

Christus Imperat

Quarterly newsletter

of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Dear friends of the Institute of Christ the King,

This *Christus Imperat* newsletter will find you as we begin our preparation for Christmas; the season of Advent gradually but firmly leads us to the mystery of the Nativity of Christ, the Begotten in the eternal life of the Blessed Trinity. Advent is a pilgrimage to the desert: every soul is called to walk into the wilderness and listen to the voice of the Precursor, "*make straight the way of the Lord.*" The Liturgy encourages us through the Sacred Texts of the Old Testament and the venerable melodies applied to the Rites of the Church to leave behind the noises, distractions, and temptations of the world, letting the voice of the Saviour resonate again more clearly in our life.

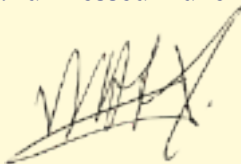
We are surrounded and sometimes feel pressured by the power of advertisements, information, and news; however, the only Good News is celebrated in the silence of our prayer life, the solemnity of the chanted Office, and the ceremonies of Advent. This penitential preparation purifies and revitalises our Faith, Hope, and love for the Reason of the Season: Christ, suffering his saving Passion and Christ, subsisting in his only and beloved Church. The simple but essential truth of Christmas must be the source of consolation amidst our sufferings, spiritual weaknesses, failures, and numerous challenges from a world, which rejects even the most fundamental values. We see the very Love of God assuming our human flesh and entering into the very intimacy of our heart. In the silence of the Incarnation, we know Christ understands us and assists us in all our needs.

Your Institute Canons, having received the undeserved grace of the Sacred Priesthood, present to each of you the Infant King, sacramentally and truly present in their hands and waiting for adoration in the tabernacles of our churches.

Venite Adoremus! Come, let us adore him!

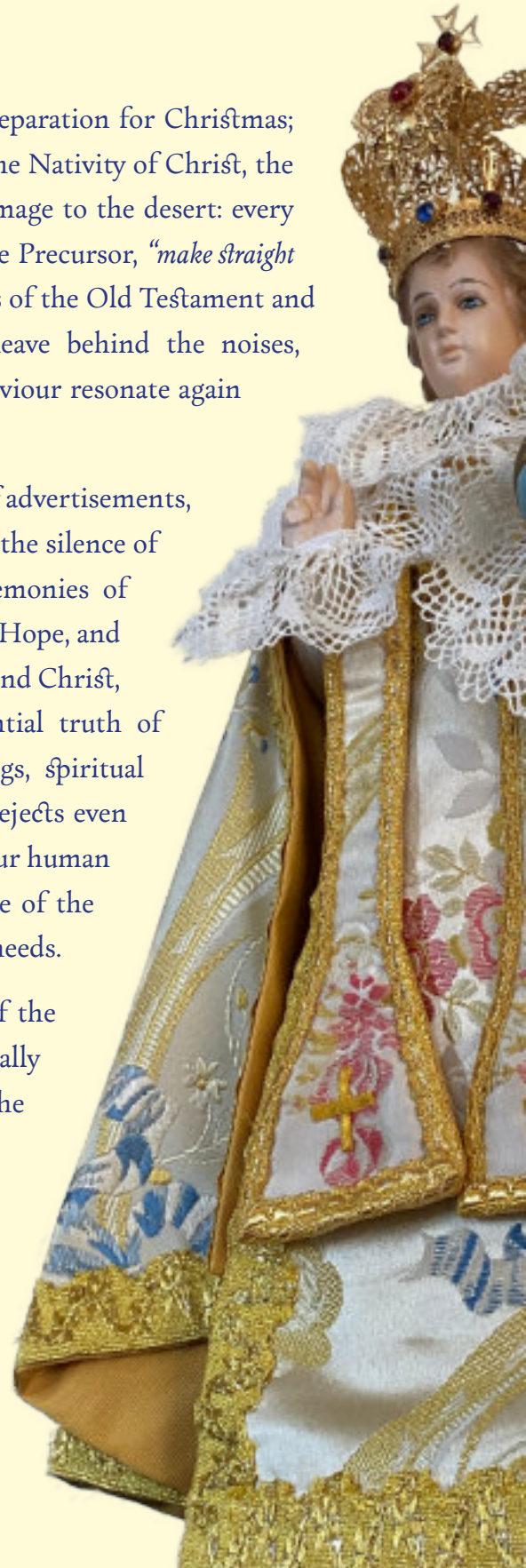
God bless you,

Happy and Blessed Advent!




Msgr Gilles Wach

Prior General of the Institute of Christ the King





NEW BRIGHTON

In mid-October, we completed the renovation of Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Philomena, restoring its original painting scheme to the historic church's interior. This was the completion of several years of capital repairs and restoration work.

Our congregation has been extremely supportive and has grown considerably these past few months. We have had several baptisms, weddings, and conversions to the Catholic Faith.



Thanks to the skills of our organist, Mr. Christian Spence, and the beautiful singing of our Sister Adorers, we are currently holding a series of organ & Gregorian chant recitals, which helps us to reach out to our local community even more. God willing, this may also open some hearts to the treasures of our Faith as they listen to sacred music, written to enhance our beautiful Liturgy.

