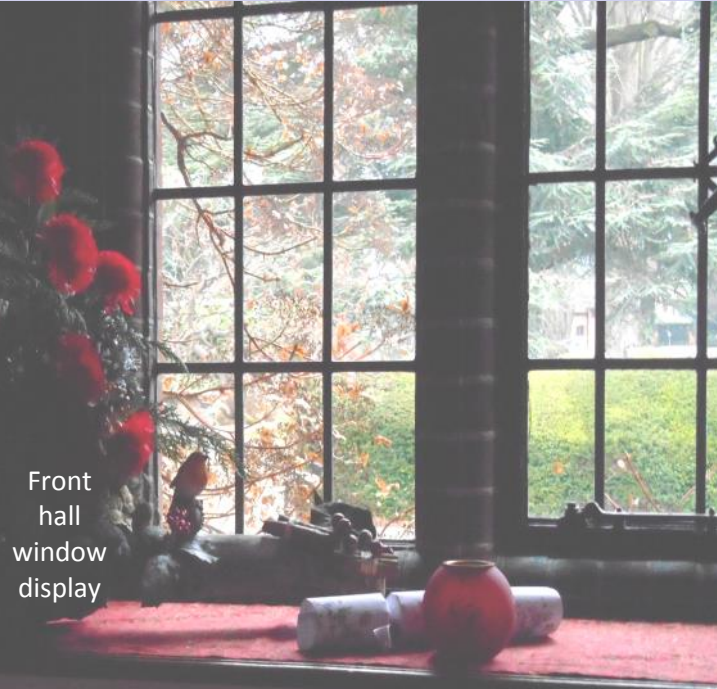


CHRISTMAS IN LADYWELL

Our Motherhouse in Ladywell Convent has been beautifully decorated with great thoughts and talents to create a prayerful and reflective spirit of Christmas around the house.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS



Front hall window display



Front hall table display

*The joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds
The perseverance of the wise men
The obedience of Joseph and Mary
The peace of the Christ Child be with you.*



Christmas decorations around Ladywell house



St Francis used to observe the Nativity of the Child Jesus with an immense eagerness above all other solemnities, affirming it was the Feast of Feasts, when God was made a little child. (2C 199)



Crib at front entrance of Ladywell Convent.

Singing Christmas Carols in La Verna with our elderly and frail sisters



Sr Chris Fealey (in bed) with Janet, Valerie and Angela Clare in La Verna

CHRISTMAS CAROL

“How silently, how silently,
 the wondrous gift is given!
 So God imparts to human
 hearts the blessings of His heaven.
 No ear may hear His coming,
 but in this world of sin,
 Where meek souls will receive
 Him still, the dear Christ enters in.”



A Christmas Crib Reflection at La Verna

Reflection

Mary is the one who was chosen by God to bear His Son.
 She is the one who said, "I am the handmaid of the Lord, let what you have said be done to me."
 The Christmas carols that most Christians sing at this time usually show a picture of the Child Jesus, but always with Mary.
 She is the one who holds Him and gives Him to us.
 She is Mary, Mother of each of us and the Mother of the Church.
 We cannot know Jesus the Son of God properly unless we know Mary.
 No wonder many of us like to go to the crib and kneel down and adore the Child Jesus with Mary, his Mother, and Joseph, and the shepherds, all of whom help us understand in a special way the mystery which we celebrate.
 So we thank Mary of this time for putting her little child in God's arms for the happiness that came to her in her reason (Childhood).
 We thank her for her doubts she had when asked to be the Godmother.
 We thank her for being ready to be next to her Son at the birth.
 We thank her for the love which we celebrate and all the love that she has given to us who are children of the Son who is God and the Son who is Mother of the Church.