



Hostia

Bulletin of the Eucharistic Crusade for Children in Great Britain & Ireland



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July 2024: Month of the
Precious Blood

**So that priests and religious
become saints**

August 2024: Month of the
Immaculate Heart of Mary

**For all children
who do not know Jesus**

The
Saint
of
the
month

Saint Christina Virgin and Martyr († 300)



Saint Christina was the daughter of a rich and powerful magistrate named Urban. Her father, who was deep in the practices of paganism, had a number of golden idols. His young daughter broke them, then distributed the pieces among the poor. Infuriated by this act, Urban became the persecutor of his own daughter. He had her whipped with rods and thrown into a dungeon. Christina remained unshaken in her faith. Her tormentor brought her forth to have her body torn by iron hooks, then fastened to a rack beneath which a fire was kindled. But God watched over His servant and turned the flames back toward the onlookers, several of whom perished.

The torments to which this young girl was subjected would seem as difficult to devise as to imagine; but God was beside her at all times. After a heavy stone was attached to her neck, Saint Christina was thrown into the lake of Bolsena, but was rescued by an Angel and seen wearing a stole and walking on the water, accompanied by several Angels. Her father, hearing she was still alive, died suddenly amid atrocious sufferings. A new judge succeeded him, a cruel pagan experienced in persecuting the Christians. He tried to win her by reminding her of her nobility,

suggesting she was in serious error. Her reply infuriated him: Christ, whom you despise, will tear me out of your hands! Then Saint Christina suffered the most inhuman torments. The second judge also was struck down by divine justice. A third one named Julian, succeeded him. Magician! he cried, adore the gods, or I will put you to death! She survived a raging furnace, after remaining in it for five days. Serpents and vipers thrown into her prison did not touch her, but killed the magician who had brought them there. She sent them away in the name of Christ, after restoring the unfortunate magician to life; he was converted and thanked the God of Christina and the Saint. Then her tongue was cut out.

The Saint prayed to be allowed to finish her course. When she was pierced with arrows, she gained the martyr's crown at Tyro, a city which formerly stood on an island in the lake of Bolsena in Italy, but has since been swallowed up by the waters. Her relics are now at Palermo in Sicily. Her tomb was discovered in the 19th century at Bolsena, marked with an inscription dating from the 10th century.

Saint Christina's feastday
is on 24th July

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Dear Crusaders and Friends,

How blessed you are to have parents, teachers, priests and religious to speak to you about God and Heaven. But many children in this world do not know Jesus — and Father Pagliarani, Superior General of the Society of Saint Pius X, is asking us to pray during the month of August for them.

Why are there so many children who don't know Jesus Christ? One reason is that there are not enough priests and religious to preach about Our Lord everywhere. Another is that many are prevented from hearing this teaching because their parents do not allow them to receive it.

So it is a great grace for us to learn about the truths of heavenly realities and we must ask God that that grace be received by many more children. This is because, as for all graces, it must be deserved — and our prayers for others means that some of them will receive it as a gift from God, as we have because of the merits of another person. Hence the need to make this our special intention when we pray in August.



In July, we are asked to pray so that your priests and religious become saints. This might sound like an impossible request. Yet, it is certainly what we need, because we will have a fruitful ministry in proportion to our own sanctification. That is how God works since we are His main instruments for distributing His graces.

God is not limited in the distribution of His graces, of course, but He needs them to be deserved. This is why the closer the priest is to God, the holier he is, the more he has to give to young and old. Priests and religious deserve graces for others by their sanctification which consists of fulfilling their duties with great generosity.

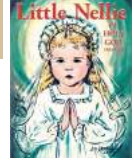
Pray that your priests keep the zeal they had when entering Seminary, the zeal that increased during their training and the zeal that we felt on the day of our Ordinations. However long ago that was, we should still want to bring that zeal, every day, to our ministry. The same applies to religious entering a Monastery or Convent. Our vocation is to bring Jesus Christ into people's lives so that you may know Him, love Him and serve Him in this world, and by this means, be happy with Him in Heaven for all eternity.

