



# CBS

**THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
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## **BISHOP GLYN WRITES:**



It's a great honour to take up this position as Superior General of CBS, with which I have links stretching back over many years. I am very much aware of the legacy in which I find myself, and I would like to pay tribute to and thank my predecessor, Bishop Roger Jupp, for his devoted care of CBS during his tenure, and assure him of my prayers for the future. During his time, many grants were awarded, and worthy projects undertaken, enabling what is the oldest devotional society in the Church of England to continue its work of supporting parishes in celebrating the Eucharist - the source and summit of our Christian life.

The purpose of CBS is that of a confraternity (brotherhood) of men and women praying and working for a greater devotion to Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, to honour Our Lord in the real presence of the Blessed Sacrament. It is this purpose which has been at the heart of my own spirituality since my confirmation in 1963 and my subsequent encounters with Catholic worship, and I am humbled to take on the role of superior general at this time. Indeed, the very heart of the Christian faith, whatever part of the Church we find ourselves in, is a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, who commanded us to "do this in remembrance of me," (Luke 22:19) and my prayer is that CBS will continue to place Our Lord's command at the heart of everything we do, even in the uncertain times we live.

One of the Church's newest blessed is the amazing Italian teenager, Blessed Carlo Acutis, whose documenting of Eucharistic miracles has inspired many to return to the source and summit of our faith. He wrote "the Eucharist is the highway to heaven," meaning not only is it the way we travel, but a promise of future hope, too. In the months and years to come, may we, too, continue to travel that same highway, sustained by that heavenly promise, foreshadowed in the Eucharist - our food for the journey.

With my love and prayers,

+ Glyn.

## NEWS FROM ROOT



During these times of uncertainty and industrial action it is difficult to organise anything. Because of this the ROOT (Religious of Orthodox Tradition) committee decided to cancel the planned 'Taster Day' in St Peter's Horbury and replace it with a morning Zoom meeting. Organised at very short notice it was unclear how many people would attend but, in the end, a good number of people interested in exploring possible Vocations to Religious Life signed on.

The theme of the morning was discernment and, after a welcome from Bishop Tony Robinson (Lead Bishop of the Society for Religious Life) Br Joseph Emmanuel SSF (a CBS Trustee) and Sr Margaret Theresa SLG contributed presentations on the subject. Br Joe spoke about the discernment process which most Religious Communities follow (as a former Novice Guardian he was able to speak from experience) and Sr Margaret Theresa spoke about how one might counter the fears – often grounded in inaccurate stereotypes – one might encounter from family and friends on embarking on such a course of discernment. Although this particular Taster morning did not cost anything (other than a Zoom subscription) the ROOT committee are grateful to CBS for offering to resource future days seeing them as a gift not only for Traditionalists but to the wider Church. The presence of Religious Communities who witness – through their lives – to the centrality of prayer and service to the poorest and most vulnerable is a vital part of our Anglican witness and something we share completely with our Brothers and Sisters of East and West. However...The lack of Vocations to Religious Life is concerning; the Traditionalist constituency is fortunate to have many candidates for Ordained Ministry and to have a wonderfully capable and committed lay membership but... our Religious Communities are small and they are getting smaller. Unless people seriously ask the question whether God might be calling them to Religious Life (and Priests preach about the possibility) the future of Religious Communities in the Church of England is uncertain at best. Might **YOU** be called to Religious Life? Might **YOU** know someone who might be? When was the last time **YOUR** Priest preached about Religious Life or Vocations to Religious Life. The future of Religious life in the Church is not only in God's hands; it is also in ours.

## THANK YOU FROM ST SALVADOR'S



St. Salvador's Scottish Episcopal Church is a growing church in Stenhouse, a neighbourhood of multiple deprivation to the west of Edinburgh city centre. Informed by its Catholic heritage, St. Salvador's seeks to incarnate itself in the life of its surrounding community. One of the principal ways in which we do this is through our Community Food Initiative, which we host every Wednesday. Each week we give away around one-hundred bags of food. The Community Food Initiative is always preceded by a Mass because we want to make explicit the connection between the bread we share during the Eucharist and the food parcels that we give away. In other words,

the connection between spiritual and material food. For it is through the Eucharist that Christ gives himself to us and enables us to do the work of God in the world.

Given the importance of acknowledging the sacramental presence of Christ in our midst, we are thankful to the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament for the gift of a new sanctuary lamp. It is both a vast improvement on the lamp that preceded it and an important aid to our ministry. The flickering flame of the sanctuary lamp is a constant reminder of Christ's presence. As the light of the sanctuary lamp is visible to those who pass by the church, it also speaks to the truth that Christ is the light who shines in the darkness. It is our prayer that the light that shines from the lamp will speak to those who enter or pass St. Salvador's of the one who can dispel the darkness in our lives and the world.



