

# VENERABILE VIEW

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## FROM THE RECTOR'S WINDOW

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The year 2016-17 began with a most unexpected bonus. As readers may remember, last year's new students were unable to attend an Audience with the Holy Father during their induction week, because he had a prior engagement in the White House on the day in question. This year, not only were we present for the General Audience on Wednesday 21 September, but we had an opportunity to meet the Pope and be photographed with him afterwards.



None of our new students could quite believe that they had shaken hands with the Pope within days of beginning their time in Rome.

The group shown here with His Holiness includes Toby Duckworth (Birmingham), Daniel Ferguson (Portsmouth), Joakim Breiding (Stockholm) and our two Anglican exchange students, Scott Coleman and Nick Walters, both from St Stephen's House in Oxford.

They were accompanied by myself and two members of staff: Fr John Metcalfe, the Pastoral Director, and our new Vice-Rector, Fr John Flynn.

A week or so after the Audience we welcomed into the College community a new priest from Grenada in the West Indies, Fr Hugh Logan, who is studying for a Scripture licence at the Biblicum. Welcome, Fr Hugh!

This brings our student community to 44, reflecting exactly the number of College martyrs: 35 seminarians, 2 Anglican guests and 7 priests engaged in further studies.

When I meet members of the Friends, I'm often asked how many ordinations to the priesthood have taken place over the past year. I'm pleased to be able to report that seven new priests have been ordained since the last issue of *Venerabile View* - that figure includes three who left the College a year or two before being ordained, in order to complete their preparation in a pastoral setting.

The first to be ordained were Jan Hansen and Kasper Baadsgaard, who had returned to their native Denmark in the summer of 2014 to work in parishes there. I was privileged to be present for their priestly ordination in Copenhagen on Saturday 19 March 2016. I needed to return to Rome promptly, as our own students were just beginning their Holy Week retreat at Palazzola. The Palm Sunday liturgy must have been challenging for the two new priests celebrating their respective "first Masses".

The other ordinations took place in England during the summer. There were two group ordinations which unfortunately clashed with one another, so it was impossible to be present at both. I attended the Southwark ordination of Frs Philip Andrews and David Howell on Saturday 16 July while the Vice-Rector, Fr Mark Harold, was in his own diocese of Salford to see Frs Michael Deas and Richard Howard ordained on the same day. Fr Richard had spent a year as a deacon in the diocese, and now remains there as a priest, while Fr Michael is back with us in Rome for the final year of his Scripture licence at the Biblicum. The two Southwark priests have begun parish ministry in London.

The remaining ordination was that of Fr Tom Cunnah, last year's senior student, ordained by Bishop Mark Davies in Sale on Saturday 3 September. Fr Tom has also returned to Rome, for the final year of his canon law licence. It is a bonus for the community when we have newly-ordained priests who have worked their way through the house, as it helps the seminarians to focus on the goal for which they are preparing.

It was good to see Fr Mark Harold at the ordination in Sale for his final public appearance as Vice-Rector before beginning a well-earned sabbatical in the United States. At the beginning of Advent he is due to take up his new appointment as the first diocesan parish priest of the formerly Benedictine parish of Bamber Bridge. Thanks and good wishes to Fr Mark as he moves on after eight years on the staff of the College.



Frs Jan and Kasper



Archbishop Peter greets Fr. David  
Fr. Philip on the left of the picture



Frs. Richard and Michael distribute Holy Communion



Fr. Thomas with bishop Mark

Fr John Flynn, our new Vice-Rector, is another Salford priest, formerly a lecturer in philosophy on the staff of St Mary's College, Oscott. Welcome, Fr John! His place at Oscott has been taken by Fr Bruce Burbidge, formerly our Academic Tutor. So we are one staff member down this year. We are hoping for a permanent appointment to replace Fr Bruce next autumn. In the meantime, we are grateful to Mgr McLean Cummings, an American priest working in the Roman Curia, who has agreed to assist on a part-time basis until Christmas, and to Sister Margaret Atkins, OSA, from Boarbank Hall in Grange-over-Sands, who will be resident with us from January to June 2017. We are confident that we will be well served as we await a new permanent appointment.