God bless you all.

Father Vianney Vandendaele +
Chaplain of EC
in Great Britain & Ireland

I WANT HOLY GOD — LITTLE NELLIE

By Father Bernard des Ronces



CHAPTER 9 — COMMUNIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS (3)

Perhaps without intending to, this Sister makes us understand that, for her, Nellie after her Communion really entered into a state of ecstasy, in the sense usually given to it by the mystical authors.

After this, we can understand what insatiable hunger the angelic invalid felt for the Divine Eucharist. Communion had become her unique thought and her unique need.

One night, right at the end of her short life, she kept the nurse awake, continually calling her: “Mother”, she said, “I want Holy God! I need Holy God. Will it soon be the morning?”

“Try to sleep, my dear”, answered Miss Hall, “several hours will have passed before Father Houlihan arrives”.

“Go and get him and tell him I need Holy God. Is the priest not in the garden?”

“Oh, no, my little one. He’s far away, down in the City... I can’t go and get him now”.

At last, day broke, and the little starving child was satiated with the Living Bread. Her thanksgiving began and only finished in the evening, at 4.45.



All day long, the dear little communicant remained motionless, in the same position, her eyes closed, her hands joined, pressing the Crucifix to her heart.

From time to time, they offered her some food, but she neither answered nor moved, so that the rumour spread through the Community that something extraordinary had happened to the little child.

Here is what one eyewitness had to say:

“When I visited Nellie at 4.45pm, she was resting peacefully on her little bed, turned towards the window. I had heard people say how she had spent the day and I was very curious to see how she was.

“I gently leaned over her and at that very moment she suddenly turned and said: ‘Oh, Mother, I’m so happy! I was speaking with Holy God’. Her voice trembled with joy; her face which was normally so pale and ravaged by consumption was now fresh and white as milk. Her cheeks, if you will pardon the expression, were as pink as two lovely peaches.

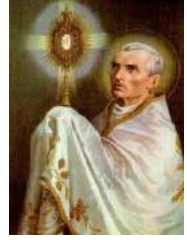


Her big eyes shone with such splendour that I cannot describe them. These eyes had seen God. Her smile was also indescribable because it was heavenly and all around the bed you could smell a very strong aroma of fragrant incense.

The radiant light that had appeared on the child that morning seemed to be even brighter still.

Sister Immaculata and Miss Hall, witnesses of this wonder, looked at each other stupefied, and both understood that they were in the presence of a truly holy little soul, wonderfully privileged by the Lord Jesus.

To be continued.

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION**Jesus Model of Poverty (2)**

Why did Jesus Christ choose this constant state of poverty? In the first place, because as a child of Adam He had adopted the state of our exiled nature, which had been stripped of its rights over inferior creatures; in the second place, because He wanted to sanctify by His poverty all the acts of poverty to be performed in His Church. He became poor in order that through His not caring about earthly possessions He might detach us from them and impart to us the riches of Heaven. He became poor so that poverty, which is our condition, our penance, and our means of reparation, might through Him become honorable, desirable, and lovable. He became poor to show us and prove us His love. He remains poor in the Sacrament, in spite of: His glorified state, in order always to be our living and visible model.



And thus poverty, which in itself is not likable since it is a punishment and a privation, becomes noble and full of charm through Jesus Christ, Who adopted it as His form of life, based His Gospel upon it, and made it the first of the Beatitudes and His Divine heiress.

It is holy through Jesus since it was His great virtue, and since it repairs God's glory, destroyed by Original Sin and our own personal sins. It gives rise to the virtue of penance by the privations which it entails. It furnishes a natural occasion for the practice of patience, which is quite indispensable for the completing and perfecting of our undertakings. It sustains humility which it feeds with the humiliations that are its unflinching companions. It supposes that one has enough meekness and strength of character to face a long siege of suffering; for suffering without consolation or friendly assistance usually follows upon it. It must be meek, for one does not give anything to an insolent beggar. It must be full of deference and respect towards all those who give it help. It must be grateful, for that is its power. It must pray, for that is its life. And what glory poverty gives to God!

