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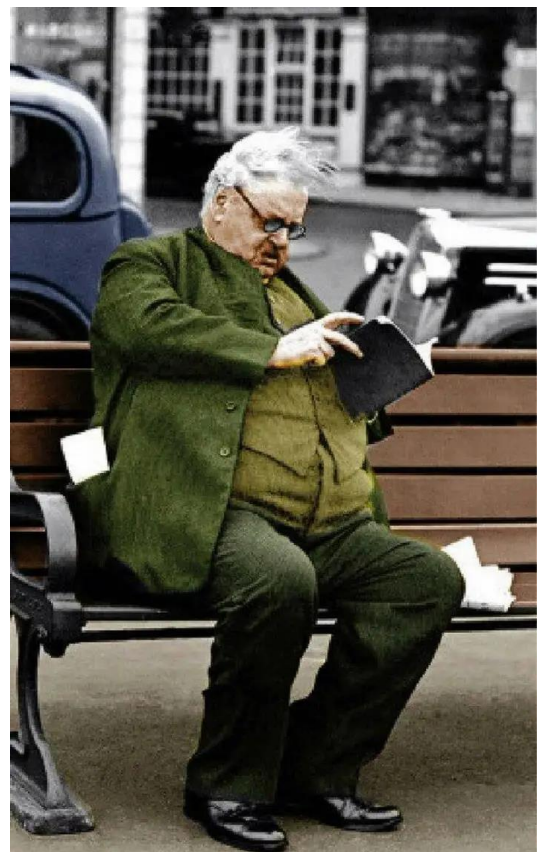
Well, here is your editor, meekly introducing the latest issue of *GK's Meekly*. I say meekly, as the main bulk of this issue is a talk which I gave in Croatia last year for the 5th Annual ChestFest. Marco di Londinium, having looked at the video of the talk asked if he could have the text instead of having to watch it, and so here it is (below). If you would rather watch the video, you'll find it here, www.youtube.com/watch?v=No4WSzEQ5oE. Do not be put off by the title on YouTube being in Croatian, as the talk is in English. The fact that the talk consists mainly of quotes from Chesterton himself leads me to believe that it is fair enough to print it here. This issue is published on St George's Day, which is moved to the 28th this year, because the 23rd April was in Easter week. The 27th April was also the 57th anniversary of the Abortion Act coming into law in Britain. ALSO in this issue, your opportunity to live and teach in Japan page 8.

GK Chesterton: Prophet, Saint and Pro-Life Activist

Let me begin by describing the birth of Gilbert Keith Chesterton 150 years ago, he does this in his own words far better than I could. He says in his autobiography

Bowing down in blind credulity, as is my custom, before mere authority and the tradition of the elders, superstitiously swallowing a story I could not test at the time by experiment or private judgment, I am firmly of the opinion that I was born on the 29th of May, 1874, on Campden Hill, Kensington; and baptised according to the formularies of the Church of England in the little church of St. George opposite the large Waterworks Tower that dominated that ridge. I do not allege any significance in the relation of the two buildings; and I indignantly deny that the church was chosen because it needed the whole water-power of West London to turn me into a Christian.

There is not much that I could add to that except to say, perhaps, that he was born at 32 *Sheffield Terrace* and that he was Baptized on the 1st July in the Church that he mentions. On 30th July 1922 GK Chesterton became a Catholic, 27 or so miles away from Notting Hill in the small market town of Beaconsfield.



And so each year on the Saturday nearest to the anniversary of his conversion, a number of people gather outside the Church of St George's in Notting Hill to say the prayer for the Beatification of Gilbert Keith Chesterton and to read the paragraph from his autobiography which I have just quoted. We then set off on what has become known as the Annual GK Chesterton Walking Pilgrimage, where we meander through the streets of London to join the canal in Hanwell. We stop for Mass at the Bridgettine Convent in the countryside not far from Pinewood Studios where the James Bond films are made.

In 2023 the Bishop of Northampton, The Right Reverend David Oakley attended the Mass and preached the Sermon. As Beaconsfield is within the Diocese of Northampton, the decision as to whether or not to open the Cause for the Beatification of GK Chesterton will be left to His Lordship.

