



The Redemptorist Community
St Mary's Monastery, Clapham
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From the Office of the Provincial

Dear Confreres, Lay Associates and all our friends,

as I write this letter I sincerely hope that many of you are enjoying this month of August by relaxing and finding some rest from the normal daily chores. In any case this letter is simply to bring you up to date and to share some information.

Solemnity of St Alphonsus

We, here in Clapham, had the privilege of having Bishop Ralph Heskett CSsR with us as he ordained our brother Royston to the Order of Deacons. Observing all the details as prescribed by the Bishops we had a beautiful and prayerful celebration. We wish Br Royston well as he prepares to move to the Abbey in Erdington, Birmingham.

Br Mike Taylor CSsR

Very soon we will be celebrating with Br Mike his Perpetual Profession followed by his Ordination to the Diaconate the next day. Again, we welcome Bishop Ralph as he will come to Bishop Eton to ordain Br Mike. The details are as follows:

**Perpetual Profession Monday 24th of August 2020
at 5pm in Bishop Eton Monastery, Liverpool**

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**Ordination to the Diaconate Tuesday 25th of August 2020
at 12noon in Bishop Eton Monastery, Liverpool.**

As everyone is still slightly anxious about the Coronavirus, the celebrations after the two ceremonies are being arranged to ensure the Bishop Eton community are not put at any risk at all. A result of this is that any confrere wishing to attend, and all are indeed welcome, must find their own accommodation if staying over night. I regret to write this, however to protect the community in Liverpool, we must be extra vigilant.

Fr Andrew Burns CSsR

The Rector of Bishop Eton and the Vicar Provincial continues his on going treatment for lymphoma. He maintains his good spirits and we assure him via this letter of our continued prayers and our fraternal affection.

Fr Gabriel Maguire CSsR

Fr Gabbie has moved into his new 'home' in Birmingham where he is now resident with the Little Sisters. For those who may wish to send a card his address is; St Joseph's Home, Little Sisters of the Poor 71 Queens Park Road, Harborne, Birmingham B32 2LB.

Fr Ed Hone CSsR

Fr Ed has carried out his ministry in the Redemptorist community in Luxembourg with the English speaking people for the past eight years. It is now time for Fr Ed to move on, so we, as a Province say, thanks for the commitment and dedication. For sure the people of Luxembourg will certainly miss you. The Cardinal Archbishop of Luxembourg will preside at Fr Ed's final mass next month.

In September Fr Ed will assume the position of Dean, St Edmund's College Cambridge. Congratulations to Fr Ed!

Fr Peter Morris CSsR

Fr Peter has been appointed Assistant Priest of Our Immaculate Lady of Victories, St Mary's Clapham. He will serve the people alongside Fr Casper who is the Parish Priest and Rector. God bless your ministry Fr Peter.

Ace of Clubs

Coronavirus continues to increase our numbers of people using the Ace of Clubs and needing the food that is provided each day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Br Mike and his team of incredibly hard workers who make this 'difficult' ministry possible. Br Mike has brought some of his gifts into this ministry as he being working hard during the 'lockdown' period to raise money for the poor and the vulnerable. So far, in a short space of time, he has secured £160,00 and he is awaiting news for a further £48K. This is terrific work that is being done in our name. Sincere thanks.

Refurbishment of St Mary's Monastery Clapham

The community are preparing themselves to leave the monastery by early September. The work load in emptying the monastery will be heavy, but the result after the work has been done will be so much more. Pray for the community during this time.

Let us hold one another before the Lord in prayer, especially those who are sick or struggling in any way. Let us never forget that it is the Most Holy Redeemer that we follow and in whose footsteps we place our feet. Copiosa apud eum redemptio!

Peace,



Fr Richard Reid CSsR
Provincial Superior

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