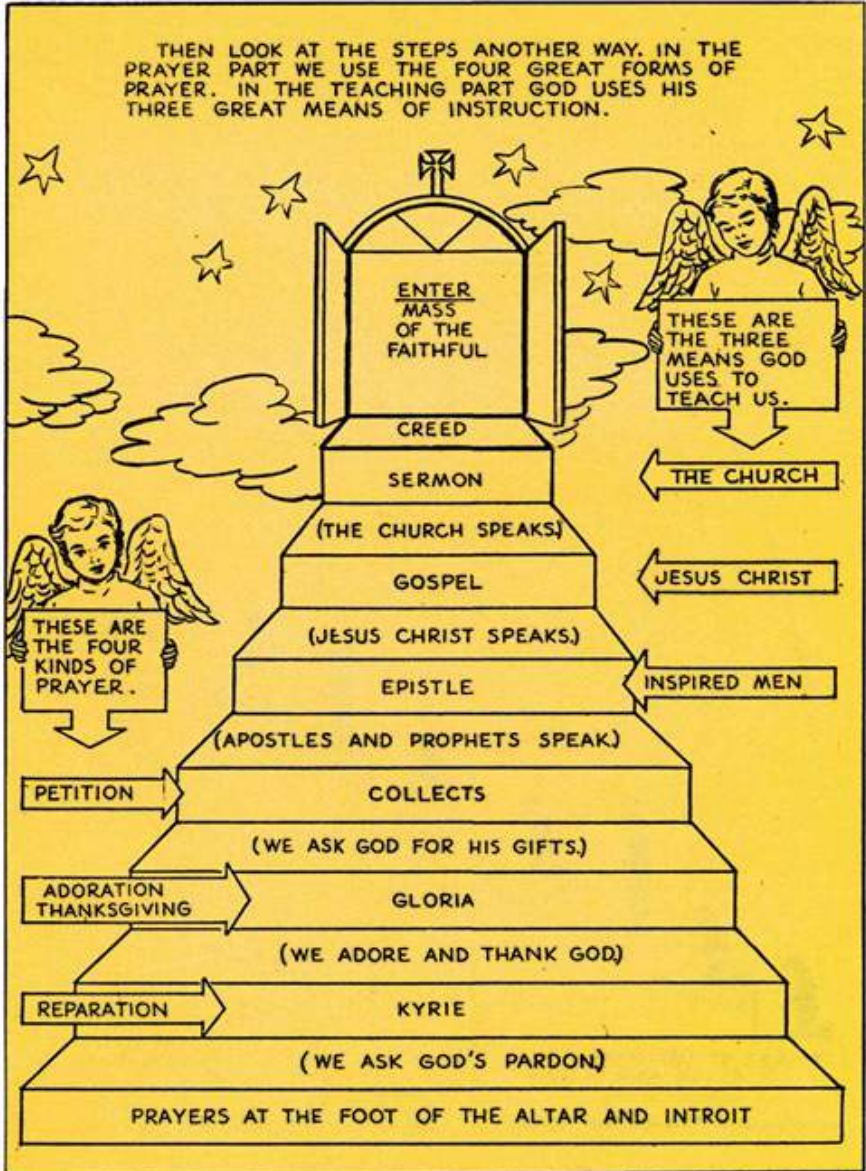
No matter what happens, poverty is content with its condition because it comes from God. It offers as homage to God everything that makes up its condition. It is grateful for trials as well as for good fortune. It adores God in all things and prefers Him to any condition. Its wealth is in the holy will of God. It places itself in the hands of His paternal providence whether this be manifested through mercy, or kindness, or even justice. *Jacta super Dominum curam tuam, et ipse te enutriet.* "Cast thy care upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee." Those that are poor supernaturally are God's property.