We have four deacons in our current top year, ordained together at Palazzola on the last day of the *villeggiatura* by Archbishop Paul Gallagher, the Holy See's Secretary for Relations with States and a former student of the College. They include the present Senior Student, Mark Paver (Salford), and the Deputy Senior Student, Peter Stoddart (Hexham and Newcastle), who were introduced to readers in the last issue of *Venerabile View*, as well as Andrew Bowden (Westminster) and Elliott Wright (Leeds).



Elliott Wright, Peter Stoddart, Archbishop Gallagher, Mark Paver, Andrew Bowden



The *villeggiatura* provided us with an opportunity to christen the newly-resurfaced tennis courts, for which we are most grateful to the Friends. Perhaps I should explain that they were christened not with a tennis match, as you might have expected, but with a football match between the North and the South. The versatile space can serve either as a tennis court or a football pitch. In keeping with a long tradition, the North was victorious once again this year.

During the summer months most of our students are engaged in pastoral placements in their home dioceses. Members of the Friends may well have come across them in various parish settings across England. We encourage our fourth-year students to go further afield, though - for missionary experiences. This year Ryan Service helped out at summer camps for the children of refugees in the Holy Land, Marco Egawhary worked with the Mill Hill Missionaries in Kenya, while Francis Murphy and John Waters travelled to Bolivia to take part in the work of *Missio* in that country.



All found it a most enriching experience to be exposed to quite different forms of worship from what they have been used to and to share in the lives of the local Catholic communities.

Villagers in the parish of Ambaná in Bolivia honour Our Lady of the Snows with a procession on 5 August

The work on the College façades has taken another leap forward, with the street front between the Church and the Bridgettine convent the latest addition. We were spared the disruption that this kind of work normally involves, because all the work was done during the summer: the scaffolding went up just as we were beginning our *villeggiatura* in late June and it came down in early September. As this section of the façades is more visible than most, it has received much favourable comment from neighbours and passers-by.



Another notable development has been the uncovering of a remarkable 17th-century fresco in the College Garden. It is on the wall that can be seen from the ground floor corridor, where a Gothic window from the medieval church was placed in the early 20th century. Most of us had no idea the fresco was there at all, but now it is visible in all its glory. It

is the work of Andrea Pozzo, the Jesuit artist who painted the famous ceiling at Sant'Ignazio as well as some of the frescoes in the Martyrs' Chapel and the Refectory. The Garden fresco is a perspective, making it appear as if the Garden continues much further into the distance than it really does, amid simulated architectural splendour. We are grateful to the Sir Harold Hood Trust for assistance in funding this project: Sir Harold was of course the brother of the first Chairman of the Friends, Robin Hood.

That brings us up to date at the time of going to press. It remains only for me to thank the Friends most warmly for their continuing support and for the assistance that they provide for our students. Please be assured of our prayers, our affection and our gratitude.

**Mgr. Philip Whitmore**

**Rector**

## A Report from Palazzola

We are so busy and so this is just a short report saying what is happening to the Villa.

We are having the tower above the church repaired (due to crumbling brickwork) and then rendered. We are then hoping to refurbish the interior and make it into staff accommodation.

The builders will then move onto the cloister façade to repair the rendering and repaint it, putting new window frames on the rock face side.

Five “rock face corridor” rooms together with the bathrooms will be refurbished (hopefully before Easter 2017).

The swimming pool has now closed for the winter during which time we will do some minor repairs to the tiling.

We are now FULL for the New Year celebrations but there are still SOME PLACES AVAILABLE over Christmas.

**Joyce Hunter    Director**



The *Friends* held their Committee Meeting at Clergy House, Westminster on the 9<sup>th</sup> November. His Eminence Cormac Cardinal Murphy O'Connor, Archbishop Emeritus of Westminster and Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster Nicholas Bishop Hudson also attended.

