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A new beginning—a new editor

In the mid 1990's, Pat Clegg realised a long held dream and brought into being the New Zealand Society of Eucharistic Adoration. Since then Pat has produced over thirty newsletters full of interesting articles, prayers and information which he posted to people and churches throughout New Zealand and overseas.

We all owe Pat and his staff a huge debt of gratitude for the great work that they have done. And I ask that you remember them in your prayers.

In his last newsletter Pat asked if there was anyone who would be interested in taking over this ministry.

Father John GREALLY and

I have been involved with Pat behind the scenes since the beginning and it seemed appropriate that we continue to develop the Society. So we accepted Pat's invitation.

However, although the message will be substantially the same, the method of delivery will change. Instead of printing and mailing out copies of the newsletter, we plan to make full use of the internet and place the newsletter on our website from where it can be printed.

We will also email the newsletter direct to anyone on our mailing list.

This will ensure that we can continue to produce a regular Newsletter without having to meet printing and postage



costs.

For those of you without direct internet access, we suggest that you prevail upon family, friends or neighbours to print you off a copy or ensure that your local church make them available.

Ted Jordan – Editor

From our Spiritual Director – Fr John Grealley

Be Still and Know That I am God.

These words from the Psalmist seem to be addressing an age-old problem. No matter how old or young we are, it can seem that we just don't have enough time in the day to do what we think we need to do by days end.

Do we get to the end of the day and wonder where the time has gone? Do we turn out the lights at night and as we prepare to sleep start thinking about all sorts of things that have to be done tomorrow!

The need to slow down and become a little calmer is wise advice and it is advice that has been proven by the test of time. So what are we to do? How about popping into a local Church and spending a little time centering one's life on Jesus and seeing what can be done when we take time to get to the heart of what matters most in our life.

New format for Newsletter



From Ted Jordan

Please bear with me as I get to grips with all that is involved in preparing a newsletter. I am a "new boy on the block" and have much to learn.

The objective of the newsletter is essentially to inform our readers on matters that will deepen their knowledge of Eucharistic Adoration, improve their prayer life and to share both the local and overseas stories of what Our Lord is doing in the lives of all his children.

To achieve all this, each newsletter will contain the following:

- Editorial comment
- Reflections from our Spiritual Director
- Local Adoration news
- Overseas Adoration news
- A Prayer feature
- Website links
- Advertisements
- Letters to the editor and replies.

The online newsletter will be part of the Society of Eucharistic Adoration page which can be found on the following website:

www.divinenet.org.nz

This site also has pages dedicated to Divine Mercy, the Wellington Eucharistic Convention and New Dawn Wellington.

The site is about to undergo a major overhaul to make it look better and easier for me to update.

Twelve Reasons Why

Twelve Reasons From the Teachings of the Church for Wanting to Spend One Hour Each Week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

1. You are greatly needed. "The Church and the world have great need for Eucharistic adoration." *Redeemer of Man*, Pope John Paul II
2. This is a personal invitation from Jesus to you. "Jesus waits for us in the Sacrament of love." *Redeemer of Man*, Pope John Paul II
3. Jesus is counting on you. "Every member of the Church must be vigilant in seeing that this Sacrament shall be given back 'love for love'." *Redeemer of Man*, Pope John Paul II
4. Because your hour with Jesus will repair for the evils of the world, and bring about peace on earth, the church says: "Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him ... May our adoration never cease." *Dominicae Cenae*, Pope John Paul II
5. Jesus wants you to do more than go to Mass on Sunday. "Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete." *Redeemer of Man*, Pope John Paul II
6. Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because you are the most important person in the world to Him. "Beneath the Sacred Host, Christ is contained, the Redeemer of the world." *Redeemer of Man*, Pope John Paul II



"the divine rays of His grace, His love, His peace....."

7. You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus. "Our essential commitment in life is to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist." *Redeemer of Man*, Pope John Paul II

8. The best time you spend on earth is with your Best Friend, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. "How great is the value of converse with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road to holiness." *Mysterium Fidei*,

Volume 1, Issue 1 Pope Paul VI

9. Just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of His grace, His love, His peace. "Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is 'God with us' day and night, He is in our midst. He dwells with us full of grace." *Mysterium Fidei*, Pope Paul VI

10. If Jesus were actually visible in the Church, everyone would run to welcome Him. But He remains hidden in the Sacred Host, under the appearance of bread because He is calling us to faith. "The Blessed Sacrament is the 'living heart' of each of our churches, and it is our very sweet duty to honour and adore in the Blessed Host which our eyes see, in the Incarnate Word, whom they cannot see." *Credo of the People of God*, Pope Paul VI

11. With transforming mercy, Jesus makes our heart one with his. "Jesus teaches those who come to Him to be like Himself, gentle and humble of heart, and to seek not their own will, but the will of God." *Credo of the People of God*, Pope Paul VI

12. If the Pope himself would give you a special invitation to visit him in the Vatican, this honour would be nothing in comparison to the honour and dignity that Jesus Himself bestows upon you with the invitation of spending one hour a week with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. "The Divine Eucharist bestows upon the Christian people an incomparable dignity." *Mysterium Fidei*, Pope Paul VI

THE BODY OF CHRIST

" As he revealed Himself to the apostles in true flesh, so He reveals Himself to us now in sacred bread Let us, as we see bread and wine with our bodily eyes, see and firmly believe that they are His most holy Body and Blood living and true. And in this way the Lord is always with his faithful, as he himself says: Behold, I am with you until the end of the age."

St. Francis of Assisi

Quick thoughts...

Remain with Him

Pause before the tabernacle by yourself, for no special reason, even without saying a thing, simply remaining in His presence, contemplating the supreme gestures of love contained in the consecrated Bread.

Learn to remain with him, to be able to love like Him.

Pope John Paul II, Servant of God

Prayer

Prayer is talking to God. Prayer is a conversation with God. Prayer is a communication with God.

If prayer is used properly it can bring everything to mankind – peace, prosperity, love, happiness and joy. It can bring God to man. It can bring all.

Alan Ames, from Our Lady 26 August 1994



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EUCHARISTIC CONVENTIONS

Did you know that two Eucharistic Conventions are held in New Zealand every year. The Wellington Eucharistic Convention is held on the first Sunday of March and the Auckland Eucharistic Convention on the first weekend after Easter, embracing Divine Mercy Sunday. Make the effort to attend at least one of them, make it your annual retreat. You will hear amazing speakers and be inspired in so many ways and learn more about our Catholic faith.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

A Special Promise of Mercy

Our Lord's promise to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on the Feast of Mercy is recorded three times in the diary of St. Faustina, each in a slightly different way:

I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy.

Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

(Diary 1109, 300 and 699)

"Prayer Made Simple and Joyful."

by Fr John Catoir

A three-part audio programme (approx 20 mins. each) that teaches young and old alike how to add a refreshing measure of joy to their prayer life. Fr John is a former Director of "Christopher's" in New York and experienced TV presenter.

Those who have listened to the CD in NZ have found it very reassuring and encouraging.

Copies available @ \$10 (includes postage) from:
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My Soul is Thirsting for you, Oh Lord."

by Willy Vermeulen - Tauranga

Fr Frank Eggleton, Cathedral, Hamilton writes, "In this delightful book, Willy shares with us precious conversations she has enjoyed with Our Lord while contemplating before the Blessed Sacrament. The book so engrossed me that I read it in a single sitting. It was sacred time! When I finally completed the book, I felt uplifted and encouraged."

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