



# Vox Clamantis

Bulletin of the Society of Saint Pius X in Scotland

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*"The will to do, the soul to dare"*

Dear Faithful,

A slightly different format for our June edition. Normally, this page is devoted to news from our Apostolate here in Scotland but so much has happened over the last month that I couldn't do it justice on one page so I shall 'spill over' onto the inside pages to give you an idea of the fecund state of our two churches. Similarly, publication is somewhat late so that we can put in pictures of the Confirmations in Edinburgh.



***The altar of repose, (the Garden) on the evening of Maundy Thursday***

Holy Week was provided in both churches once again this year with increased attendance. Many of the traditions of centuries were lost at the 'reformation' in Scotland and, indeed, Holy Week was poorly provided by the clergy after Emancipation and, outside of Fort Augustus and some Cathedrals, poorly attended. It is part



***Święconki!***

of the Society's mission to restore these slowly. We have also been providing some of the Polish customs including the blessing of the Easter baskets on Holy Saturday. Both Masses for Easter Sunday were well attended in both churches.

The secular calendar and liturgical calendar coincided this year as we moved into May with both the feast of St. Joseph, Artisan, originally intituted when 1<sup>st</sup> May was a public holiday, and Whit Monday. The secular public holidays have now been fixed to the first and the last Monday in May but the coincidence meant good attendance on both days.

Many thanks to our choirs and the 'flower ladies' who beautified our churches with their artistic talents over the fifty days of the Easter season. Extra Masses and the requisite solemnity were amply provided by their generous efforts. An interesting note about these fifty days was provided by one of our Gaelic speakers, who told me that Whitsun is called *a Chaingis* in Gaelic, taken from an adaptation of *Quinquagesima* in Latin, thus providing a parallel with the fifty days before Easter.



***The exuberant Paschal Candle in Edinburgh***



# EAST AND WEST



**The parish celebration in Glasgow was a great success, spilling over into the garden in front of the church**



May is, of course, Our Lady's month and both the principal statues of the Blessed Mother were crowned with fresh flowers during last month. The actual feast of the Queenship of Our Lady fell during Whit week which meant that it couldn't be celebrated but it was good to mark the reign of this most gracious queen over both our chapels in a special way.

May also marks the start of our glorious Spring weather here in Scotland. We had such weather for the Rogation blessing of the fields in Edinburgh (including bees!) though the parish barbecue in Glasgow was slightly less well favoured. Nonetheless, our parishioners came



in large numbers to the sung Mass on 14<sup>th</sup> and stayed for the 'picnic' with the hardy venturing out into the

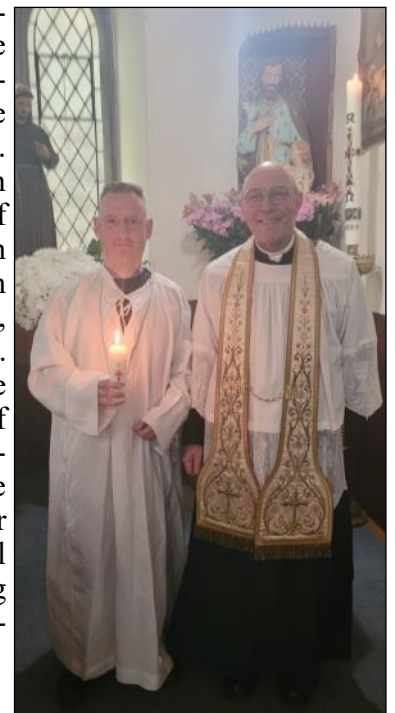
garden where some cover had been provided along with the cooking equipment. The Edinburgh celebrations take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of this month.