Jeremy Hudson, brother of Bishop Hudson and Hamish Keith, recently retired Members of the Committee were also present. Jeremy had served thirty years including four as Chairman and Hamish twenty-four years as Treasurer.

Cardinal Cormac presented Jeremy with an inscribed wine decanter and bottle of fine wine and an inscribed whisky decanter and bottle of whisky to Hamish. He thanked both for their devoted many years of service to the *Friends*. He also thanked the *Friends* for all the prayers and support given to the Venerable over the years and wished the organisation had been in existence during his tenure as Rector (1971-1978).

Bishop Hudson, former Rector of the Venerable (2004-2013) also expressed his thanks to the *Friends* as their support had been very important, particularly during his time at the Venerable. The spiritual and financial support of the *Friends* really made such a difference to the staff and particularly the students to know that they were being supported in such a way.

Both Jeremy and Hamish expressed their thanks to everyone for the presentation and said how privileged they had felt to be part of the organisation.

**Louise Sage**

## FOV Gloucester Visit.

On a sunny Wednesday afternoon in May, around twenty Friends of the Venerable assembled at the Mercure Bowden Hall Hotel in the village of Upton St Leonards, a few miles outside Gloucester. We enjoyed a stroll around the grounds of the hotel, and many of us walked into the village, visiting the parish church, where a friendly churchwarden showed us around.

We returned to the hotel, changed into our glad rags, and met up for drinks in the lovely grounds, by which time we were ready for an agreeable dinner.

Thursday morning dawned bright and sunny. After breakfast our coach took us into the hills to Prinknash Abbey. Father Stephen gave us a potted history of the Benedictine community from its roots on Caldey Island through to the present day. Father Stephen then introduced us to Abbot Francis who had flown back from the USA the previous day. The community sang Terce, and we had a brief comfort break before Mass at 10.30am.



While the Church in England and Wales now keeps Ascension Day on the following Sunday, the community at Prinknash celebrates the Solemnity on its “proper day”, forty days after the resurrection. After Mass, we strolled through the lovely estate, visiting the impressive walled garden en route for the gift shop and café where most of us enjoyed a light lunch.

After lunch we were off to Gloucester Quays, where we were booked on a canal cruise. There was a slight delay as the Llanthony lift bridge had encountered technical problems and we would not have got very far. However, things were soon resolved, and we boarded Queen Boadicea II. This little vessel now lives a quiet life, providing cruises to visitors to the Gloucester and Sharpness canal. In 1940 things were much more exciting (and dangerous) for her as she was involved in the evacuation from Dunkirk.

There was time to sit in the sun and enjoy coffee and cakes near the canal basin. Some of our number were afflicted with a ticklish cough and did clinical trials on the effectiveness of limoncello as an antitussive. I gather it proved very effective.

We travelled the short distance to Gloucester Cathedral and attended Choral Evensong in this magnificent setting. Again, Ascension Day was kept according to St Luke’s chronology. Then we were whisked back to our hotel for drinks and dinner.

On Friday we joined the parish community at Churchdown, a few miles from our hotel, for Mass, before returning to Gloucester Cathedral. We were treated to a fascinating guided tour of this fine building. The different styles of its various parts, together with the windows and artefacts revealed its fascinating history through the skilled explanations of our guide.

The warmth of the sunshine hit us as we emerged from the chill of the Cathedral. Some returned to the hotel for their cases and cars, while others lunched in various cafés and hostelrys before finding their way to the railway station.

*Grazie mille* to Louise Bradley and to Anthony Coles for all the arrangements which made this such an enjoyable short break. And thank you, Chairman Mike and all for your company.

**Fr Colin Patey**

Editors Note:

If you have any suggestions regarding similar visits please let a member of the committee have details. Alternatively consider writing a letter to VV.

## **Pilgrimage Fund**

During lunch, at the AGM in Preston, one of our members stated that he would like to see the *Friends* make a special effort to enable the College to take the students on pilgrimages (similar to the Holy Land pilgrimage in 2014). The Rector was pleased to support this idea.

