

SISTERS ADORERS OF THE ROYAL HEART OF JESUS SOVEREIGN PRIEST



ST AUGUSTINE'S CONVENT

SUMMER 2019

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

Summer is here and the great liturgical feasts in which our souls have rejoiced since Easter have drawn to a close. We are now very happy to share with you more joyful news of our small community here in Preston.

Through our life, we wish to make present the Adoration due to God in a world which forgets and denies Him. Consecrated to the Royal Heart of Jesus, Sovereign Priest, it is in the total offering of ourselves to the Sacred Heart that we have the joy not only to lead a contemplative but also an apostolic life, similar to the Canons in Preston.

Two of our Sisters are teaching at St. Benedict's Academy, and they often come back to the house with amusing anecdotes which brighten our recreation. Our parish life is also a source of joy, for example the 'Victorian Tea Party' with our faithful in frock coats, the arts and crafts for Mothers' day with the children and their fathers, and our visits to the care home with the Canons.

For the first time during Holy Week at Preston, your Sisters sang the Responses of Matins during the office of Tenebrae; it was such a grace to sing these most ancient pages of the Roman Breviary. The statues of English Martyrs were all veiled in purple and the Sisters were high up on ladders to prepare the sanctuary, set up the Altar of Repose and then all the great work for Easter – without forgetting the Easter egg hunt with the children.

Our vocation is to help the Canons offer to the Holy Trinity and to the Christian people the most beautiful and dignified liturgy, especially by singing at Mass, after numerous practices; to care for the sacred vestments, sacristy and altar linens, as well as offering all of the little ordinary works such as weeding for the Corpus Christi procession or gardening around the Church.

Our superiors often tell us that our entire life must be one of continual prayer because nothing must escape the loving embrace of Our Lord...

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Community visit to York



Community time with the Sisters of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
(Syro-Malabar community)



Procession through the streets with
parishioners of St Walburge's



Holy Week in Preston: Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday (English Martyrs') and Veneration of the recumbent statue of Christ on Good Friday (St Walburge's)

Ora et Labora - life at the Convent



Decorating the house: Christ the King always has the first place in all our houses



Sewing sacred vestments during the time of recreation



Violin lessons



Teaching at St Benedict's Academy



Gardening: restoration and cleaning of the old fountain of the house garden

We have also taken the time to decorate our own house, St Augustine's, which is attracting more and more young women to visit us, to have the faithful over for a meal and recently, violin lessons given by one of our sisters.

We had the great joy to pray in the footsteps of St. Margaret Clitherow during a community outing to York. Pilgrimages organised by the Institute, (to Ladywell, close to Preston and Holywell, in Wales), allow us to learn more about the Catholic heritage of this dear country. We also spent a day in London for administrative purposes, and took time to admire Buckingham Palace and Westminster Cathedral.

Very often, God's Providence rewards us with beautiful acquaintances and numerous people wishing to speak and confide their sufferings or their intentions to us.

Dear friends, with these pieces of news, we would like most of all to thank you for your faithful support. Without it, we would not be able to live here in Preston, helping others to discover the riches of the Catholic Faith and to approach the sacraments.

You are in our daily prayers close to the King of kings and the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

May God bless you and Our Lady of Walsingham protect you!

Your Sisters Adorers

Your Sisters need your help!

For the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls, we have taken up a life of poverty as part of our vocation. Having no income from our contemplative life, we rely solely on the generosity and charity of our friends to pay for our necessary expenditures. We would be most grateful if you could help us financially.

We thank you for your aid after our previous appeal, but we are still in great financial need. Our main concern is the payment of our annual heating bill (£2000 approx.), our house insurance (£1500 approx.), and council tax (£1500 approx.), car insurance, in addition to our daily needs (food, petrol, and maintenance of the house). If you could set up a monthly donation, however small it may be, this would be a great help and would enable us to more fully dedicate ourselves to Adoration and prayer for all of you.

Thank you in advance for your support, and please be assured of our special prayers for our benefactors.

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