

THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2023



#### THE SECRETARY GENERAL WRITES:

Dear Friends and Supporters,,

As well as being a significant supporter directly to the Shrine for this years' Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage, CBS are pleased to announce the availability of grants to parishes to enable them to attend this flagship Catholic youth event, in the heart of England's Nazareth.

In order to reduce the burden of complicated application forms, all CBS are requesting from parishes is that they e mail or write directly to me with an idea of how many young people they are taking, and what level of support parishes are looking for.

Please make contact me, either by e mail: secretary@confraternity.org.uk

or write directly to me at our administrative hq:

Father Paul Hutchins, c/o The Additional Curates Society,

16 Commercial Street, Birmingham, B1 1RS

All applications will be acknowledged, but do hurry because time is limited.

Prayers and best wishes,

**Father Paul Hutchins** 



# FATHER DAVID FISHER WRITES "Less than the Ordinary Life Lived in the Lord Jesus



When I was newly inducted into the Parish of Sarum St. Martin a message came to me from one of our parishioners: 'Why has he not visited me? Tell him to turn up!' The name of the lady who sent this message was Margery Bodger and she was one of the housebound members of the congregation. With some anxiety I set off on my bike to

visit her in her flat in Culver Street. I pressed the bell, the door opened and I expected to meet a dragon of a lady; I could not have been more mistaken. Over the next few years I came to hugely value taking Holy Communion to her in her Culver Street flat, the first call after Mass on Tuesday.

By the time that I knew Margery she was effectively housebound, she particularly had an infection in her legs which were dressed in bandages. Yet, in spite of this never once did I hear her complain of her situation. After she received Holy Communion we would sit and talk, and she would tell me about Salisbury. She would talk of the chequer plan used to construct the city in the 13th century; Culver Street is in Barnard's Cross. She had been born on Culver Street and had returned there, now completely rebuilt, after war work in Portsmouth, pulling pints for sailors off Royal Navy ships and a spell in Bishopdown and around the corner in Paynes Hill. She told me the origin of the name of Love Lane (ask me privately). She told me of the mission Church of St. Mary Magdelene where she worshipped as a girl; a tin mission church, now long gone, where her brother pumped the organ whilst pulling faces at the choir successfully getting the girls to giggle much to the annoyance of the choir master.

She was baptised, confirmed and married in her Church, Sarum St. Martin; eventually she would be buried from there. She told me so many tales of Old Salsibury, of how her father and his brothers would catch eels in the culverts that run under many of the streets of the city; I think the Dean has those as part of his emoluments! More talk of the Cow Walloper pictured on the Milford Street mural. She was endlessly fascinating in her tales and endlessly full of joy. And she was endlessly full of the Spirit of the Lord Jesus.

Margery read her Scriptures each day. Spending so much time sitting in one place, she prayed long and deeply a conversation with her Lord. She thanked Him continuously for all the good things that He had given her down her long life. And above all she relished with deep joy her Holy Communion of the Lord's Body and Blood.

It is said that we never stop learning. With Margery I learnt so much about this city and its past way of life. Yet there was one lesson that she taught me above all. It truly is the foundational fact of Christian living that, unless we are established in regular Holy Communion with the Lord Jesus our Christian life barely gets going. I never heard Margery complain; I regularly received her thanks for bringing to her flat the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus under the sacramental signs that His life might be hers, yet the thanks should have been mine to her.

One day I was sitting in the Rectory when a knock came at the front door, it was a nephew of Margery who handed me a cheque for £500; 'Margery wants the Church to benefit now, not to be waiting until she dies!' Here she is, sitting on the Presidential Chair that the money went towards. Such were many of her acts of generosity to her Parish Church.

A long life, a good life, a life lived in the Lord Jesus, sustained by Him in His Most Blessed Sacrament. A life that taught many priests who have served at Sarum St. Martin what the Christian life is.

God Bless you Margery: May Jesus whom you loved have mercy upon you, and may His Holy Mother pray for you.