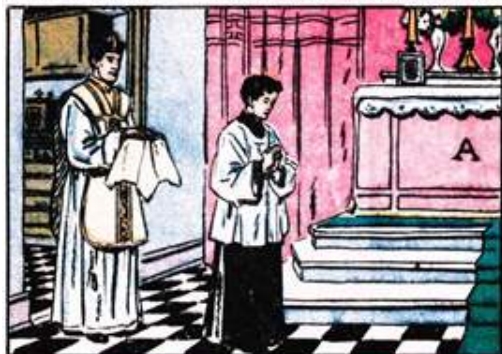
Oh! How enrapturing is the poverty which makes us love God above all else! Christian poverty is beautiful, but more beautiful still is religious poverty which honours God by giving up everything and abandoning itself in all things to His goodness. The love of pleasure ruined man; poverty rehabilitates him and restores him to happiness. But above

all how admirable is the poverty of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament where He deprives Himself of all glory, of all freedom, of every kind of natural good, and where He depends on the charity of man and is at his mercy! That is real love!

KNOW YOUR MASS



KNOW YOUR MASS CHAPTER THREE: GETTING READY



HERE IS HOW THE MASS BEGINS. WATCH THE PRIEST CAREFULLY.

YOU SHOULD BE IN YOUR SEAT AND WAITING BEFORE THE PRIEST LEAVES THE SACRISTY.

YOU STAND NOW.



YOU GENUFLECTED BEFORE YOU ENTERED YOUR PEW. THE PRIEST GENUFLECTS NOW.

IN GENUFLECTING TO GOD YOU BEND YOUR RIGHT KNEE TO THE GROUND:



TAKING THE CORPORAL OUT OF THE BURSE, THE PRIEST SPREADS IT OVER THE PLACE WHERE THE ALTAR STONE IS.

THE BLESSED EUCHARIST MUST ALWAYS REST ON THE CORPORAL.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

The Shepherds



“And there were in the same country shepherds watching, and keeping the night watches over their flock. And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them; and they feared with a great fear” **(Luke 2:8-9)**.

Favoured men, the first to gaze upon Christ! The shepherds were there first with their homage, and for ever afterwards those Judean shepherds glorified and praised God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it had been told unto them.

The shepherds heard the wonderful news the same day that it happened; the angel had said "*For, this day, is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David.*"

The shepherds received great honour, a personal visit from a special messenger of the Most High, a heavenly angel speaking with them and thrilling their hearts with the gladsome news. Once again God had reserved his choicest favour for the meek and lowly of heart.

The shepherds must have lifted up their eyes and seen the hillside around them crowded with the serried ranks of those resplendent beings, the radiance of their concourse turning night into day, the

music of their voices rising and falling upon the still air like that of a vast choir, as they sang of glory to God in the highest, and peace upon earth to men of good will. With one accord they rose up to go without delay into Bethlehem to see for themselves this thing that had come to pass.



These men were the first human beings to greet earth's rightful king! They were privileged to extend earth's welcome to the One who had come from above. On behalf of the entire human race that Jesus had come to save, they made obeisance. We are so

accustomed to the words of John *"he came unto his own, and his own received him not"* that we forget that the first men to see Jesus in the flesh did receive him, and talked about him for the rest of their lives. The conclusion is that these men were men of God, waiting in hope and faith and expectancy for the promised Messiah, and - who knows? - probably of that band which *"looked for deliverance in Jerusalem"* (Luke 2:38). What more appropriate than that the Most High should apprise the "Watchers" of that day of the fact that the One for whom they looked had come at last?

