

THE ABBEY CHURCH All our readers interested in the conservation of the Abbey Church and tomb of Father Ignatius will recall the item in last year's Newsletter where we reported on the problems of maintaining the structure in a secure state so that it remains safe for public entry. A structural report together with supporting photographs and an estimate of the cost of repair to stabilise the walls was prepared by Mr Stanley Knill, civil engineer and one of our trustees. The report, the estimate in the sum of £41,000 and an application for grant aid was despatched to CADW, the Welsh Historic Monuments office, last year. A final decision by the Historic Buildings Council has since been deferred until members have had an opportunity to visit and inspect the property. The outcome of this is still awaited.

THE KILVERT SOCIETY The Annual General Meeting of The Kilvert Society is to be held this year in the Great Hall of The Bishop's Palace, Hereford at 7 pm on April 30th. After the business of the meeting there is to be a talk entitled 'Father Ignatius - The Man : Llanthony Valley - The Place : Francis Kilvert - The Meeting'. This will be given by the Honorary Secretary of The Father Ignatius Memorial Trust, The Reverend Thomas Dunn of Llanfihangel Crucorney. The Kilvert Society extends a welcome to readers of this newsletter who may not be members of the Society to attend on this occasion, bearing in mind, of course, that they would not be eligible to vote on matters brought up during the business part of the evening.

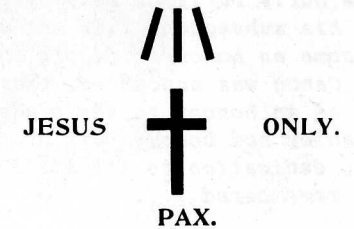
PILGRIMAGE PROGRAMME - SATURDAY 28TH AUGUST 1993

- 1130 am The Holy Eucharist at St David's Church, Llanthony. The celebrant will be the Rt Revd Rowan Williams, Bishop of Monmouth.
- 1200 Roman Catholic Mass in the private chapel at midday The Monastery, Capel-y-ffin.
- 2.30 pm Procession leaves Capel-y-ffin church for The Monastery where the sermon at Evensong will be given by the Bishop of Monmouth. Refreshments will be available after the service by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Knill.

Please note that this date falls on the Late Summer Bank Holiday week-end. Car parking will be available both in the official car park at Llanthony for the morning service at St David's church and also in the field at Capel-y-ffin by kind permission Mr and Mrs Watkins of Chapel Farm. Visitors are asked not to attempt to park their cars at The Monastery itself, please, as this will cause difficulty, congestion and obstruct the pilgrimage arrangements.



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OBITUARY

The Very Reverend Canon Stanley Luff died suddenly at his home in Llandovery on 23rd April last year shortly after his seventieth birthday. He had been a valued supporter of the work of The Father Ignatius Memorial Trust for many years and a Trustee for the past six. His series of scholarly contributions to this newsletter each year will be keenly missed. A Requiem for him was celebrated at St Joseph's Cathedral, Swansea on 30th April 1992 by The Right Reverend Daniel J. Mullins, Bishop of Menevia. During his address the Bishop said.....*Canon Stanley Luff had taught for some years and also engaged in journalism before joining the Benedictine community at Prinknash. Some of his time was spent at Pluscarden, a place he regarded as one of the most beautiful in the world. It was to inspire a number of poems which appeared in a slim volume published some years ago. As those who knew him will testify, Stanley was not a community man. It cannot have surprised many when he applied to be accepted as a student for his home diocese of Southwark. He studied at the Beda College in Rome. While there he developed a parallel study to the College course and became something of an authority on the Christian history and development of that city. He used to act as a guide to pilgrims. The notes that he developed formed the basis of his book which has now been splendidly re-issued as 'The Christian's Guide to Rome'.*