### **INTERCESSIONS**

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JUNE			JULY	
1	Our Lord Jesus Christ,		1	S Anne, Hove
	Eternal High Priest		2	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday / Trinity 4 - That the
2	Christ the King and			Church may fulfil its prophetic role
	Stella Maris, Blackpool		3	Ss Mary and Nicolas, Lancing College
3	The Protomartyr, Blackpool		4	My Ward – its Superior and Members
4	Trinity Sunday –		5	Our Lady of Littlehampton,
	Thanksgiving for God's self-revelation			Littlehampton
5	Ss Werburg and Winifred,		6	Anima Christi, St Leonards on Sea
	Wirral and North Wales		7	S Cuthman, Storrington Deanery
6	The Precious Blood, Southport		8	The Society Bishops
7	The Precious Blood,		9	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday / Trinity 5 – That we may
	Swinton and Pendlebury			spread the Good News of Christ
8	CORPUS CHRISTI – Thanksgiving for		10	S Gabriel, Worthing
	the gift of the Lord's Body and Blood		11	S Benedict – All Benedictine Monks
8	The Holy Angels, Brentwood			and Nuns
9	The Saints of Essex, Colchester		12	Our Lady & Corpus Christi, Cambridge
10	The Sacred Passion, Romford		13	S Edmund, King & Martyr,
11	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time/			Downham Market
	Trinity 1 – For renewal in the Church		14	S Mary, Great Yarmouth
12	Ss Werburg and Winifred,		15	S Bonaventure – Teachers of the Faith
	Wirral and North Wales		16	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday / Trinity 6 – That our
13	S Anthony of Padua –			ps may be true and faithful shepherds
	For Franciscan Friars and Sisters		17	Bishop Glyn Webster,
14	Christ the King, South Benfleet			our Superior General
15	S John Vianney, Mid-Essex		18	Our Lady, Walsingham
16	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – For the		19	Forward in Faith
	Compassion to flourish in the world		20	Our Lady, at Saint Mary Steps, Exeter
17	S Anthony, Woodford Green		21 22	Fr Darren Smith, our Treasurer General
18	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time / Trinity			S Mary Magdalene –
	the preservation of the Parish system		23	we may bear witness to the Resurrection  16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday / Trinity 7 –
19	Our Lady with S Michael,		25	
20	Thorpe le Soken		24	Thanksgiving for the Lord who feeds us St Charbel Makhluf –
20 21	The Sacred Heart, Hammerfield		24	for the Persecuted Church
22	Our Lady, Letchworth Ss.John Fisher and Thomas More – For		25	S James the Apostle - Pilgrims
	ty in public life		26	Ss Anne and Joachim - Grandparents
23	The Annunciation, Brighton		27	Fr Paul Hutchins, our Secretary-General
24	The Birth of John the Baptist –		28	S Peter Plymouth
	e may rejoice in the Lord's presence		29	Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus –
25	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time /			Christian hospitality
23	Trinity 3 – For our Bishop		30	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday / Trinity 8 –
26	S Saviour and S Peter, Eastbourne			we hunger for the bread Christ gives us
27	My Ward – its Superior and Members		31	S Ignatius of Loyola –
28	The Transfiguration, Haywards Heath			For all Spiritual Directors
29	Ss Peter & Paul – Those to be ordained			
30	The Precious Blood, Horsham			
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	AUGUST			
1	S Margaret-Mary Alacoque,			
	Cheltenham			
2	The Little Flower, Longton			
3	The CBS Trustees			
4	S John Vianney – Parish Priests			
5	Our Lady and S Andrew,			
	Newcastle under Lyme			
6	The Transfiguration –			
	That we may listen to God's Son			
7	S Sixtus – for Pope Francis			
8	S Dominic – Christian Teachers			
9	S Teresa Benedicta –			
	Our Jewish Brothers and Sisters			
10	S Laurence – For all Distinctive Deacons			
	a revival of the Diaconate in the Church.			
11	S Clare – Poor Clare Sisters			
12	Ss Mary and Dominic, Friar Park			
13	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time /			
	Trinity 10 – That we will receive the			
	Eucharist with thanksgiving			
14	The Holy Grail, Wolverhampton			
15	The Assumption –			
	For the Society of Mary			
16	The Sacred Heart, Lincoln			
17	S Magnus, City of London			
18	The Sacred Heart with S Andrew,			
10	East Finchley			
19	Adoremus, Hanworth			
20	20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time /			
	Trinity 11 – That we will remain faithful to Christ			
21	Alexander Mackonochie, Holborn			
22	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin –			
22	the Shrines of Our Lady in these isles.			
23	Corpus Christi, Kenton			
24	Isolated members of our Confraternity			
25	Our Lady and S George, Winchmore Hill			
26	S Giles, Reading			
27	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time /			
21	Trinity 12 – That we will witness to			
	Christ in word and deed			
28	St Augustine of Hippo – All Theologians;			
20	that they would be faithful to Tradition			
29	The Passion of S John Baptist – The			
	of St John and its charitable foundations			
30	Ss.Margaret Clitheroe, Anne Line and			
	et Ward – for those who are persecuted			
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S Francis, Derby