"And this shall be a sign unto thee" - a wonder. Surely it was a wonder to men trained to expect Messiah as a great military leader and powerful King, overawing and destroying all the enemies of Israel and restoring the kingdom's former glories! *"You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger."* But their faith did not stagger; there is nothing in any part of the account to suggest that they even questioned the apparent strangeness of this Messianic Advent, so different from all that they had been taught and led to expect. They came, they saw, and they worshipped, and went away to spread the glad news that the King had come.

THE HOLY GHOST OUR GREATEST FRIEND

THE HOLY GHOST IS PERSONALLY IN OUR SOULS

The Eight Beatitudes



1. **Blessed are the poor in spirit**, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
2. **Blessed are the meek**, for they shall possess the land.
3. **Blessed are they that mourn**, for they shall be comforted.
4. **Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice**, for they shall have their fill.
5. **Blessed are the merciful**, for they shall obtain mercy.
6. **Blessed are the clean of heart**, for they shall see God.
7. **Blessed are the peacemakers**, for they shall be called the children of God.
8. **Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake**, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.



HOLY SOULS CORNER

The Immense Power of the Mass for the Holy Souls in Purgatory (Part II)

The power of the Holy Mass in relieving the Holy Souls in Purgatory may be illustrated by an incident, related by the historian Ferdinand of Castile. From 1324-1327 there was at Cologne two Dominican Religious of distinguished talent, one of whom was Blessed Henry Suso (1295-1366). They shared the same studies, the same kind of life, and above all the same desire for sanctity, which had caused them to form a close friendship.



When they had finished their studies, seeing that they were about to be separated to return each one to his own convent, they agreed and promised one another that the first of the two who should die should be assisted by the other for a whole year by the celebration of two Masses each week—on Monday a Mass of Requiem, as was customary, and on Friday that of the Passion, in so far as the Rubrics would permit. They promised each other that they would do this, gave each other the kiss of peace, and left Cologne.

For several years they both continued to serve God with the most edifying fervour. The priest religious whose name is not mentioned was the first to be called away, and Father Suso received the news with sentiments of resignation to the Divine will. As to the contract they had made, time had caused him to forget it. However, he prayed much for his friend, imposing new penances upon himself and many other good works, but he did not think of offering the Masses which he had promised a number of years previously.

One morning, while meditating in retirement in the chapel, he suddenly saw appear before him the soul of his departed friend, who, regarding him with tenderness, reproached him with having been unfaithful to his word from which he had a perfect right to rely upon with confidence. Blessed Suso, surprised, excused his forgetfulness by relating the many prayers and mortifications which he had offered, and still continued to offer, for his friend, whose salvation was as dear to him as his own.

"Is it possible, my dear brother;" he added, "That so many prayers and good works which I have offered to God do not suffice for you?" "Oh no," dear brother, replied the suffering soul, "These are not yet sufficient. It is the Blood of Jesus Christ that is needed to extinguish the flames by which I am consumed; it is the Holy Sacrifice which will deliver me from these frightful torments. I implore you to keep your word, and refuse me not that which in justice you owe me."

Blessed Suso hastened to respond to the appeal of the suffering soul; he contacted as many priests as possible and urged them to say Masses for his friend's intentions and, to repair his fault, he celebrated, and caused to be celebrated, a large number of Masses that very same day. On the following day several priests, at the request of Father Suso, united with him in offering the Holy Sacrifice for the deceased, and he continued his act of charity for several days.

After a short time the priest friend of Suso again appeared to him, but now in a very different condition; his countenance was joyful, and he was surrounded with beautiful light. "Thanks be to you, my dear friend" he said "behold, by the Blood of my Saviour I am delivered from my sufferings. I am now going to Heaven to contemplate Him whom we so often adored together under the Eucharistic veil."

Afterwards, Blessed Suso prostrated himself to 'thank the God of infinite mercy, because he now understood more than ever the inestimable value of the Mass.'