This proposal was discussed at the recent Committee Meeting and accepted. Any monies which are donated for such a fund will become “restricted” and therefore only available for that purpose.

Members are invited to send special donations for this fund to the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer with a note stating “For Pilgrimage Fund”.

If you would like to make a Standing Order, please ask for a special Standing Order Form.

## **2017 Annual Meeting at Palazzola**

In the last issue of VV we asked for your views (in the form of a “statement of interest”) on the suggestion that the 2017 AGM should take place at the end of a week long gathering based at Palazzola.

This proposal received over 60 replies and these members have received a mailshot on the proposal which is to spend the week 01—08 October 2017. at Palazzola. This will be a “group holiday” with a series of optional excursions and also a planned visit to the VEC to join the students and staff at the Wednesday Community Mass. After Mass we have been invited to join the Community at supper and this will be an ideal opportunity to meet with the students.

If you are interested in joining this group then please contact Anthony Coles.  
Email [arctc@btinternet.com](mailto:arctc@btinternet.com) or Phone 020 7431 3414

As you will be aware accommodation at the Villa is limited and so it will have to be on the basis of “first come...first served”

**TRIBUTE TO FR ANTHONY GRIMSHAW RIP**  
**28 November 1936—13 August 2016**

“From the day of his ordination , a priest can never forget that he has been called by God Himself to be

A SERVANT.....A VICTIM.....A BROTHER.....A FRIEND”

(Terence Cardinal Cooke The late Archbishop of New York )

When I was asked to write a few words about the late Fr Anthony Grimshaw I felt the word “few” greatly limited me but I can only write from my brief knowledge of knowing Fr Tony at Palazzola for two short years.

In March 1988 Fr Tony arrived at Palazzola to replace Fr Philip Holroyd as Chaplain and Director. It was a cold winter’s day when Tony arrived like a pending tsunami and took us by storm and surprise following Fr Philip’s quiet pensive, reflective approach. Tony had been under the impression that the resident community were the Elizabethine Sisters who only spoke Italian and confined their activities to the kitchen area.

It was a sharp learning curve for Tony to know that the Sisters of Mercy were in residence for the sole purpose of prayer and hospitality. Tony was a quick learner and he threw himself into the situation with enthusiasm, energy and a sense of collaboration.

The quotation from Cardinal Cooke epitomises Tony’s living out of his priesthood. He was most faithful to the daily celebration of the Eucharist, the Liturgy of the Hours and the Salve Regina at night. Punctuality was a strong trait in his character and he was exact about detail. We had some very meaningful celebrations such as weekly Eucharistic Adoration and a healing service if there was a retreat in the house.

On the practical level Tony was a DIY person with a ready set of tools to remedy the different mishaps that occur daily in a large building. One of his strong dislikes was the smell of cigarette smoke always telling me that he was only one cigarette away from returning to being a chain smoker.

Tony worked hard to raise money to develop the swimming pool, to purchase a mini bus and to upgrade the church. He was most hospitable and generous to all visitors and carried on some of the special ministries that Fr Philip had initiated such as the Priests’ Sabbatical; a Retreat for Religious as well as the Mercy Jubilarians holiday.

Tony loved outings and on a slack day he would say to us “Let’s go to Rome or Anzio or Nettuno or indeed Assisi” where we would stay overnight and celebrate Mass in one of its historical chapels. These were occasions of great excitement for us as living at Palazzola was quite restrictive in terms of travel . On our special Feast Day he would take us to a place of significance and he knew I liked the Shrine of Divino Amore so that was a regular pilgrimage.

All visitors to the Villa engaged well with Tony and they valued his outgoing manner, his listening ear and his warm and sincere welcome. His lovely genial Dad, who was a widower, came and spent Christmas 1988 with us and we learned very quickly that many of Tony’s characteristics were inherited from his father.

