

SISTERS ADORERS OF THE ROYAL HEART OF JESUS SOVEREIGN PRIEST



ST AUGUSTINE'S CONVENT

WINTER 2020

Dear friends,

In this new year of the Lord 2020, our small community sends you its best wishes for a happy and holy year. May God bless you and your families and, in these troubled times, offer His Holy Peace to each of you.

As you know, we live the rhythm of the liturgical year, but we also live that of the academic year, because of our apostolate at St Benedict's Academy. Many children joined us in September and our sisters continue to teach English, French, Gregorian chant, music, art and catechism to students from 5 to 17 years old.



When we sing Mass at St Benedict's every Friday, we are happy to see the growing number of altar boys and the progress of our students in Gregorian chant.

On the occasion of the confirmations on 3rd October, we had the honour of greeting our bishop. His Lordship expressed his joy at the news of the community, the recent foundations and the many postulants who entered the novitiate. His fatherly attention is always a great encouragement for us.

The first vows of one of our novices on the feast of the Holy Rosary was an important event. For this great occasion, we all went to Naples (where the novitiate is located) and at the foot



of our Prior General, Monsignor Wach, our sister and three other novices promised poverty, chastity and obedience to Our Lord.

Thank you for all the sentiments of pious affection and masses offered which we received for them! They kept you in their prayers, especially our sisters in Preston.



After solemnly celebrating the feast of St Margaret-Mary, our Patron, with the canons, we went to visit the beautiful city of Chester. We went around the walls, admired the wonders of the old city and, of course, visited the cathedral.

Since September, our vocation as adorers has been fulfilled a little more by the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday at St Walburge's. Immediately after Holy Mass, we sing Lauds, and then we take turns to watch with the Good Lord.



Thanks to the presence of future seminarians (candidates), we have the grace to assist at magnificent offices for the great feasts, dear to the Church and our Institute: the offices of the Feasts of Christ the King, of the Immaculate Conception and of Christmas were celebrated with great solemnity.



The work of preparing the Gregorian chant for the sung masses (every first Thursday, Friday and Saturday now) and offices, reminds us of the first duty of our vocation before any apostolic work: adoration by the liturgical prayer of the Church, and our personal prayer and sanctification.

For our American friends, the third Thursday in November is a great day of joy, with the traditional Thanksgiving. We celebrated it at the convent

with the canons, which was a moment of joy with our spiritual family (a Canon and one of our sisters are American).



The preparations for Christmas begin early in the apostolates: the retreat with the faithful before the first Sunday of Advent, a Christmas concert with the schools of the city gathered in St Walburge's, and singing carols in the city centre and at the nursing home which the canons visit. We also served the Christmas deanery lunch for the priests of Preston deanery gathered at English Martyrs' for the occasion.

This year, thanks to your generosity, we were able to restore and repaint our front door and decorate it abundantly: it is a little touch of beauty that delights the hearts of the children of the neighbouring school and passers-by.



Dear friends and benefactors, during this Christmas season, when we contemplate the Little God humbly lying in the manger, we pray for you and thank the Good Lord for your faithful support.

May He bless you and may Our Lady always protect you.

Your Sisters Adorers.



Ora et Labora



Procession of the Blessed Sacrament
for the feast of Christ the King



Catechism after Sunday Mass
at St Walburge's



Weekly Mass in the
Convent's Chapel



Serving lunch for a group visiting
English Martyrs'

We 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. We would be most grateful if you could help us financially.

We thank you for your aid after our previous appeal, but we still need to pay our annual heating bill (£2000 approx.), our house insurance (£1500 approx.), and council tax (£1500 approx.), car insurance, in addition to our daily needs. 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.