**Our Lady of Aberdeen crowned with flowers for the month of May**

During the Easter Octave, at the *Hanc Igitur* of the Canon, commemoration is made of those who have just been baptized at the vigil. There is a similar commemoration during Whit week for the 'late lambs' who were baptized on Whitsun Eve. This year we had such a case with the adult baptism of Christophe de Guise who has been attending Edinburgh for some time now. The solemn ceremonies both outwith and inwith the church building truly mark the supernatural quality of this sacrament and Providence had arranged that his first Holy Communion and Confirmation could be performed within a week.

Various children also made the First Holy Communion during the Paschal season. Two boys, Martin Stewart and Józef Haddam, then on Whitsunday, (with Christophe), a girl, Wiktoria Tabaczk. No photos were available to me of Józef, unfortunately, though his face is familiar to our Edinburgh faithful from his serving Mass most Sundays.





The big occasion, however, for all our Scottish faithful came on Trinity Sunday which this year fell on the 4<sup>th</sup> of this month. Mgr. Tissier de Mallerais came from Switzerland to confer the sacrament of Confirmation on



our young faithful and many visitors from further afield. Thirty-seven candidates meant that the church in Edinburgh was full. We had rearranged the café to seat around 60 but God once more

smiled on us with beautiful weather and the celebration could spill out into our lovely garden.



Many thanks to all those who prepared the food, helped serve it up and then stayed to clean up afterwards! Well done to the altar boys and the choir, augmented with many visitors, who provided the music during both the Confirmation ceremony and the Solemn High Mass which followed.

Because of our limited numbers here in Scotland we have little opportunity to provide our faithful with this definitive form of the Mass. The functions carried out by the Deacon and Subdeacon make it very clear why, when their



function is replaced by servers, they should be male. It is not simply the practicality of moving books or handing cruets which, surely, any girl could do just as well, rather, as exemplified by their dress (basically clerical), they are representing these Sacred Ministers during a sung or a low Mass.



The rest of this month sees the great feasts of Corpus Christi, (formerly a Holy Day of Obligation), Sacred Heart, the following week and then, at the end of the month, the feast of the Holy Apostles Sts. Peter and Paul. Curiously, the feast of the secondary patron of Scotland, St. Margaret, has never been celebrated in June, (it is everywhere else in the world), but rather on the date of her entry into heaven, 16<sup>th</sup> November. June is also the month when our priests celebrate the anniversary of their ordination so please remember us in your prayers particularly at this time.

During this month I am travelling to the far-flung reaches of our apostolate in this country normally assured by the priest-friend of the Society, Rev. Fr. Nicholas Mary, CSsR. As well as a brief stay on Orkney, I hope to visit our missions in Inverness and Aberdeen and encourage those surviving on 'starvation rations' of the value of their sacrifice and the sterling example of so many who, since 1560, found themselves in even worse circumstances.

The priests of the Priory would like to thank you all for your unflagging support of our efforts in our apostolate over these busy weeks and humbly ask you to continue in this over the coming years.



With every good wish and blessing,

Rev. Sebastian Wall (Prior)

# Mass Schedule

	CARLUKE	GLASGOW	EDINBURGH
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	11am		
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June ( <i>First Friday</i> )		6.30pm	6.30pm
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June ( <i>First Saturday</i> )		11am	11am
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> June — Trinity Sunday		8.30am only	9am & 11am
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June			7am
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	11am		
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	11am		
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June — Corpus Christi		6.30pm	6.30pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	11am		
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June		11am	11am
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> June — 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Whitsun		8.30am & 10am	9am & 11am
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	11am		
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	11am		
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	11am		
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	11am		
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June — Most Sacred Heart of Jesus		6.30pm	6.30pm
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June		11am	11am
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> June — 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Whitsun		8.30am & 10am	9am & 11am
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	11am		
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	11am		
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	11am		
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	11am		
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	11am		
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June — Saint John the Baptist		11am	11am
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> June — 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Whitsun		8.30am & 10am	9am & 11am
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	11am		
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	11am		
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	11am		
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June — Sts. Peter and Paul		6.30pm	6.30pm
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	11am		

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