Tony worked well with the Piacentini Family whom we all loved and respected and who were the heart and soul of Palazzola and without whom those early years would have been a time of hardship. I cannot remember Fr Tony without paying tribute to Fernanda and Alfredo and I pray that all three are together in their heavenly home awaiting those of us who knew and loved them.

**Sr Assumpta Walsh**  
**(21/8/2016)**

## Eulogy :Fr. Anthony James Grimshaw

Listen! We don't want you to go from here with the idea that having a priest in the family is a solo effort on his part. It involves the whole family. That includes the alarm clock, tinsplate, pan and electric buzzer that woke us, the whole street, and eventually him, to send him to early morning Mass when the Lord's vocational call came to him after the tragic death post birth of our second sister Mary.

Anthony James never wavered in his vocation for the rest of his life, it sat squarely on his shoulders and anyone who met him was assured of it too.

He taught his brothers the Latin responses to the Mass and woe betide the brother who got the pronunciation wrong. He policed this with the same rigour that he oversaw the running of the clockwork railway from room to room, stationing sibling at this place, and that, to wind the engine at just the precise moment to keep the network running 'on time'. Everything must be done properly and in the correct order; once, appearing at our house for lunch with bandaged hands when questioned stated, "been beating an altar boy out" to which we questioned "he started lighting the candles from the front?". At Quarantore with 100 candles to light you must start from the altar and work backwards. Start from the front and light forwards, leaves lighter alight.

Becoming a Parish Priest both delighted him and released him to new heights. He had previously worked in London for CAFOD and thus made many new friends from all over the world. A phone call from him at 9pm one November evening might go like this:

"Pete, can you meet a Peruvian Jesuit at London Road Station off the London Train at 11.15 tonight and bring him here I've got a sick call".

Me, "Ok, what's his name and how will I recognise him?"

Anthony, "Manuel something, You'll recognise him,"

This finds me at Piccadilly Station at 11.15pm approaching a six feet four inch pencil thin skin head wearing a poncho and rope sandals with no socks and saying, "Fr Manuel?, Fr Tony has asked me to meet you and take you to his parish. There were to be many such errands over the years.....

Every Parish was a new delight, getting to know his parishioners, and dare I say lightening the place up. But never in all this did he forget his family, visiting Mum and Dad on his days off and latterly his brothers and sister sharing his boisterous humour, remembering birthdays and Christmases with cards and 'unusual' presents. Delighting his nephews and nieces with scooter rides, organ lofts, and presbyteries to play hide and seek in. We never had to drag the children out to visit Uncle Anthony.

Not only was his concerns for his parishioners but also for those who worked with him. Once in Kenya driving the Mission car we ran into a running flock of Guinea Fowl, his response, "Quick run one down we'll have it for tea!.....on second thoughts get two and we'll give one to the sisters".

His friends were legion and he never explained where or why he knew them, they were a bus driver, a doctor, a croupier in a Casino, a student and many others some of whom I am sure are here today to pay respects to a priest who cared deeply for them and their concerns.

Amongst his papers and in his breviary, prayer cards, notes of thanks and good wishes, including one from Princess Margaret thanking him for a visit to Palazzola and for afternoon tea on the Terrace.

The conversation is reputed to have gone like this:

Princess Margaret: Thank you for a lovely afternoon, and especially for your loyal toast for my sister, I have only one sister you know"!

Anthony: "Have you, so have I".

Also a Christmas greeting on a picture of the Holy Family at Bethlehem signed Joannes Paulus PP 2 in rather shaky handwriting.

A Man of Faith and faithful to his friends and those that assisted him. At least once a month on his day off he would visit Agnes Garrett now in a nursing home in her nineties, gently lost to reality, he would visit her and say with her the prayers of their childhood, the connection? She pushed him in his pram around Ancoats when he was a baby.

Now we have sent him home to where he longed to be, using the Luo Language which he mastered so well in Kenya a country which once visited, not all of you comes back from.....

Oriti Omera maduong, ero komano ahinya Goodbye big brother, a big thank you

**Peter Grimshaw**

**The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Friends at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Preston.**  
10<sup>th</sup> September 2016

23 Members were in attendance, including Mgr. Philip Whitmore (Rector), and we were also joined by the Senior Student at the College, Mark Paver. There were 68 apologies for absence.