#### 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

Granville Stone

Please also pray for our new members

#### Lay Associates

Colin Tincknell Brendan Whelan Jan Rowlands James Aitken Daphne Foreman

## **COUNCIL-GENERAL TUESDAY 10th OCTOBER** AT CCLA

1 Angel Lane, London EC4R 3AB

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

Material for the next edition must be received by 1st August 2023

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## FATHER MARK SOADY RECTOR OF TARLETON & RUFFORD

#### CHOIR CHURCH GETS UNDERWAY AT TARLETON WITH HELP FROM CBS

Following a grant from CBS a new initiative has been launched at Tarleton in the Diocese of Blackburn.

Choir Church is a new model of worshiping based around a children's choir and the Mass. It offers worship, musical excellence, and spiritual formation designed to build and grow congregation. The Choir sing high quality music at a regular Mass to which the choristers invited their families, teachers and friends. Another aspect of Choir Church is Social Justice. The Choristers will shortly choose a campaign to enable them to fulfil Jesus command to challenge injustice.

Following a period of recruitment Choir Church was launched at Tarleton Holy Trinity School in January. The Choir was formally Inaugurated by the Rector, Fr Mark Soady SSC at a Mass for the Feast of St Blaize, when he Blessed the throats of the Choristers. Fr Mark told us "We average 15 in the after school club on Friday evenings and our Masses are attended by around 40 people."



# CBS 2023 NATIONAL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 17th JUNE 2023 12 NOON

at Saint George's Church Preston Georges Road, Lune Street, Preston, PR1 2N

Bookings to ACS on 0121 382 5533 or email info@additionalcurates.co.uk



## FATHER TOM WOOLFORD OF ALL SAINTS NEW LONGTON WRITES ABOUT A RESIDENTIAL COURSE

During October half-term, our parish of New Longton All Saints took 27 children and young people on a three-day residential holiday to Bowley Scout Camp. The majority of the cohort, ranging in age from 9 to 15, were among those being prepared for Confirmation, coming up this year on St Andrew's day. Alongside a packed schedule of outdoor and indoor games and activities (from grass sledging to orienteering), the young people were taught across six sessions on the life of prayer, structured around the Lord's Prayer. +Philip North, Bishop of Burnley (who will be conducting the Confirmations later this month), himself delivered the first teaching session, reflecting in



his usual fun and engaging manner on the privilege of prayer, the fatherhood of God, and the holiness of his name. Andy Brown, the diocesan youth advisor, taught four further sessions on prayer, and Fr Tom (the parish priest) led the final act of worship, which included anointing the confirmands with the Oil of Catechumens.



It is the first time any such residential trip has been put on in the parish and reflects the encouraging recent growth in the number of children and young people engaged in the life of our church. Thanks to a generous grant from CBS, the parish was able to offer places on the residential to all families at half the cost price and could even provide two spaces for free for a family that could otherwise not afford to send their teenagers. Even in our relatively affluent village, working families in particular are feeling the squeeze of the cost-of-living crisis this autumn-winter. When we were able to drop the price on receipt of the CBS grant, another 10 young people booked on in the following week or so. The young people and children had a brilliant time—friendships were forged and strengthened, wholesome fun was had, the group grew closer to God and to one another. We anticipate this residential trip now becoming an annual fixture.



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