After a brief lunch we then walk on the last six miles into Beaconsfield where we stop by the grave of GKC and his wife Frances and their secretary Dorothy Collins. Here at the graveside we again say the GK Chesterton prayer.

We have seen over the years many positive results from people praying to Gilbert Keith Chesterton. A large number of people will quite happily tell you that they are a Roman Catholic because of the writings of GK Chesterton. I myself am a convert to Catholicism and am more than happy to pin the blame on Gilbert and his friend Hilaire Belloc. But there are also a growing number of people who have converted to Roman Catholicism, but who will not themselves tell you that GK Chesterton had anything to do with it, and yet their friends and family who have prayed to Gilbert for the conversion of the said individual, will smile and tell you that it is all down to his intervention. A number of years ago a woman asked me, almost in desperation, having prayed for her husband's conversion for over 40 years, to, "put him on the prayer list that you're taking on that Chesterton walk." I'm pleased to say that the following year her husband - by then a former Anglican - having become Catholic within the last 12 months, joined his wife and the rest of us on the pilgrimage. And not only that, but when the Priest who was to receive him into the Church looked in his diary and picked a date for his Reception, he picked the 14th June the anniversary of the death of Gilbert

Keith Chesterton. Neither the Priest, nor the Wife of the man, nor the man himself knew the significance of the date.

**Please cut out, keep and say
the prayer below**

God Our Father, Thou didst fill the life of Thy servant Gilbert Keith Chesterton with a sense of wonder and joy, and gave him a faith which was the foundation of his ceaseless work, a charity towards all men, particularly his opponents, and a hope which sprang from his lifelong gratitude for the gift of human life.

May his innocence and his laughter, his constancy in fighting for the Christian faith in a world losing belief, his lifelong devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and his love for all men, especially for the poor, bring cheerfulness to those in despair, conviction and warmth to lukewarm believers and the knowledge of God to those without faith. We beg Thee to grant the favours we ask through his intercession, the end of abortion in this Country [and especially for.....] so that his holiness may be recognized by all and the Church may proclaim him Blessed. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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Whilst I will not discourage any of you from praying to Gilbert for the conversion of your loved ones, I would ask you to also pray for some straightforward physical healings. I ask this for the simple reason that the Church's rules are very clear about the types of Miracles that can be put forward as evidence during the Beatification and Canonisation process. If everyone in England presented themselves in a Catholic Church tomorrow and asked to be Baptized and declared that they were only doing so because of Gilbert, this would not count as a miracle towards his Canonisation.

In 2009 I went to a conference in Oxford called The Holiness of GK Chesterton, you can purchase a book of the same name which has the presentations from the day within it. At the time I didn't go because I thought that GKC was a Saint, no, I went because not much happens in England regarding Chesterton and I thought that it would be nice to be with other Chestertonians for the day. By the end of the day I was convinced that Gilbert is in fact in Heaven and I have spent the intervening years trying to convince others that this is the case. One

anecdote that was given that day, but not in one of the talks, was about a friend of the Chestertons going to dinner at their house in Beaconsfield. At some point Gilbert asked their guest whether she would like red wine or white wine. The woman instead of answering the question, asked what Frances, Chesterton's wife would have. Were upon Chesterton said, slightly irritably, 'Do not allow which wine Frances is having decide the matter for you. Would you like red or white wine?' When the friend returned home she wrote this in her diary and pointed out that in the many years that she had personally known the Chestertons, this was the only occasion she could remember where Gilbert had shown any sign of 'anger'. I was moved by this, as I for one am fairly sure that even people who hardly know me at all, could not write this of myself and I'm not sure that I could say this of many of my acquaintances.

Not only was Chesterton hardly ever seen displaying anger, but he developed a profound philosophy of gratitude in his life.