It was great to meet some Friends who are residents in the North West, and who otherwise may not have been able to attend an Annual Meeting.

Mgr. Whitmore presented a detailed Report on the past year at the College, including a slide show that highlighted various events. He particularly commented on a visit from Sir Anthony Kenny, a former student, who had been involved in cataloguing the contents of the Archives in the 1950's, and also this year's Schwarzenbach Lecture by Professor Maurice Whitehead.

He wished to pay tribute to two members of staff who had now left the College:–  
Fr. Mark Harold, after 8 years on the staff, including 6 as Vice-Rector, will be returning to the Salford Diocese, and Fr. Bruce Burbridge who has joined the staff at St Mary's College, Oscott. Both will be missed by Staff and Students alike.

Mgr. Philip thanked the Friends for their continued prayers, support and help given to the Staff and Students at the College and at Palazzola.

In his Address to the AGM, Mike Lang (Chairman) reported on the excellent visit during the Spring to Prinknash Abbey and the Gloucester area. He expressed his concern at the slow decline in membership of the Friends which now stands at 449. He appealed to all members to try to recruit new members. A recent Area Group meeting in Devon had proved a success and Mike hoped that the idea might be taken up by other areas of the country as a means of promoting the Friends and, hopefully, encouraging recruitment.

The AGM elected the following committee to serve for the coming year –  
Mike Lang (Chairman), Adrian Rogers (Treasurer), Jim Holroyd (Secretary) and Louise Bradley, Mary Ewing, Sarah Gough, Michael L'Estrange, Louise Sage, Barbara Smith and Paul Smith.  
Fr Thomas Wood and Mr Anthony Coles remain ex-officio members of the committee.

Following an excellent lunch, the Chairman invited Mark Paver to give us a student's perspective of life at the College.

Mark began by thanking the Friends' for their continued support, both practical and spiritual. He then introduced himself with a description of his individual, and somewhat unique, journey from childhood in Greater Manchester, via Sheffield University, employment in Manchester and New York, and studies in New York and Rome, to his present position at the VEC, as he looks forward to ordination to the Priesthood next year.

He then gave us a very interesting insight into a 'typical' day for a Student at the College, and presented a slide show depicting various student activities during the year.

He finished by again thanking the Friends' for what they do. The recent re-surfacing of the Tennis Court at Palazzola being a perfect example of how our help is greatly appreciated by all the Students.

**Jim Holroyd**

**We welcome the following new members**

Mr. P Smith (Maidenhead)	Mrs. E Coy (Luton)	Mr P A Green (London)
Miss A Urwin (London)	Mrs Y. Roys (Trowbridge)	Mrs J. Brooks (Lichfield)
Mr. & Mrs. R B Duckworth (Birmingham)		

## Chairman's Report

As I sit down to write this report, I have just returned from a week in Palazzola, and I have to say that each time I go back to the Villa, it is slightly more “polished” as the structure is repaired and renewed. At present, while the rest of the building is looking pristine after the recent repainting, the tower is now enclosed in scaffolding. Inside, the work of upgrading the rooms goes on, and the latest advance is the replacement of the small shower cubicle in the ensuite rooms by a more up-to-date version which is much easier to get into - thank you, Joyce!

During our stay at the Villa, we shared the facilities with a school group, and it was good to see how much use was made of the Tennis Court now that it has been so cleverly lined to make it suitable for Five-a-Side football as well as for tennis .

Elsewhere (*page 6*) you will find the report on the Gloucestershire visit earlier this year. Many thanks to Louise Bradley and Anthony Coles for the excellent organisation which made this such a success – I am looking forward with interest to the next committee meeting when we begin to plan our 2017 visit.

