

# Christus Imperat

Quarterly newsletter

of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Dear friends of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest,

“Resurrexit sicut dixit, Alleluia!”

The joyful announcement of the Resurrection of the Lord to the three women is the complete and definite expression of the triumph of Jesus Christ over sin and the devil: the three Marys who walk to the sepulchre of their beloved Master in the night of Easter represent our own pilgrimage on earth. We are walking in the darkness, with the firm and mysterious certitude that He is present amongst us and waiting for each of us in Heaven. He is the only and unique Light to guide us in times when the world has almost totally rejected Him and refuses the almighty power of His charity.

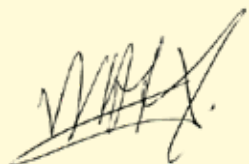
We are prompted to renew, after the holy women of the tomb, the same question: “Who will roll back the stone for us”? They had no human answer to this fair question, but their faith was deeper than worldly solutions. They kept walking, supported by their trust in the promises of Christ: “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again” (John 2, 19).

I would like to encourage you to ask this virtue of Faith from the great Patriarch Saint Joseph to whom this year is dedicated: may he help us to preserve intact the treasure of the Faith in our hearts and protect the Catholic Church in her mission in this world.

Thank you so much for your support, your prayers and sacrifices for the Institute!

Please be assured of my faithful prayers, for you and all your families,

In Christo Rege,




Msgr Gilles Wach

Prior General of the Institute of Christ the King







## NEW BRIGHTON



Faith continues to spread on the shores of the Mersey. The reopening of our churches for public masses allowed us to celebrate Advent and Christmas, with health and safety regulations. (Left picture) Reception into full communion celebrated by Canon Poucin de Wouilt.

Thanks to the commitment of our parishioners in cleaning

and stewarding to comply with current regulations, our church can remain open everyday, despite the restoration of the building. (Right picture) Canon Montjean is inspecting the brand new window of the drum, which has now been internally decorated. We aim to use the sanctuary again for the feast of Ss Peter & Paul in June.



## SHREWSBURY



The superiors of the Institute and all the faithful are most grateful for the hospitality of St. Winefride's Parish, particularly during Holy Week. Canon Wiener was able to prepare and celebrate the sacred liturgy during the Triduum at St. Winefride's where Holy Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 12.30pm.

The faithful assisted Canon generously by providing flowers and other decorations. This year's beautiful Easter candle was artistically adorned by a young member of the Shrewsbury congregation.

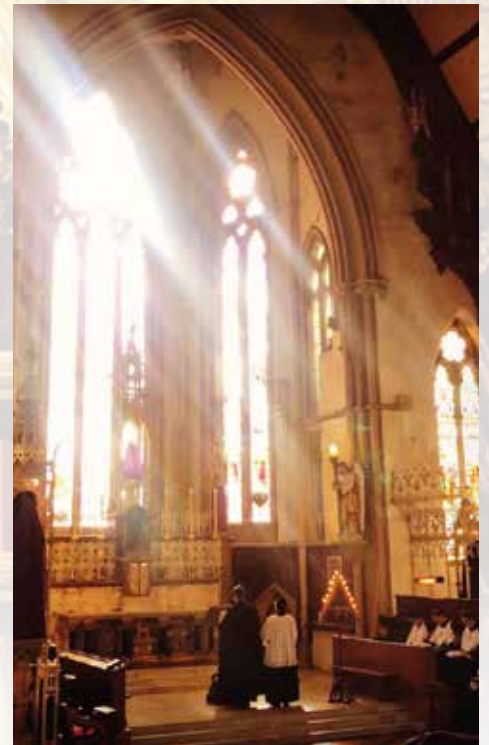


# FROM THE PEWS...

## PRESTON



The celebration of the Triduum has been such a blessing this year: the daily singing of Tenebræ (*see picture right*) in our magnificent church of St Walburge's has been a unique experience and source of blessings in particular for the candidates of the House of Discernement.



