

SISTERS ADORERS OF THE ROYAL HEART OF JESUS SOVEREIGN PRIEST



ST AUGUSTINE'S CONVENT

WINTER 2021

Dear friends,

At the dawn of this new year, we are delighted to greet you with this letter and give you our best wishes: may the Lord grant His graces and His joy to all of us, as He did in these beautiful solemnities of Christmas.

Your Sisters Adorers continue their religious contemplative and apostolic lives in support of the canons in Preston, and before the start of the current school year last September, we were blessed with a trip to our Mother House in Gricigliano, which was a great source of joy and renewal. We were able to be together with the canons who had come from the whole world for their annual Chapter and pray in union with them during the Offices and Solemn High Masses. A great number of professed sisters attended the chapter, and our Mother House, which used to be our Noviciate House, witnesses many joyful encounters.



Christmas celebration



Sung Office of Lauds

In our prayer of consecration to the Royal Heart of Jesus Sovereign Priest, which we recite every morning before singing Lauds, we ask Our Lord to “rid us from all self-love which prevents Him from reigning in us and around us.” With His help,



*Prayer with the children
at St. Benedict's Academy, at the end of a lecture*

we try to respond to our vocation to bring adoration to all aspects of our life: not only through our prayer, but also inside the house or in the apostolic work which Divine Providence assigns to us. Because of the Covid restrictions, our apostolic work was reduced but prior to the current lock-down we were able to maintain the teaching at St Benedict's Academy (English, French

and Music classes and Gregorian Chant to pupils aged 5 to 16), catechism classes, Christmas concerts in city-centre, and to be there for the families who attended the monthly day retreats at English Martyrs every first Saturday, as social distancing is no impediment to fraternal charity.



Christmas decorations at English Martyrs'

Each day, the community meet for Gregorian chant practice in order to learn or review the Offices of the week, the propers of the Mass on Sunday and feast days. Last year, were once again blessed to be able to sing the sublime melodies of the Matins of Christmas, which are drawn from the most venerable pages of the Roman breviary. We also continue our spiritual and intellectual formation through regular lectures and conferences on certain major pontifical documents, the Divine Liturgy, Advent talks, the virtues of the Religious Life, our Patron

Saints... Our other occupations are the making or restoration of church linen together with the upkeep of the English Martyrs' church which is entrusted to us.

The Good God granted us enjoyable days with good weather, which allowed us to go for a walk of visit a few places: we enjoyed the wonderful views of Keswick in the Lake District

(our holy habit left the sheep wondering), the Bay of Morecambe not far from Preston and the small but touching shrine of Ladywell.

Dear friends, again we would like to thank you once again for your generous support. Please do not hesitate to send us your prayer intentions: these are displayed and kept in a dedicated place in our house so that we keep them in mind and bring them in front of the Lord during our daily adoration.



Sacred vestments repairs



*Office of Matins of Christmas at English Martyrs'.
We sung the responses, while the Canons sung Psalms and lessons.*

With our profound gratitude, we ask the great and powerful Saint Joseph, whom the Holy Father is giving us this year as a model, to bless you and assist you in your respective vocations.

Our lives are marked with consolations and crosses but the Sacred Heart “makes all things work for the good of those who love Him” (Saint Paul to the Romans, 8, 28).

United in prayer in Corde Regis,

Your Sisters Adorers



A great thank you for your support!

Dear friends,

Many thanks for your generosity, which you showed in response to our letter last Summer; having taken the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, we do not receive any income and rely entirely on our benefactors' support. Here is an example of bills which we have to pay each year: annual heating bill (£2,000 approx.), house insurance (£1,500 approx.) or council tax (£1,500 approx.).

If you prefer, you could also set up a monthly standing order, even small; each offering is of great help to us. We assure you of our profound gratitude and our fervent prayers before the Blessed Sacrament.

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