During July, August and September, a number of the seminarians were ordained, and I was able to be present at most of the ordinations – a wonderful experience and a great privilege. It is especially poignant when one knows the candidate, and it is a particular joy to witness the delight of their student colleagues as they assist as Deacons or as “supporters” in the congregation – and no doubt looking forward to their own ordination days. If you have never experienced an ordination, may I suggest that you try to attend one in the not-too-distant future; it will confirm the value of our efforts in the *Friends* to make it - not easy, but easier - to stay the course.

Here in Devon where we have access to the facilities of Buckfast Abbey, I am continuing my efforts to hold regular local meetings of the *Friends*. Our next meeting is scheduled to take place on 29<sup>th</sup> November, a date chosen specifically to be as close as possible to the College's celebration of the Feast of the College Martyrs. Mgr. A Toffolo has agreed to celebrate Mass for us, and our speaker will be Dr. C. Farey, whose subject will be “**The Differences between Muslim and Christian Art**”. Having local groups of this kind was one of the original objectives of the *Friends* - is there anyone else who would like to set up a group in their area?

In the last Newsletter, I asked for your thoughts on how to increase our declining membership – this is now becoming urgent, as I suspect that by next year we will be down to around the four hundred mark. Sadly, to date I have received only a few suggestions from members, and I can only reiterate my earlier plea for all members to try to recruit at least one other member – if we all did this our numbers would jump to eight hundred. Please try – and any other suggestions you can make are still very welcome.

By the time you receive this Newsletter, Advent will be upon us and Christmas preparations both sacred and secular well under way, so I take this opportunity to wish you a happy and holy Christmas season.

### FUNDRAISING

A cheque for three hundred pounds arrived recently from a couple who in celebrating their Golden Wedding had informed their guests that they did not want any presents for themselves, but would prefer to receive donations to be shared between three chosen charities – this cheque was the **FOV** share of the donations received.

We thank them for their generosity and wish them many more years of happy married life.

**TOWARDS ADVENT 2016**  
Annual Festival of Catholic Culture

**Saturday 26th November**

Westminster Cathedral Hall

**10.00 am – 4.00 pm**

Opening Ceremony at 10.30 am with  
Bishop Nicholas Hudson  
(Past Rector Venerabile 2004-2013)  
Polish Children's Choir

Displays by Catholic groups,  
organisations and charities  
Refreshments available all day  
Play corner for children  
Books, DVDs, CDs and cards on sale

**ENTRY FREE**

There will be talks and workshops  
during the day

11.30 Mgr. John Armitage, Rector of  
The Catholic National Shrine of Our  
Lady of Walsingham.

2.00 p.m. Music Workshop  
Joseph Estorninho,  
Director of Music,

St. James's School, Twickenham.  
Fr. Alexander Sherbrooke,  
(St. Patrick's, Soho) who worked  
with St. (Mother) Teresa in India,  
will talk on her relevance in  
today's world.

3.30 p.m. Guided History Tour of  
Westminster Cathedral

As in the previous five years  
*Friends of the Venerabile* will again be  
taking a stand at this Festival

If you are in the area on that day, do  
please call in and meet us  
We would be delighted to see you

**Martyrs' Day Celebrations**  
**2016**

**South West**

**Thursday 1st December**

**Holy Mass: St Mary's, Julian Rd, Bath BA1 2SF**  
**at 12 noon.**

**Bishop C Budd will preside and preach**

**North West**

**Monday 28 November**

**Holy Mass: Our Lady of Grace, Fairfax Rd,**  
**Prestwich, M25 1AS at 12 noon.**

**South East**

**Thursday 1st December**

**Holy Mass: Tyburn Convent, 8, Hyde Park Rd,**  
**W2 2LJ at 12 noon.**

**Principal Celebrant: Bishop Nicholas Hudson**

**West Midlands**

**Thursday 1st December**

**Holy Mass: St. Josephs,**  
**125 Newton Road, Malvern WR14 1PF**  
**at 12 noon.**

**East Midlands**

**Thursday 1st December**

**Holy Mass: English Martyrs' Church,**  
**Alvaston, Derby DE24 8QU at 11.30 am.**