



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ASSOCIATION, QLD

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The great Eucharistic saint, St Peter Jullian Eward taught –
"Go to the good Lord very simply, with the surrender of a small child. Tell the good Lord what you are thinking, what you want, what is upsetting you. Oh! How happy we become when we discover this interior conversation with our Lord. We carry our treasure [with us] everywhere. He becomes the center of our heart and life."

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July Mission with Fr David Nugent, Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist

What an amazing month of Missions. Wherever Fr Nugent went he touched souls, and moved so many closer to Jesus in the Eucharist. **Banyo Nundah Parish** responded to the grace of the mission Fr David preached there and began Perpetual Adoration on 22nd August, 2012. If you would like to adore there contact:

Kara Ward tel: 0431 942850 perpetual.adoration.nundah@gmail.com

Toowoomba also responded to the grace of the Mission preached there, and hope to begin perpetual adoration. Please keep them in your prayers so that Jesus may be perpetually adored in Toowoomba soon. Contact Jenny Goodwin Tel: 4638 8589

Recordings of the Villa Maria Retreat and Darra Retreat have been uploaded to our website – www.adorationqld.org – worth listening to again and again. Villa Maria, Darra and Townsville retreats will all be available on CD by the end of this week for \$2 per CD; Or available to download for free from a public site. This will be advertised on our website.

Please pray Fr David will be able to return next year. On the opposite page is his letter to adorers at the end of his month with us.

NEW ROSTER CO-ORDINATOR – One of our adorers, known to many of you, Kathy Ducker, has offered to help co-ordinator the roster a few times a year. She will trial it in the first two weeks of September and will be available on Keiran & Kate's phone – 0414 258 996 during this time. Welcome Kathy, and thank you!

Below is **the Villa Maria Chapel Adoration Roster**. Having Our Lord perpetually in exposition is only possible because people commit to spending an hour with Him.

That commitment grants the adorer perpetual graces. **If you don't have a committed hour to spend with Jesus, please consider.** We will find a replacement for the times for whatever reason you are not able to make it. Kate & Keiran Hobbs or Kathy Ducker on Ph –414 258 996 or 3278 1404 or Fiona & Roy Pires 0402 408 786

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Letter to Adorers – Villa Maria, Brisbane

14th August 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

I humbly write you this short letter, as a way of expressing my overwhelming gratitude to you all for the kindness and charity that you have shown me during my time amongst you.

My mission in Australia this July was a time of enormous grace for me on a personal level. As many of you already know, I arrived in Brisbane at the end of June just days after my priestly ordination (in France), for a month of missions and retreats aimed at promoting Eucharistic Adoration in various parishes and cities in this wonderful country of yours. I visited Melbourne, Sydney, Townsville, Beaudesert and Toowoomba, and had two missions in Brisbane (at Banyo–Nundah Parish, Dorrington and Darra). However, the highlight of my trip remains the time I spent in adoration at Villa Maria.

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Villa Maria is one of the most powerful places of grace that I have ever encountered. The history of adoration in this hallowed place, together with your heroic efforts to maintain a perpetual vigil of adoration in the presence of Heaven’s High King – Jesus Christ, is winning for you, and this beautiful city of Brisbane, untold graces.

I have been especially impressed by your devotion and commitment to night adoration. Night adoration is a grace that is truly preparing the Church for the “dawn” of the Lord’s Day. Like the holy women who prepared in the night the spices and ointments for the Body of Christ as He lay silent in the tomb, just before His Resurrection; so too, night adoration prepares the mystical body of Christ to receive the graces necessary to proclaim His Resurrection to the world. St John, in his gospel, tells us that Mary Magdalene set out “while it was yet dark” to the tomb of the Lord. This degree of devotion and heartfelt desire to be in the presence of the actual Body of Christ won for her the grace to be the first public witness to the triumph of His Resurrection. Mary Magdalene adored the Risen Lord moments after His rising from the dead, and this incredible grace was due in large part to her readiness to go to Him in the night, “while it was yet dark”. Her burning desire for the living Presence of Christ earned her the privilege of being the ‘Apostle to the Apostles’. “Do not be afraid, go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me” (Matthew 28:10).

In a similar way during night adoration, Jesus communicates to the stillness of our souls the burning desire for His glorious Presence. Our hearts become burning flames of Love for His Eucharistic Presence and this fire of renewal shines in the Church and in the world as the clearest expression of the truth that our Resurrected Lord and Saviour dwells among us. Through Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, which calls us to come and to testify silently to our love for Jesus, glorious and resurrected, The Church will hear afresh the reality of the Gospel of Jesus Christ – that the Lord is truly risen from the dead, and that we have ‘seen’ Him.