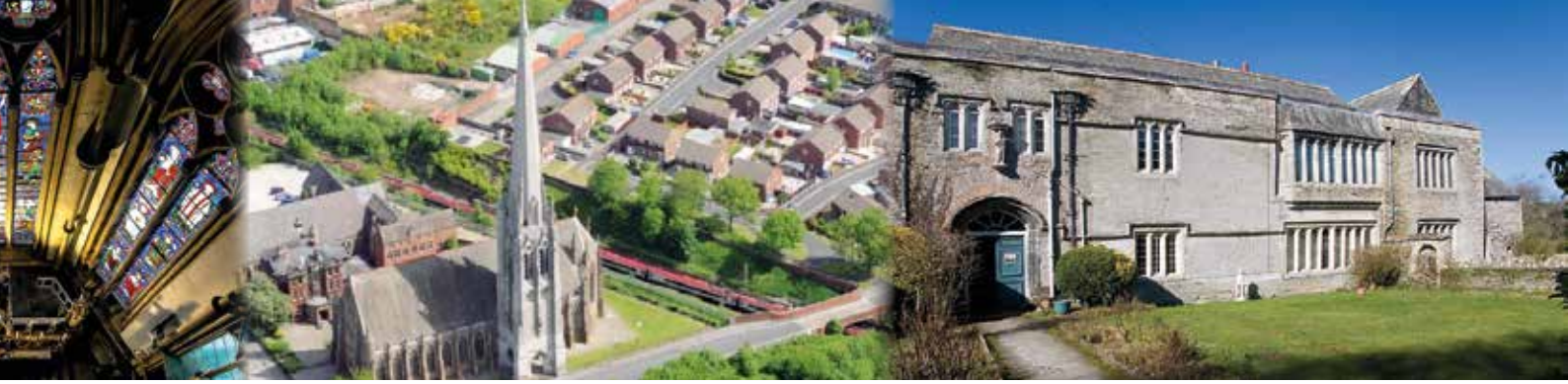
The solemn celebration of the Priesthood (*picture bottom left*) took place at our Shrine of English Martyrs, beautifully decorated by our dear Sisters, as an expression of the sacrifice of their life for the priests and their special devotion to the priestly Heart of Jesus revealed to St John.



The beautiful Gregorian melodies helped us to immerse our souls in the Holy Passion of Christ and celebrate His glorious victory on the devil and the sin. And the paschal lamb (*picture top left*) was blessed again, following the long tradition of the Catholic Church... and the joy of the Canons!







## LANHERNE AND PLYMOUTH

The new mission of the Institute at Lanherne and in Plymouth begins to take root thanks to the support of so many people, not the least among them are found the sisters here at the Convent of St Joseph and St Anne.

Upon our arrival, the weather had turned cold and damp but the welcome by the faithful was very warm indeed. There is much to be done in any apostolate, many have buildings and grounds to be restored and maintained. The apostolate here is no different. But every apostolate of the Institute works in and through the material world to build the reign of Christ in the hearts of the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve. "But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be



*Altar of Repose for Maundy Thursday  
at Lanherne Convent*



*Easter Monday Mass with XVII century chasuble which  
came to the Convent when the Carmelite Sisters came to  
England in 1794.*

made the sons of God, to them that believe in His Name," (John 1:12).

Since September the sisters at Lanherne have received two postulants and there have been two baptisms in Plymouth and one confirmation in Lanherne. So many blessings have been received and for that we are grateful.

Thank you for your support of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest. Be assured that you are remembered at our Masses on Sundays for Friends and Benefactors and in our daily Rosaries.



# NEWS FROM THE SISTERS ADORERS



The Sisters Adorers have the joy of welcoming five new postulants, hailing from the United States (St. Louis), Mexico, Venezuela, Spain, and Germany. On the feast of the Holy Innocents (28<sup>th</sup> December 2020), they received the blue cape from the hands of our Prior General, Monsignor Wach, at the sisters' novitiate house in Naples, Italy. Please pray for them as they begin their religious formation!

On the 8<sup>th</sup> March, on the feast Saint Thomas Aquinas, six postulants received the habit at the novitiate in Naples. We entrust these new sisters to your prayers so that their whole life may be faithful to the commitment they made on the day they received the habit. Deo gratias!



## A NEW APOSTOLATE FOR THE INSTITUTE IN DEVON

Always by the grace of God and following the kind invitation of the Bishop of Plymouth, the Rt. Rev. Mark O'Toole, the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest will begin a new apostolate at Chelston near Torquay, Devon later this year.



The Church of the Holy Angels, Queensway, Chelston will be served by a Canon of the Institute and possibly a seminarian.



Apt that the news was announced on the feast day proper of St Thomas Aquinas, doctor of the Church and co-patron of the Institute, Sancte Thoma de Aquino, ora pro nobis!

We look forward very much to arriving in Devon and serving our priestly ministry for the good of souls using the traditional liturgy of Holy Mother Church.



Dear friends and benefactors,

A few weeks ago, the Right Rev. Mark O'Toole, Bishop of Plymouth, kindly asked the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest to take over the pastoral care of a new Shrine Church, the Holy Angels's, in Chelston (Torquay). This new mission has been prepared for a long time in collaboration with the local clergy and we are most grateful to the Bishop for trusting again the Institute.

A Canon (and a seminarian) will reside at Chelston and will live the community life of the Institute and supply the celebration of the Mass and Office every day; another priest of the Institute will continue to serve as the Chaplain of the Carmelite sisters of Lanherne. This will ensure the mutual support of the Canons in this beautiful part of the country.

I would like to ask your support again for the development of this new apostolate. Divine Providence is truly helping us through your faithful prayers and generosity.

All the Canons and the Sisters Adorers serving in Great Britain are most grateful for your support, they pray daily for you and wish you a Blessed and Happy Eastertide.

In Corde Jesu,

Canon Amaury Montjean

Pro-Provincial in England



Canon Montjean



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