



# Christus Imperat

Quarterly newsletter of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Dear friends,

A few weeks before Christmas, I am delighted to express my gratitude for your help towards our priests working in Great Britain and our numerous Seminarians in formation at the Seminary of Gricigliano.

The Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest was founded to humbly serve God and souls within the Catholic Church, in the daily sacrifice of its members in Adoration and Office. The greatest missionaries of the Church were rooted in their devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and a supernatural love for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Their action plan was not based mainly on their own skills, strengths or human views, but in essence on their Faith in the invisible but true divine power of the Providence and the prayer of the Liturgy.

Their personal conversion was the first step of their own mission which then developed into a more visible (but not always) preaching duty. This mission never ceases nowadays when fields of the evangelisation are back to our own doorstep: the world needs to see churches daily open for prayers, Divine Liturgy, Confession, where the clergy are praying for the salvation of all.

This is the first mission of priests, in particular of the Canons of the Institute of Christ the King, who live a regular and fraternal community life.

Thank you for praying for your priests, for the vocations, God will bless you abundantly in Heaven,

In Domino,



Msgr Gilles Wach  
Prior General of the Institute of Christ the King







Impromptu outing to the Shropshire Hills  
for a walk and picnic



Visit of His Lordship Mark Davies,  
Bishop of Shrewsbury



Solemn transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
on Good Friday



Start of the procession  
in honor of Mary Queen of Heaven



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
on the Feast of Corpus Christi



Our Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall: start of the tour of  
house known for its priests' hiding places



# Shrewsbury

## Church of St Winefride

This past year has seen tremendous progress for the glory of God and His Holy Church here in Shropshire. In Shrewsbury, where the Institute has been for the past year, the Institute has been offering the Sacrifice of the Mass weekdays at 7.30am at the Cathedral and an 11am Holy Hour on Thursdays for the Sanctification of Priests.

The new apostolate, during the first week, began fittingly last November with a baptism at the Cathedral.

On the Feast of St. Francis de Sales, the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019, the House of St. Chad was canonically erected at the Presbytery of St. Winefride in Monkmoor. This tremendous gift was celebrated with a sung Mass on the Feast of St. Chad, the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, by the Sisters Adorers from Preston.

In February we were honored to assist His Lordship Mark Davies with a Pontifical Mass at the Throne in his Cathedral to officially open and bless the work of the Institute in the Cathedral Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians and St Peter of Alcantara and St Winefride.

On the feast of the Purification we were able to celebrate the first High Mass sung by the Schola Gregoriana Malverniensis. On Easter Vigil, thanks to Canon Montjean from Ss. Peter & Paul and St Philomena Shrine Church in New Brighton, we were able to have our second High Mass at the height of the Sacred Triduum at which many faithful were present. This was made possible by the budding singers who formed a choir to sing the chants of the Triduum.



The Faithful at the reception in the presbytery on the occasion of an Open House

With the St. Chad Choir now blossoming thanks to the dedication of the members, sung Masses on Sundays have been possible weekly since the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin! To meet the growing needs of the apostolate, First Saturdays are now days of prayer and catechesis for the faithful, especially for the many young families that now attend.

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

May God bless you,



Canon Smith



Father Gribbin



Advent Rorate Mass in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Cathedral in Shrewsbury



# New Brighton

## Shrine Church of Ss Peter & Paul and St Philomena



Liturgical life: Veneration of the Relic of St. Philomena, at the end of the Solemn High Mass, on her feast day (11<sup>th</sup> August), and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament around St. George's Square, for Corpus Christi Solemnity



Sacramental life: Wedding and Baptism at the Dome.  
Thanks be to God for all those graces received in our Community!



From the shores of the Volga to the shores of the Mersey: Many thanks to the **Nikolsky Ensemble**, who offered us a beautiful Sacred Russian Music recital last 8<sup>th</sup> October

May God bless you!

Your clergy serving at the Dome:



Canon Montjean Canon Poucin de Wouilt



# Preston

## Shrines Churches of St Walbuge & the English Martyrs



The Rt. Rev. Paul Swarbrick, Bishop of Lancaster with the Sisters Adorers after having given the Sacrament of Confirmation



Some of the children and staff of St Benedict's Academy. Open to children aged 5-18.  
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Blessed Sacrament Procession after High Mass on the Feast of Christ the King



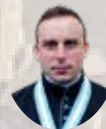
Our House of Discernment continues for its third year

May God bless you!

Your clergy serving in Preston:



Canon Tanner



Canon Cristofoli



Canon Post



Gathering of the priests of the ICKSP at Preston



A few pilgrims from England, lead by Canon Poucin de Wouilt and Father Gribbin joined the international pilgrimage of the Institute in Lourdes last 1<sup>st</sup> May, presided by Cardinal Burke. Many pilgrims from different countries where the Institute has an apostolate were present, including some from our missions in Gabon, Africa. The highlights of this pilgrimage were the Pontifical High Mass celebrated by His Eminence, and the evening candlelight procession. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!



Dear friends and benefactors,

Thanks to Divine Providence, the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest is now serving in several Dioceses in England and Wales, at the request of local Bishops, for the celebration of the Extraordinary Form of the Mass and Sacraments, including the daily singing of the Divine Office as required by our canonical life.

In addition to these missions, which are the very core of the priestly life of the Canons, we often need to manage the maintenance of buildings such as presbyteries, large churches, etc... : we are always happy to keep them in good condition, as you have noticed in recent building works achieved in various places where we work.

In order to support the growth of these missions, we should like to ask for your help so that we are able to pay certain fixed and regular costs for our churches or clergy, although we have some financial support from Dioceses where we work. Your help, even small, will make a true difference to us, because it will allow your Canons to prioritise their effort on their spiritual duties, pastoral commitments, prayer life, Divine Office.

This year, we would like to be able, thanks to your generosity, to cover the costs of the insurance and council taxes of our main building churches (New Brighton and Preston), and help the local congregations to cover a (small) salary for each Canon serving in the United Kingdom.

The remaining balance would be approx. £ 20,000.00 per annum (£ 16,000.00 for taxes and insurance, £ 4,000.00 for Canons' wages): we would be more than grateful if you could help us and support our work for your and many souls.

Please be assured of the prayers of your priests and may God bless you and your families!

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