As I return to France this week after a wonderful time of mission in Australia and in the United States, I truly hope and pray that Christ will give me the opportunity to visit you next year again; to adore Him with you, to speak about Him with you; and to share our hope and our joy with others, who do not yet know the great gift of His Eucharistic Love. Please pray for me.

Yours in Jesus & Mary

Fr David

Adoration “in spirit and in truth”, by St Peter Julian Eymard

(taken from The Divine Eucharist, Meditation1)

The Father seeketh such to adore Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23)

The object of Eucharistic adoration is the Divine Person of Our Lord Jesus Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

He is alive there. He wants us to speak to Him. He will speak to us.

Everybody can speak to Our Lord. Is He not there for everybody? Does He not say to us, “Come to Me, all of you?” (Matthew 11:28)

This conversation that then takes place between the soul and Our Lord is real Eucharistic meditation. It is adoration.

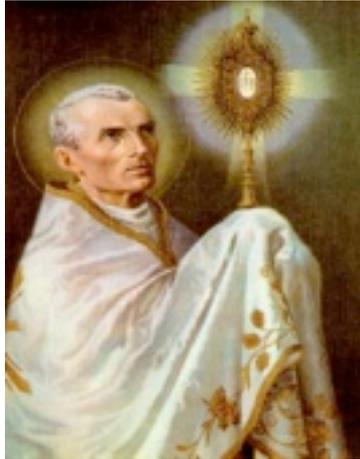
Everybody has the grace to do this. In order however, to succeed in doing this and in order to avoid routine or dryness of mind and heart, the adorers must seek inspiration in the attraction that grace gives them, in the various mysteries of the life of Our Lord and of the Blessed Virgin, or in the virtues of some Saint. In this way they will honour and glorify the God of the Eucharist by means of all the virtues of His mortal life as well as of those of all the Saints. He was the grace that enabled them to practise these virtues and He was the end they had in view and today, He is their glorious crown.

Look upon the hour in adoration that has fallen to your lot as an hour in Paradise. Go to spend it as you would go to Heaven, to the Divine Banquet. You will then long for that hour and greet it with joy. Gently foster this longing in your heart. Say, “four hours from now, two hours from now, in another hour, I shall go for an audience of grace and love with Our Lord. He has invited me. He is waiting for me. He is longing for me.”

When your nature finds the hour hard, rejoice all the more. Your love will be all the greater because it will suffer more. That hour is a privileged one and that will count for two.

When you cannot spend your hour in adoration on account of illness, infirmity or other impossibility, allow your heart to be sad for a moment. Then place yourself spiritually in adoration in union with those actually adoring at the time. On your bed of pain, on a journey, during work that detains you, keep greater recollection and you will derive the same fruit as if you had been able to be at the feet of the good Master. That hour will be put down to your credit and perhaps even counted for two.

Go to Our Lord just as you are. Let your meditation be natural. Use up your own fund of piety and love before making use of a book. Prefer the inexhaustible book of the humility of love. It is a very good thing to take a pious book with you to bring you back on the right path when your mind wanders or your senses become drowsy, but remember that our good Master prefers the poverty of our heart to the most sublime thoughts and affections borrowed from others.



You ought to know that Our Lord wants our heart and not that of someone else. He wants the thought and prayer that comes from our heart naturally as the expression of our own love for Him.

There are times when we do not want to go to Our Lord because we are ashamed and humiliated by our own misery and poverty. Frequently this is the fruit of subtle self-love, impatience or craven sloth. And yet Our Lord prefers this to everything else. This is precisely what He likes and blesses.

You are dry. Give glory to God's grace without which you can do nothing. Then is the time to open your soul toward heaven just as a flower opens its calyx at sunrise to receive the refreshing dew.

You are absolutely incapable of doing anything at all. Your mind is in darkness. Your heart is crushed beneath the weight of its nothingness. Your body is in pain. Then is the time to offer the adoration of a pauper. Leave your poverty. Go, dwell in Our Lord, Or else offer Him your poverty that He may make it rich. This would be a masterpiece worthy of His glory.

But you are in a state of temptation and of sadness. Everything in you is in revolt. Everything inclines you to quit your adoration under the pretext that you are offending God, and that you are dishonouring Him more than serving Him. Do not listen to that plausible temptation. Now is the time to adore by fighting, by being faithful to Jesus, against yourself.

No, no, you are not displeasing Him. You are giving joy to your master who is looking at you, and who permitted Satan to upset you. He expects us to pay Him the homage of perseverance until the last minute of the time which we were to give to Him. May trust, simplicity and love, bring you to adoration.

Remember Our Lord must never be left alone. Being able to visit Our Lord anytime of the day or night is only possible, because two people have committed to the roster at every hour of the day and night – perpetually.

These adorers are the essential link in the chain of love and adoration we offer to our Eucharistic Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. In return they receive special graces.

Please don't assume that just because there are several people visiting during your hour that you do not need to be there. It will