# INTERCESSIONS

## MARCH

- 1 S David – Credo Cymru
- 2 Our Lady, at Saint Mary Steps, Exeter
- 3 S Peter Plymouth
- 4 For Vocations to the Priesthood
- 5 **Lent II – That we might listen faithfully to Christ**
- 6 My District – its Superior & Members
- 7 S Margaret-Mary Alacoque, Cheltenham
- 8 The Little Flower, Longton
- 9 Our Lady and S Andrew, Newcastle under Lyme
- 10 Ss Mary and Dominic, Friar Park
- 11 The Holy Grail, Wolverhampton
- 12 **Lent III – That we may see in Christ the Wisdom of God**
- 13 My Ward – its Superior & Members
- 14 The Sacred Heart, Lincoln
- 15 S Magnus, City of London
- 16 For all Faithful Theologians
- 17 S Patrick – Christians in Ireland
- 18 The Catholic League
- 19 **Lent IV – For those women called by God to be Mothers**
- 20 St Joseph – Husbands & fathers
- 21 The Sacred Heart with S Andrew, East Finchley
- 22 Adoremus, Hanworth
- 23 Alexander Mackonochie, Holborn
- 24 Corpus Christi, Kenton
- 25 The Annunciation – Thanksgiving for God's promise fulfilled
- 26 **Lent V – For all preparing for Holy Week**
- 27 Our Lady and S George, Winchmore Hill
- 28 S Giles, Reading
- 29 For Vocations to the Religious Life
- 30 For all Lay Ministers of the Gospel
- 31 Bishop Glyn Webster, our Superior General

## APRIL

- 1 S Laurence, Long Eaton
- 2 **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Strength to follow the Way of the Cross**
- 3 **Monday in Holy Week** – Confessors and Spiritual Directors
- 4 **Tuesday in Holy Week** – Grace to make a good confession
- 5 **Wednesday in Holy Week** – The Society of the Holy Cross (SSC)
- 6 **Maunder Thursday** – Thanksgiving for the institution of the Eucharist
- 7 **Good Friday** – Thanksgiving for our Redemption
- 8 **Easter Eve** – The Guild of All Souls & all the Faithful Departed
- 9 **Easter Day – Thanksgiving for the Resurrection**
- 10 The Holy Cross, Nottingham
- 11 The Sacred Heart, Bude
- 12 S Martin, Salisbury
- 13 S Michael, Croydon
- 14 S Agnes, Kennington
- 15 Corpus et Sanguis Christi, Plumstead
- 16 **Easter II – Those who have not seen but believed**
- 17 S Mary Star of the Sea, Penzance
- 18 Holy Trinity and S Cadoc, Llandaff
- 19 Fr Darren Smith, Our Treasurer General
- 20 For our Benefactors
- 21 The Good Shepherd, Guildford
- 22 Corpus Christi, Portsmouth
- 23 **Easter III – That we may know Christ in the Breaking of the Bread**
- 24 S George – Christians in England
- 25 S Mark – Persecuted Christians in Egypt
- 26 S George – Christians in England, the Ukraine, Ethiopia and Georgia
- 27 Fr Paul Hutchins, our Secretary General
- 28 S Michel due Valle, Guernsey
- 29 Blessed Mary McKillop & S Benedict, Melbourne
- 30 **Easter IV – That we may come to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd**

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## MAY

- 1 S Joseph the Worker – For the dignity of all workers
- 2 S Athanasius – Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham
- 3 Ss Philip & James – Society Bishops
- 4 The English Martyrs – The Anglican/Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC)
- 5 S Margaret, Montreal
- 6 **HM King Charles on his Coronation**  
S Michael & All Angels, Winnipeg
- 7 **Easter V – That we remain grafted to the True Vine**
- 8 S Michael & All Angels, Winnipeg
- 9 S Michael & All Angels, Bathwick
- 10 S Brigit, Sweden
- 11 S Gregory & S Augustine, Bristol
- 12 The Holy Family, Swindon
- 13 S Thomas, Birmingham
- 14 **Easter VI – That we may be signs of God's love in the world**
- 15 Our Lady of the Isle, Wilmcote
- 16 The Holy Family Leamington
- 17 S Faith, Bradford
- 18 **The Ascension** – That we may reign with Christ
- 19 S Hilda and St Benedict Joseph Labre, Leeds
- 20 S Wilfrid, Leeds
- 21 **Easter VII – That we may be consecrated in the Truth of Christ**
- 22 Ark of the Covenant, Sheffield
- 23 CBS Trustees
- 24 The Precious Blood, Durham
- 25 S Benedict, Blyth
- 26 Isolated Associates on the Secretary General's List
- 27 S Augustine of Canterbury – For the Church in England
- 28 **Pentecost Sunday – That we may be renewed in the Spirit of Christ.**
- 29 **The National Pilgrimage to Walsingham – For all Shrines of the Incarnation**
- 30 The Annunciation, Chislehurst
- 31 The Visitation – The Society of Mary

