



The Redemptorist Provincialate,
St. Mary's Monastery, Clapham,
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Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Dear Confreres, Sisters, Lay Associates and all our friends,

As we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of our Most Holy Redeemer let us take time to reflect on our own vocation and our response to answer the call that was issued to us in our own time. The Holy Redeemer invites us to walk in his footsteps and to make his plentiful redemption known far and wide. Let us celebrate, remembering that 'with the Lord there is plentiful redemption'!

Professions

Let us hold in prayer our six novices,

Br Terrence Chigodora, Br Sylvester Kanjiwa, Br Elvis Tawanda Chirara,
Br Bothwell Chimhende, Br Noel Kudakwashe Makoni, Br Takudzwa Phillip Mandibaya
who will make temporary profession tomorrow, Saturday 17th July, in Zimbabwe. We also hold Br Adam Mukabva CSsR who will make Perpetual Profession at the same ceremony. It will be an occasion of great joy in Zimbabwe, for the Province and for the Congregation world wide. We thank God for these men and their courage in saying yes to the Redeemer. ***Makorokoto!***

Ordination to the Diaconate

On Sunday 18th of this month Br Adam will be ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Raymond Mupandasekwa CSsR. We remember Br Adam and send our hearty congratulations with this letter.

Priestly Ordination

Next month we have an Ordination to the Priesthood of Br Mike Taylor CSsR on the 24th August at Bishop Eton Monastery Liverpool, by Bishop Ralph Heskett CSsR. Please keep Br Mike in your prayers as he prepares for his priestly ordination.

Noviciate

Please also pray for the four men who will enter the noviciate in Tafara, Harare. It will be a special year for these men. *Novices, pray for us as we will for you!*

Sale of the Hall

A new development concerning the St Mary's Redemptorist Hall in Clapham has moved us onto beginning to draw up a contract which hopefully will be signed shortly. Thank you for your prayers and concern for this whole project. More details will follow when we have them.

Ace of Clubs

Celebrations will be afoot at the end of this month to mark our 25th Anniversary of the 'inauguration' of the Ace of Clubs. This anniversary was actually last year however COVID denied us the opportunity to formally engage in any public festivity. Much as it is not something to properly celebrate, as it means that '25' years later the issue of homelessness and real poverty is still on our doorstep, however we want to raise the issue of the work that we do so well. It will be an opportunity to say "Thank you" to the many people who give in so many ways.

New Rector of Maria am Gestade

Fr Dominic O'Toole CSsR has recently been appointed Rector of our monastery, which houses the remains of our St Clement Hofbauer CSsR, in Vienna, Austria. We congratulate Fr Dominic on this appointment and promise our prayers as he begins this new role. I am not sure if Maria am Gestade has ever had an Englishman as a Rector before?

COREAM

Next Thursday and Friday (22nd & 23rd) I will be joining the confreres from Africa and Madagascar by Zoom. There will be other Redemptorists present who like myself come from "the mother provinces", from the Provinces of Dublin, London, France, St Clemens, Lisbon, Naples, Denver, Bogota, Bangalore, Argentina and Fortaleza. I will communicate whatever decisions are made to keep you all up to date. Please keep this important meeting in your prayer.

Br Richard Maidwell CSsR

At the beginning of August Br Richard CSsR will be returning to his own province of South Africa. It was a hard decision for Br Richard to make however he felt that he could not get Africa out of his bones! We as a Province say a sad farewell and will certainly ask the Lord's continued blessing on his life and ministry.

Sick and ailing confreres

Fr Tony Hunt CSsR is now expected to move to Nazareth House Birkenhead next Monday 19th July. If anyone wants to send him good wishes his new address is Nazareth House, Manor Hill, Birkenhead, Prenton CH43 1UG.

Remember in your prayers all who are sick or suffering in anyway.

Fr Gideon Sidinga CSsR

On the completion of his studies in Roma Fr Gideon will be paying a visit to the Province for a few weeks before he makes his return to his homeland of Zimbabwe. We warmly welcome him to his 'home' here.

Work in St Mary's Monastery Clapham

After a meeting on Tuesday with all the parties involved with the extensive work being carried out in the monastery, they are still pretty sure and definitely committed to a finishing time of the end of September! We shall have to wait and see!

Guidelines for Maintaining a Redemptorist Character in our Churches...

An important document has recently come from the General Secretariat for Evangelisation in Rome entitled "Guidelines for Maintaining a Redemptorist Character in our Churches, Parishes and Shrines". I attach the document to the letter and highly recommend it to you. We thank the General Secretariat for producing this invaluable resource. Any feedback that anyone would like to offer can be posted to cssr.evangelizatio@gmail.com

Partnership in Mission - Lay Associates

Our Redemptorist Lay Associates and Confreres continue with their monthly meetings on Zoom. One of the issues that they are focusing on is the re-launching of the PiM (Partnership in Mission). The next meeting is on Thursday 22nd July at 3pm by Zoom, email Fr Maurice O'Mahony for access. Let us remember one another and support one another through prayer.

Due to Covid many events and anniversary celebrations postponed

So many celebrations that were the norm to mark events, such as Jubilees, have had to be much reduced or not happen at all. Let us pray that as a society, as a church, as a community and as an individual we will all do our best to get back (if at all possible) to normality always ensuring that all that we do will always respect the rights and safety of all around us. It won't be easy to readjust once again, but let us do so with kindness.

St & Dr Alphonsus

In a very short time we have another celebration, and this time it is in honour of our Holy Father and Founder, Saint and Doctor, Alphonsus Maria de'Liguori. We indeed have much to be proud of in this holy man's life and commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Have a wonderful celebration and pray, firstly in thanksgiving for the gift of your own vocation and secondly for new vocations to our Redemptorist Family; as Priest, Brother, Sister, Lay Associate. Thirdly I ask you to pray for all our benefactors who have in the past and today in the present, made it possible for us to live our religious life and proclaim plentiful redemption clearly and loudly.

Please pray for me as I do daily for you.

Peace,

Richard Reid CSsR

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Provincial Superior



Attached:

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Photos of St Mary's Monastery, Clapham