Our Lady of the Isle, Wilmcote
- 21 The Holy Family Leamington
- 22 S Faith, Bradford
- 23 **30th Sunday / Last after Trinity - That we may stand with humility before our Judge**
- 24 The Federation of Catholic Priests (FCP)
- 25 S Hilda and St Benedict Joseph Labre, Leeds
- 26 S Wilfrid, Leeds
- 27 Ark of the Covenant, Sheffield
- 28 Ss Simon & Jude – Recovery of the lost
- 29 The Precious Blood, Durham
- 30 **31st Sunday/4 before Advent - That we may rejoice at Christ's presence with us**
- 31 S Benedict, Blyth

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 Gabriel, Worthing
- 4 Our Lady of Deal, Deal
- 5 The Annunciation, Chislehurst
- 6 **32nd Sunday / 3 before Advent - That we may be filled with the vision of God’s glory**
- 7 Christ the King and Stella Maris, Blackpool
- 8 All Saints of England – Saints of our own country
- 9 The Protomartyr, Blackpool
- 10 S Leo the Great – Steadfastness in crisis
- 11 Ss Werburg and Winifred, Wirral and North Wales
- 12 The Precious Blood, Southport
- 13 **33rd Sunday / 2 before Advent – That we may receive strength to fight against evil**
- 14 The CBS Trustees
- 15 The Precious Blood, Swinton & Pendlebury
- 16 The Holy Angels, Brentwood
- 17 The Saints of Essex, Colchester
- 18 The Sacred Passion, Romford
- 19 Isolated members of CBS
- 20 **Christ the King - That all may acknowledge his kingship**
- 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – The Society of Our Lady of Walsingham
- 22 S Cecilia – Church Musicians
- 23 Christ the King, South Benfleet
- 24 S John Vianney, Mid-Essex
- 25 S Anthony, Woodford Green
- 26 Our Lady with S Michael, Thorpe le Soken
- 27 Advent Sunday – Readiness for the day of the Lord
- 28 The Guild of the Servers of the Sanctuary
- 29 The Sacred Heart, Hammerfield
- 30 St 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:

Lay Associates

Dr Gillian James
Richard Godolphin
Bernard Beilby
Gregory Jackson
Anne Wilton
Michael Bourner
Keith Day
Albert Young
Nigel Powell
Sister Katherine Mayel
Brian Appleby

Please also pray for our new members

Lay Associate

Andrew Harris

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DEVOTIONAL ADDRESS GIVEN AT THE GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE ON 9 JULY 2022 BY FR DEAN ATKINS

Leading us to the Streets *John 13:1-17*

He looked nervous and out of place when he walked into the Foodbank. I'll call him "Sam." Sam had just graduated from university and now, maybe, with so many dreams dashed and hopes from the distant past dissolved, he found himself in need.

He had fallen out with his parents and had lost that support so many of us have taken for granted. I asked him if he'd like a coffee whilst he waited for his bags of food. A coffee. Such a simple thing. Something I consume in ridiculous quantities every morning of my life, without giving it much thought, or being too thankful for it, to be honest. "A coffee?" he said, as though I was offering him gold. "Oh, yes please. I can't remember the last time I had a coffee." As we sat across the table over the coffee which I now valued so much more, we talked a little.

Sam told me about the problem with his parents, and how he wasn't very good with money, "And, if I'm honest," he said, with his head lowered, "I drink too much." But tomorrow, he was starting a new job, working in a Buffet Restaurant, and he could see the possibilities, even though he wouldn't be paid for some time yet, and probably wouldn't be paid as much as he once thought his university degree would bring him, there was some hope.

I never saw him again although, in the weeks afterwards, whenever I passed by the restaurant I wondered how he was doing. I still wonder. Some people, cling to you, stand out, stir you in some way, leave their mark. I hope he's ok.

The people who find themselves at a Foodbank are many and varied. There are the ones you may stereotypically expect to see, and those who return, and you're not surprised to see them. Again. And again.

But there are others too. Those who have fled from a broken relationship, the professionals, a former doctor or journalist, those devastated by drugs, the recently released from prison, the sex workers, the homeless, the full-time workers, the stay-at-home carers, those whose minds have been fractured by life, those who have lost their job, their home, their hope, who come to us, sometimes, with a sense of shame, or awkwardness. Those who look nervous and out of place.



Father Dean preaching to the Glastonbury Pilgrims at the afternoon service of Devotions and Benediction

And here we are. We, who dare to believe in Jesus, the Bread of Life, who fed the thousands, and dared to say, 'Come to me all who are burdened by life and I will give you rest.'

How beautiful is this place! And yet this is a place of ruins and lost glory, a place dismantled by politics and religious turmoil, five centuries ago. This is a place where the past lies heavy upon us. A fragile place of dissolved dreams and dashed hopes. We should feel nervous here, and out of place.

Not because of the dismantled walls, the toppled stones of the past, and the lessons of history, but because of what we are doing here. Right now.

We should not be able to look at him – upon the Sacramental presence of Jesus, the Body of Christ, which I consume each day, each week, without, at times, giving it much thought, or being too thankful for it, (to be honest) – without thinking of Sam, and so many others whose hopes have been changed, or snatched from them altogether. Those who need some hope, some friendship, a step up, as they step on.

On the night that Jesus gave us this beautiful gift of himself, a means through which we receive all the benefits of his death and resurrection, a constant sign of his presence, a sharing in his life, he also stooped to the ground to wash his disciples' feet, an act which unsettled St Peter, made him feel nervous, and out of place.

Jesus moves from the table to the grime that lies between the toes, from the food to the feet, from the sacrament to the sweat, from the sweetness to the street.

And we have moved through the street too, through this strange and fascinating town of Glastonbury with its way-out ways, and its alternative spiritual awakenings, moving with Christ, the Bread of Life, singing of the wonderful way in which Jesus is present among us in the Sacrament of the Altar, feeding us, leading us, changing us.

Maybe much of what we did through the streets, was a mystery to those who witnessed it, but, here, as you sit and sing and smile and love... think of Sam... and all those who are hungry for food, for friendship, for hope.

"Lord to whom shall we go, you have the message of eternal life?"

Ah, those words of St Peter which embrace both a sense of hopelessness and hope. We have no one or nowhere to go to.....we are hopeless... but you, Lord... are our hope.

Life is fragile, and full of ruined dreams, and hopeless situations, and toppled stones, and so often we feel nervous and out of place. Strangers in a strange land.

But our only hope lies in Christ, who is here, in our midst, upon this altar, feeding our souls, leading us to the streets, leading us to Sam... and Janet, and Laura... and Tianie and Layla and Mohammed... and Stephen and Bill and Barbara... and Ahmed, and Derek... and Sarah, and Sophie and James... and Fiona and Spencer and Jake ... and.....

NATIONAL FESTIVAL 2022
Saturday 10th September
12 Noon Solemn Mass

at St Stephen's Church,
Gloucester Road,
London, SW7 4RL

The celebrant & preacher will be
Bishop Roger Jupp
Superior-General

*This event was postponed from June
because of the rail strike*

COUNCIL-GENERAL 2022
Tuesday 11th October

11.30 am Mass at St James' Church,
Garlickhythe, London EC4V 2AF

followed by meeting at
CCLA Offices

1 Angel Lane, London EC4R 3AB

Lunch will be provided

***District Superiors & Lay Reps
are encouraged to attend***