## 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

David Brown  
John Llewellyn  
Jenny Jones  
Pamela Wood  
Rick Savage  
Eileen Adams

Please also pray for our new members

### Priests Associate

Father Roger Butcher

Would you like to contribute to the Quarterly, passing on your news to others, & sharing events? Then please forward any contributions to [josephemmanuelssf@franciscans.org.uk](mailto:josephemmanuelssf@franciscans.org.uk)

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## FATHER PAUL NOBLE WRITES



Over the last two or three years, one of the factors that's been identified as bringing about church growth has been the opportunities provided by the use of good music in worship. Only a small number of churches these days can depend on having a surpliced choir in the chancel that was once the norm. In trying to spur into growth a City Anglo-Catholic Church, that had been under threat of closure or even an HTB takeover, we identified two key elements- Good Liturgy and Good Music. We also wanted to offer Sunday worship

other than the main 9.30am Sung Mass. For a Catholic Parish, any alternative would still ideally involve a focus on the Sacramental presence of Christ in the Eucharist even if alternative worship at different times was not a Mass. Devotion to and reverence of Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar was, we believed, crucial to maintaining a Catholic understanding of what a worshipping community was essentially all about. Finally we desired outreach into local schools and the local community. A bid to the Diocese's newly launched "Transformation Fund" in early 2020 was not wholly successful. A grant was made but the grants' ceiling had not at that stage been raised to the level of funding required by our project. We wished to appoint a .5 Music Minister who would be tasked with leading community and school projects, recruit a cohort of young (University Students) Choral Scholars with an annual bursary in return for the commitment to sing a specified number of Sundays and Solemnities. The additional worship would be what had once been the usual Sunday evening worship in our churches- Solemn Evensong and Benediction. By October 2021 the Diocese had re-jigged its grants and All Saints, Monks Road Lincoln was the first parish in the Diocese to receive a grant over three years at the maximum level of funding now available. By February 2022 we had appointed an excellently qualified candidate as Music Outreach Minister to start work after Easter and recruited for him six Choral Scholars for the remainder of the Academic Year. From their starting with us the Choral Scholars have been such an asset to our worship and they quickly became part of our worshipping family and All Saints started to be known for the quality of the worship





offered. The Diocese required targets for church growth, outreach etc. which were already met for the first year by the time an Archdeacon came in early summer for the first evaluation. Corpus Christi Sunday with an outdoor procession and a congregation of almost 50 was a high point. A few years ago when things were at their leanest the congregation struggled to get into double figures. A weekday period of Eucharistic Adoration was started in 2020 and in July with a recruited volunteer choir of sixteen the Sunday service of Solemn Evensong and Benediction took place for the first time in decades. For most of those taking part in the choir and many in the congregation this was their first experience of the worship of Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament. There is teaching to do here- but from comments afterwards just to experience it was quite something. So we gear up for September when we plan Evensong and Benediction twice a month and on the other Sundays- at a bit later than 6.00pm- Plainsong Compline (Candlelit?) and quieter prayer before the Blessed Sacrament with food and drinks for students and other worshippers. And the occasional visit to other of our churches

in this Diocese who won't have our resources, to encourage the revival of Eucharistic Adoration in their people too. We were given a hefty grant by the Diocese, who recognised the significance of this project for churches of our tradition but were still left as a parish to look for other funding sources and our own fund-raising efforts to make up the shortfall and to make provision for when the three years are up. The generous grant given by CBS Trustees in July makes it now possible for us to see this through. We have further targets to attain for congregation growth and numbers of children and adults we are reaching out to. What cannot be evaluated though, and what is more important to us is how many don't just attend but come to find Christ in the Mass itself, in receiving him in Holy Communion and also rejoicing in His Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Good Liturgy and Good Music cannot be an end in themselves. For us they are tools, superb and wonderful tools, but still basically tools in Catholic Mission to proclaim Christ Jesus and to bring men and women, young and old to faith in Him.



**NATIONAL FESTIVAL**  
**SATURDAY 17th JUNE 2023 12 NOON**  
**at SAINT GEORGE'S CHURCH PRESTON**  
**Georges Road, Lune Street, Preston, PR1 2NP**