

News Letters:

24th October, 2014

Dear Father,

Let me also wish you a Happy Day on which the Missionaries finally received approbation and were recognised by the Church as forming a Religious Congregation. This day used to be the feast of the archangel Raphael and we can still claim Raphael as one of our special patrons.

Remember that our Patron Saints, our Founder and our deceased Fathers and Brothers are one with us in the same Church. From their place in heaven they also share in the work of God that is the divine source of our mission. Though in England we are fewer, the work of God is no less active. The Mission given to us is still, "Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Gospel".

We are very pleased to have Fr. Jose Kumbloickal, Provincial of SW India with us this week. His visit is a powerful reminder of the missionary vigour among MSFS and how the members of his Province respond so generously to Christ's call to Go out to the whole world.....

Although we could not all meet on 24th October, we did agree to gather in Devizes on November 10th to celebrate Mass at 11.30 for our Fathers who have died. I am assuming that everyone will be there. If, for any reason, you cannot be present would you please let Philip know soon.

You will be pleased to know that our 2013 Accounts have been completed. We have submitted them to the Charity Commission within the time allowed. Thank you for all your cooperation and for thus enabling the accountants to do their job.

Our Congregation Retreat will take place during the visitation of Fr. Abraham. It will be held at the Carmelite Retreat Centre at Boar's Hill, Oxford from Sunday, 25th January until Saturday, 31st.

The cost, chargeable to the parish, will be £400.

I hope you are well and look forward to seeing you in due course.

Terry McGrath

8th July, 2014

Dear Father,

New Website of the Province -

The address – www.fransaliansuk.com

Visitation of Fr. Abraham, Superior General – has had to be postponed. Fr. Abraham ran into difficulties obtaining a Visa. We will reschedule his visit for early in 2015.

Congregation Retreat – Fr. Abraham suggested that we go ahead with this retreat and that I should lead it, which I am happy to do. However, the timing is not easy for those in parishes and it shortens the time. Others have important appointments that they must keep, actually during the retreat. In view of all that I think we have to make the retreat a priority and give it a suitable amount of time as part of Fr. Abraham's visit perhaps in January.

Banking and 2013 Accounts – the new central banking system is finally in place with CAFBank. Thank you for your patience. It has taken a while but seems to be functioning.

Our 2103 Accounts are ready apart from one house account. Buzzacott had hoped that we would be all done and dusted by the end of May. When they get the Yeovil accounts for last year then we can proceed and submit returns to the Charity Commission in time. Anything you can do to help in this will be greatly appreciated.

Fr. Huebert Miranda has been accepted by the Archbishop for incardination into the Archdiocese of Southwark and the process is happening. Huebert expresses in a heartfelt way his appreciation and gratitude to the other Fathers in England and Ireland. I too am grateful to Huebert for all he has tried to do, his readiness to share his concerns and his zeal. We wish him well and assure him of our prayers as he settles into what is his home diocese.

I hope you are well and look forward to seeing you in due course.
With my prayers and every blessing. Fr. Terry

26th May, 2014

Dear Father,

I want to invite you to take part in the Novena before Pentecost which begins this coming Ascension Thursday. We are preparing ourselves for the coming of the Holy Spirit and asking for the gifts and fruits that the Spirit freely gives. Rather than build our lives on obligation simply, we want to base our individual lives, as well as our shared MSFS life, on the wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord that the Spirit shares so generously with us.

The Holy Father, Francis, is calling us to be missionary. He asks us, over and over again, to speak about Christ Jesus not just in preaching but in our conversation – to tell it the way it is in a life of faith and fidelity to the Gospel. We are being asked to do what is possible and even easy – to name the Name of Jesus in our meetings with others. Could we, I wonder, make this the central intention of the Novena for Pentecost?

You remember when the Holy Spirit came down on the apostles it was in tongues. They received the power to speak about Jesus and all who heard them had understanding. We are asking for the very same simplicity and courage. There is something in this about the ways in which we use words. We want to avoid the shadow side of gossip, calumny and detraction and live in the light by using our words to edify, build up, share faith and lead to the Truth.

The first disciples went from town to town, village to village, house to house speaking the Word of hope and reconciliation that Jesus had given to them and they told to others. Our society has the same urgent need to hear us speak the Word who is life and to repeat it in our ordinary meetings and conversations. Let's not think it is difficult or is reserved to those who are more skilled. We are called to follow Christ Jesus and imitate Him just as the first disciples, witnessing the Lord's Ascension, heard His instruction to go into the whole world and tell everyone the Gospel news.

I hope you are well and able to live some of the confidence of this Easter season. May our Novena prayer be a source of renewed trust in the Holy Spirit and confidence in one another

With prayers and good wishes.

Terry