



The Redemptorist Community
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From the Desk of the Acting Provincial Superior

Dear Confreres, Lay Associates and Friends,

It was great seeing many of the confreres at the January meeting in Kinnoull. Everyone seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed the input given by two of our Irish confreres, Fr Brendan Kelly, the Secretary General CSsR in Rome and Fr Noel Keogh CSsR, the Rector of our monastery in Dundalk. The whole exercise began with the notion that this was a “structure for dialogue.” All our communities at the meeting certainly had a considerable amount of dialogue and sharing. This will continue now that we are all back ‘home’.

There will be a **Province Visitation** at the end of this month; the dates have been in the diary for several months so Fr Andrew Burns and I have decided to go along with it in any case.

We will be in **St Mary's Clapham**, Monday 27th January,
Erdington Abbey Tuesday 28th January,
Bishop Eton Wednesday 29th January,
St Mary's Kinnoull Thursday 30th January.
St. Clement's Chawton will be visited at another date.

There will also be a Visit to our confreres in **Zimbabwe** during the month of February. Many of us know the many challenges that exist in Zimbabwe. Bishop Raymond Mupandasekwa CSsR says, “We are having the worst drought in 40 years. Our people are desperately hungry. My biggest fear is the shortage of water for our rural folk.” Please continue to hold the country and its people in your prayers.

Fr **Beverley Ahearn CSsR** moved from St Mary's Clapham, and he was here for a considerable time, to Bishop Eton in Liverpool where he is certainly a most welcome addition to the community.

Br Michael Taylor CSsR is currently in hospital after having surgery a few days ago. The operation went very well and Br Mike thanks everyone for their prayers and support. Please continue with your prayers.

I am in communication with Fr Ronnie McAinsh CSsR, who thanks everyone for their prayers and messages of support.

The '200 Clemens Maria Hofbauer' will take place in Vienna from the 12th March until the 16th March. Four Redemptorists from here will travel to represent us as a Province, but also to thank God for the gift that St Clement was and is to our Congregation.

Amid all the prayers that I am requesting in this letter, might I also encourage you to keep an eye on our social media outlets! We have a good website, thanks to Margie Zilnyk for all the work done there -

www.redemptorists.co.uk

We also have many good links on our

Facebook Page @RedemptoristVocationsGB

and on our

Twitter Page @RedemptoristsGB

It is a great service to ensure our name is being put out there in a very positive way, so thanks to everyone involved in these initiatives. Let as many people as possible know where our sites are.

Sincerely yours,

Peace,



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