SHREWSBURY

At St. Winefride's church in Shrewsbury, the community of faithful gathers every Sunday at 12.30pm for High Mass, accompanied by our excellent choir. The organ is played by Mr. Oliver Hayes. Mr. Hayes also directs the ensemble of 4-5 singers who sing the propers and the ordinary of the Mass in Gregorian chant as well as various polyphonic motets. We are most grateful for the very fine work that is being done by our musicians since the inception of the Institute's apostolate in Shrewsbury.



On the feast of Christ the King, titular feast of the Institute, four children in our community received the Eucharistic Lord for the first time. On this great feast, which celebrates the kingship of Christ over the entire universe, our children and their families enjoyed the memorable liturgical celebrations followed by a beautiful reception with refreshments in St. Winefride's parish hall and garden.

NEWS FROM ACROSS ENGLAND...

PRESTON



The beginning of this new academic year was full of exciting news for our apostolate in Preston. After serving four years in Lancashire, Canon Scott Tanner was transferred to his new assignment in the South of England, and we welcomed the newly ordained Canon Godefroy Ducret to our community.

The first Vespers of the feast of Christ the King marked the fifth anniversary of the opening of our house of discernment. This year, we have five new candidates for our

international seminary, discerning their vocation to the holy priesthood. Let's pray for these young men who wish to answer the call of our Blessed Lord.

After numerous months of preparation at St. Walburge's with many buckets of rain water to be emptied and following a national competition, we were awarded a £252,210 grant by "Historic England" and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for urgent repairs on the church's roof. This incredible landmark was entrusted to our care by the Bishop of the Diocese of Lancaster seven years ago.

Let's give thanks to the Lord for all His blessings!



*Pilgrims from St. Walburge's House of Discernment
visit Lancaster Martyrs Memorial.
Holy Martyrs of Lancaster, pray for us!*





LANHERNE AND PLYMOUTH

The mission of the Institute at Lanherne continues to take root, thanks to the support of so many people. Canon Scott Smith is joined again by Abbé Matuszewski for this new academic year and happily welcomes Canon Tanner and Abbé Carlile for occasional visits as they are nearby in Devon.

The congregation at Lanherne continues to grow with a recent baptism and four individuals seeking to be received into full communion with the Church.

We had the joy of celebrating Pentecost with a Solemn High Mass, thanks to Father Gribbin, who became a canon of our Institute during the last General Chapter. Since then, Canon Gribbin has been appointed to Ireland as the chaplain of our Sister Adorers' new convent. May God bless his new mission!



In October the faithful from all of the apostolates in Devon and Cornwall gathered to harvest the apples at Lanherne which will be used for next year's cider and this year's apple juice. Donations for the cider and juice support the sisters towards the restoration of St Joseph's Hall, which is desperately needed.

HIGHLIGHTING OUR NEW APOSTOLATE IN THE DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH



The Bishop of Plymouth invited the Institute to establish a shrine of Eucharistic Adoration at the church of Holy Angels in Chelston, Torquay. The rector of this shrine church, Canon Scott Tanner, celebrated an opening Missa Cantata on Sunday, the 19th September. Canon Amaury Montjean, Pro-Provincial in England, preached and introduced Canon Tanner to the new community. Fr. Collin Groombridge, the local parish priest, and the other clergy in the area welcomed us warmly.

Families have recently moved to be a part of this new venture, and others are planning to do the same. Canon Tanner celebrates daily Mass at the church and sings the Divine Office with Abbe Carlile, regularly followed by adoration in the evenings. On Sundays, we are fortunate to already have a committed group of singers and servers, who enable us to have a High Mass with Gregorian chant. The church has a small hall, which allows us to socialise after Mass and helps build a true family spirit of fraternal charity.

PILGRIMAGE WITH THE LATIN MASS SOCIETY IN HONOUR OF THE MARTYRS OF CHIDEOCK, DORSET



Priests and seminarians from the Dome of Home in New Brighton, Holy Angels in Torquay, and Lanherne gathered with the Latin Mass Society for a Solemn High Mass in honor of the Chideock Martyrs celebrated in the presence of His Lordship, Rt. Rev. Mark O'Toole, Bishop of Plymouth. His Lordship recounted the historical link between Chideock and Lanherne through the Arundell Family and mentioned that the link was renewed by the Sisters of Lanherne, who lent the beautiful red velvet vestments used for the celebration.

ADVENT OFFERING

Dear friends and benefactors,

In September 2021, the Right Rev. Mark O'Toole (Bishop of Plymouth Diocese) graciously and officially opened a new apostolate in Torquay. After the new mission launched in Newquay as Chaplain of the Carmelites of Lanherne, we are very grateful to His Lordship for his decision and trust in the Institute.

This recent growth of our dear Institute in England gives more responsibilities to the Pro-Province which cares for the wellbeing of the 9 canons currently serving across the country, in particular by providing each priest with a small monthly salary (circa £425).

Collections from our congregations are invested primarily in renovating and maintaining our beautiful churches and presbyteries. They also meet the expenses for insurances (buildings and contents, cars, public liability). Your financial support is therefore vital to the continuation of the Institute's wonderful mission in our country, in true and constant collaboration with our bishops.

Thank you for considering a **special 'Advent offering'** which will directly supports your priests in England: they are most grateful for your support and offer regular Masses of thanksgiving and prayers for you and your families!

We would deeply appreciate if you would set up a regular bank transfer (please use the form inside). Thank you for helping us pursue the mission of the Church in England!

Sursum Corda!

Canon Amaury Montjean

Pro-Provincial in England



God bless you!



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