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

Chapter 80. Resurrection of the Body

Belief in the resurrection is very consoling. It was this belief that gave the early Christians and martyrs such fortitude under persecutions. Firm in this belief, we should not mourn for our beloved dead excessively: "But we would not, brethren, have you ignorant concerning those who are asleep, lest you should grieve, even as others who have no hope" (1 Thessalonians 4:12). We shall see them again in the resurrection. We should remember the words of Our Lord, Who will raise us from the dead: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, even if he die, shall live; and whoever lives and believes in me, shall never die" (John 11:25-26).



Why will the bodies of the just rise ?

The bodies of the just will rise to share forever in the glory of their souls.

"For this corruptible body must put on incorruption, and this mortal body must put on immortality" (1 Corinthians 15:53).

1. The risen body will be radiant and beautiful, if it is of a just person. It will have the qualities of Our Lord's risen Body, characterized by:

(a) Impassibility.

By this quality the risen body will no longer be subject to pain, disease, death, hunger, thirst, fatigue, sleep, heat or cold. "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying" (Apocalypse 21:4).



(b) Brightness.

By this quality, the risen body will shine with great radiance and glory. "Then the just will shine Forth like the sun, in the kingdom of their Father" (Matthew 13:43).

(c) Agility.

This quality will enable the risen body to pass with the quickness of thought to all parts of the universe.

(d) Subtility, or spirituality.

This quality will enable the risen body to penetrate material substances, even as Our Lord, Who arose from the tomb and entered the Cenacle while doors and windows were barred. "What is sown a natural body rises a spiritual body" (I Corinthians 15:44).

LITURGY THIS MONTH

The month of July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



Sundays after Pentecost

In the long succession of Sundays after the feast of Pentecost until Advent, 6 months, our Holy Mother the Church teaches us through the parables and miracles of Our Lord the Christian Virtues we must practice. Sunday after Sunday, we will be amazed to know all the things Jesus did for us and how much He wants us to realise that we were created to go to Heaven. It is important to listen to the sermons of the priests at Sunday Mass in order to learn and be encouraged to do good.

July 2nd: The Visitation

Our Lady visits her cousin Saint Elizabeth and sanctifies Saint John the Baptist.

July 16th: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

We must wear our brown scapular all the time to be preserved from the fires of Hell.

July 25th: St. James

Called the Greater, he was one of the “Sons of Thunder,” known for his Faith in Jesus.

July 26th: St. Anne

The mother of the Virgin Mary.

August 6th: Transfiguration of Our Lord

The Transfiguration of Our Lord celebrates the revelation of Christ’s divine glory and provides us with a glimpse of our life in the world to come.

August 15th: ASSUMPTION

Our Lady is taken up to Heaven body and soul to be there the Queen of the universe.

August 22nd: Immaculate Heart of Mary

Let us remember how much Our Lady suffered for our Redemption from the Birth to the Death of Her Son, out of love for us.

The Mysteries of the Rosary - 11



The Resurrection



The Crusader prays, receives Communion, makes sacrifices and shows good example for the intention that is given him each month by Reverend Father Davide Pagliarani, successor of Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre as Superior General of the Society of Saint Pius X



PRAYER

July 2024 Intention:
So that priests and religious become saints

August 2024 Intention:
For all children who do not know Jesus

Daily offering

To be recited every morning when you wake up

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer Thee all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, and in reparation for my sins. I offer them particularly

so that priests and religious become saints

for all children who do not know Jesus



COMMUNION



SACRIFICE



APOSTOLATE

APRIL 2024 RESULTS

The Intention was that the Church may triumph over her enemies

	Treasure Sheets returned	Morning Offering	Masses	Communions		Sacrifices	Decades of the Rosary	Visits to Blessed Sacrament	15 mins of meditation	Good Example
				Sac.	Spirit.					
GB	13	343	152	133	398	685	2191	168	86	515
Ireland	11	289	51	49	560	1029	1492	39	90	567

Remember that all the good works and prayers from your treasure sheets are given each month to Father Pagliarani and so that he may be able to offer them at his Mass on the first Saturday of every month.

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