In his introduction to the book "The Holiness of G.K. Chesterton", William Oddie discusses how Fr Madden presents the growth of this in his essay in that book. Oddie writes:

There is a moment in the life story of many saints in which personal crisis is followed by a moment of vision, a moment in which there is a personal encounter with God which brings about a complete change of direction. There is, I suggest, such a moment in Chesterton's life. He was twenty years old. He had just left the Slade School of Art, where he had undergone a prolonged time of periodic depressions. After possibly the worst but certainly the last of these, he wrote to his friend Edmund Clerihew Bentley about what seemed to be— and in fact was — the final ending of this dark period in his life. We can date this letter in the summer of 1894: and in it he can only be talking about some kind of clearly and definitively religious experience: he describes it as a 'vision' and writes of 'speaking to God':

Inwardly speaking I have had a funny time. A meaningless fit of depression, taking the form of certain absurd psychological worries, came upon me, and instead of dismissing it and talking to people, I had it out and went very far into the abysses indeed. The result was that I found that

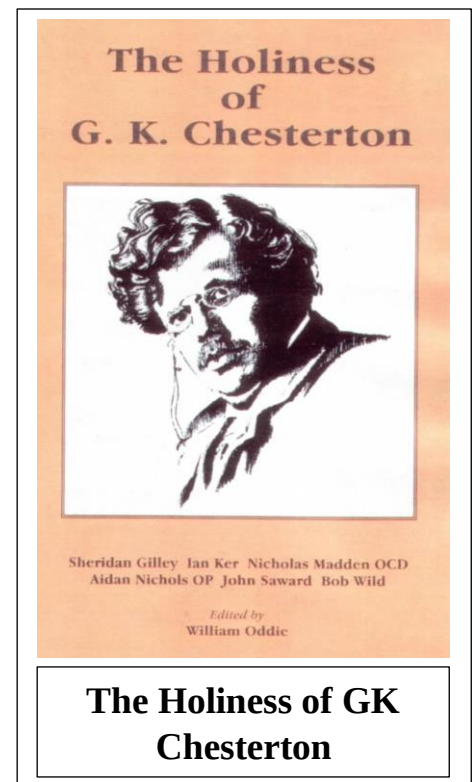
things, when examined, necessarily spelt such a mystically satisfactory state of things, that without getting back to earth, I saw lots that made me certain it is all right. The vision is fading into common day now, and I am glad. It is embarrassing

talking to God face to face, as a man speaketh to a friend [Chesterton is referring here to Exodus 33, in the Authorised Version, which he loved and knew well: 'and the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend'].

After this 'vision' (which does seem to be, in Fr Madden's phrase, some kind of 'encounter with the divine') he never again fell into the depression and instability from which he had emerged. This is how he wrote about the consequences of this final emergence from 'the abysses' when he came to write his autobiography forty years later; it is a key passage:

I had wandered to a position not very far from the phrase of my Puritan grandfather, when he said that he would thank God for his creation [even] if he were a lost soul. I hung on to religion by one thin thread of thanks ... At the back of our brains ... there was a forgotten blaze or burst of astonishment at our own existence. The object of the artistic and spiritual life was to dig for this submerged sunrise of wonder; so that a man might suddenly understand that he was alive, and be happy.

Chesterton says that, "You say grace before meals. All right. But I say grace before the concert and the opera, and grace before the play and



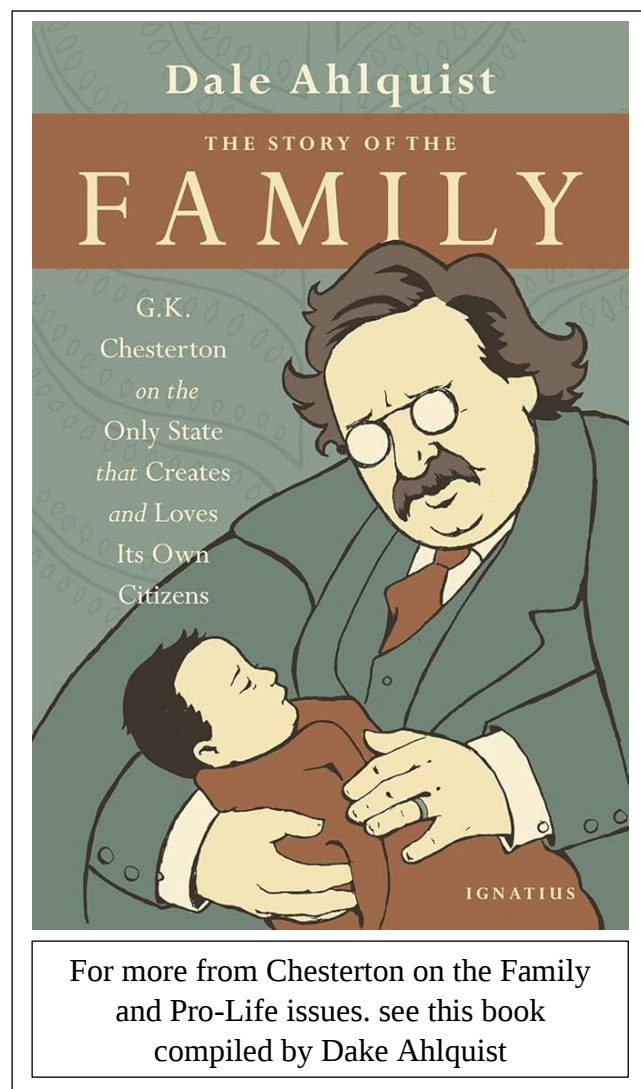
pantomime, and grace before I open a book, and grace before sketching, painting, swimming, fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing and grace before I dip the pen in the ink.”

