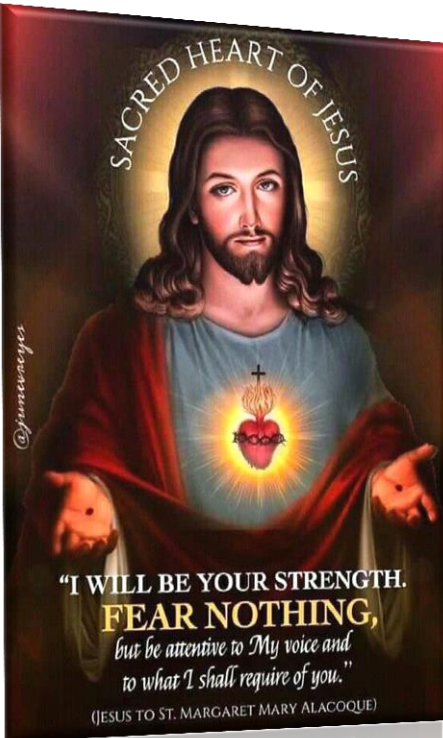


TYBURN NEWSLETTER

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SACRED HEART 2020



As to persons living in the world, they shall find in this devotion all the aids necessary in their state of life: peace in their homes, consolation in their work, the blessing of heaven upon all their enterprises, comfort in their sorrows, a secure refuge during life and especially at the hours of death. It is plainly evident that there is no one in the world who will not receive all kinds of heavenly blessings if they have a true love of Jesus Christ manifested by a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690)

It is difficult to remember if anything happened this year besides the pandemic of corona virus. Here in the monastery, we found the time of lockdown not very different to ordinary times. It was of course incredibly quiet, without the visitors and guests who are usually never lacking, and particularly without anyone to join in the Holy Mass and prayers. We were blessed to have daily Mass since our chaplain was locked down here

also. He often included you all in the Mass intention: all those who would have loved to be present at Mass and could not be there. We welcomed you spiritually. It was the first time in history that attendance at the Holy Mass was stopped by the church leaders! Like many others we turned to the Blessed Virgin, asking her protection in a daily rosary and prayers, as well as spending extra time before the Blessed Sacrament. It was distressing to hear of the many who suffered and died without the Sacraments and were even unable to be accompanied by their families. Yet we can all trust that the good Lord would provide the consolation that they needed at that time, and be the true Friend that He is to all, especially to those who call on Him. Many of our monasteries in harder hit countries were keeping a register of those with the virus who needed prayers, and were grateful that all who were prayed for survived, including a 91 year old lady. We continue to pray for those now experiencing economic difficulties as a result of the virus.

The positive side of the lockdown was the generosity shown by many. In one monastery an erroneous report got out that the Sisters were down to one meal a day. Immediately gifts of food arrived and what appeared to be most of the produce of a fruit shop! In Italy we heard of an elderly priest who asked that his respirator be given to a younger person with the virus, and so he passed to the Lord. Other priests in the US and elsewhere organized drive-in Confessions and Communion. In our own country, as you may have read, one of the earliest



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cases was a man who returned from the US, unknowingly carrying the virus. He went to Mass, and was a Eucharistic minister. All those who received the Precious Blood after him had to go into quarantine, yet not one caught the virus, and the man himself recovered quickly. Considering the contagiousness of the virus, this is rather extraordinary and reminds us of Christ's real presence in the Sacrament of Communion as well as the fact that God is not bound by the laws of nature which He made.



Drive in Confession

DEPARTURES



Just before the lockdown, we laid to rest our dear Mother Angela who had been living at our monastery in Bombay since 2014. She was still Prioress when she became ill, and had even been doing her daily hour of gardening. She had a week in hospital and then returned to the monastery where the Sisters and Oblates cared for her with



much love. There was always someone with her round the clock day and night. A highlight of her last days was being taken outside in a wheelchair for fresh air and to see the gardens, even though it was hard for her to be moved. Her big smile and sense of humour remained with her throughout her illness. She received the Sacrament of the sick many times thanks to the kind priests who visited her. On the 17th March she passed to the Lord in peace, surrounded by the community and oblates praying for her. On the 21st, after a Mass said for her in Bombay, she was brought here for the burial rites. We felt a joyful presence during the services, and are sure she is happy with the Lord now.



We also lost Mother Cyril in Australia two days earlier on the 15th, the saintly Novice Mistress of most of us here, and of about half of our Congregation, and believe she is interceding for us with Mother Angela, part of the great communion of the saints and the Church Triumphant.



THE WORLD OF FIÆLL ERDA



Early in January we welcomed our dear Mother General for a visit and also were happy to host the children's camp Silverion, created and organized by Daniel Cote Davis with the help of many of his family and friends. The purpose of this medieval adventure camp, in the words of their website mission statement is: "In the realm of Silverion, it is our desire to help young people encounter the Divine through adventure and mystery. The experience of

Silverion aims to open boys and girls to receive God's love and mercy through Christ and Our Lady..." "A deep sense of fellowship, discipline and of the spiritual battle is instilled in the lives of the young people, as they encounter the saving power of Christ through the symbolic and archetypal world of



Silverion.” We enjoyed watching parts of the drama from afar and were admitted to the final battle as visitors. Daniel assured us that the children would defend us to the death, and we did indeed come through it alive and unscathed. We pray that it may help bring the faith to life for all the children.

OTHER EVENTS...

February brought us the long awaited visit of the postulators for the cause for Canonization of Mother Marie Adele Garnier, our Foundress. The Commission, which consisted of Monsignor Tasciotti with Alan Kershaw and James Carr, arrived on the 15th and they immediately began interviewing those who wished to testify to their devotion to Mother Marie Adele and the influence they felt she had in their lives. This process needs to be done in each country where we are established so it will be yet some time before this step is completed.



Shortly after that Mothers Rachel and Joanna were received as citizens of New Zealand in a ceremony at Rotorua. They were among 31 other people from 14 different countries also becoming citizens and they enjoyed hearing an account from each person of their coming and staying in New Zealand which was interesting. The Mayor Steve Chadwick gave them a warm welcome.

On the farm our young alpacas continue to grow well though not yet as tall as their mothers. With the increased competition for food we no longer need to stand and call for 10 minutes until they come. It is now a problem of getting mobbed on entering the gate by 6 hungry alpacas. They have plenty of grass, but like everyone else they enjoy treats of lucerne and pellets better.



Joy



Three heads are better than one at eating time!

On Pentecost Sunday we rung bells as we always do to welcome the coming of the Holy Spirit, but this year we rang with special joy and vigour as people were now allowed to come and participate in the Holy Mass. Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church, because it commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles. That gave them the courage to go out of their lockdown and begin to spread the Good News of Christ. This year it really was a new birthday of the Church in New Zealand, at least in our diocese, and hopefully shortly for all places.



We wish you all every grace and blessing on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, and the Mass on that day will be offered for the intentions of all of you, in gratitude for the support you offer in many different ways. May God bless you!

The Tyburn Nuns
Ngakuru, Rotorua.



“May the Sacred Heart Himself assist you! May the Mother of God comfort you, and watch over those who are dear to you.” Mother Marie Adele Garnier.



If anyone has unwanted used Christmas cards we would be glad to receive them for recycling. Thank you!