Looking at GK Chesterton's spirituality one would have to say that it is a constant sense of gratitude for his own existence and the existence of everything else, he takes nothing for granted. His comments about saying Grace before everything can be taken seriously as we have reports from a number of his friends on occasions where they saw this. One friend talks of Chesterton entering a room, making the sign of the Cross over the light switch before switching the light on, he was unaware that anybody observed him do this. On another occasion a friend saw him light a cigar and make the sign of the Cross with the match. I've always wondered which he was giving thanks for, the match, the cigar or both. I wish I was as grateful, all of the time, for everything that God has given me.

Bearing in mind this great gratitude for the gift of existence, you will understand how in London, we came to regard Chesterton as a defender and patron of the unborn.

In September 2012 we asked Chestertonians to support the 40 Days for Life Pro-Life vigils by praying the Chesterton Prayer each day, asking that an abortion centre in England would close down. The abortion centre in Bedford Square, London, where 40 Days had held many of vigils, has since closed down.

It seemed appropriate to pray to GK Chesterton on this issue when you consider that over a hundred years ago he said in 'Eugenics and Other Evils', that, 'Abortion is... the mutilation of womanhood and the massacre of men unborn.' And that, "Wherever there is animal worship there is human sacrifice." This I would suggest is one of the many occasions where he was being prophetic about the future, as the number of abortions happening in England in his day was very small, and it was not dreamt at that time that legal abortion was just around the corner. When you consider the 200,000 plus abortions taking place each year in England now. He wasn't wrong about the animal worship either. English people are famous for rushing to the defence of animals at risk of abuse, while at the same time abortion is defended with religious



zeal. We see more and more young couples settling down to live together and choosing to have a pet dog instead of children. You even see them taking their dogs out for a walk, in special dog perambulators!

In 2012 there was a 40 Days for Life prayer vigil outside another abortion centre. This was the Marie Stopes abortion centre in Whitfield Street, Central London. The vigil there ran for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for 40 days consecutively. It is needless to say, that during those 961 hours of continuous public prayer and witness, many interesting things happened. One morning pro-lifers at the vigil found themselves reciting a Litany for Life at 7am, suddenly surrounded by medical students from the nearby Student Halls of Residence, who had been sent out into the cold in their pyjamas by the fire alarm going off in their building. The students – who usually had plenty to say about our vigil – stood shivering in silence around us as we prayed for them and all our society to have the gift of chastity and for the

grace to accept newly conceived life. We think Chesterton may have smiled at that moment!

The students, after all, had had plenty of fun mocking our vigil too.

In the end, we had the last laugh; the students were first years who arrived mid-September to find a 24 hour 40 Days for Life vigil on their doorstep. When the vigil finished at midnight on the last of the 40 days, the students opened their windows and blared the pop song “Bye bye baby” loudly at us. They cheered as we packed up and went home, glad to see the back of us. To their surprise, when they woke up the next morning, our normal, daily, 9-5 Pro-Life prayer vigil was up and running. They stared at us crestfallen!

In recent years some staff from the Marie Stopes abortion centre have come to us seeking help to find alternative jobs. They told us they had taken a job at the abortion centre because they thought it would involve helping vulnerable pregnant women who were aborting because of difficult situations. Instead they had found that they were often facing abusive clients with aggressive partners, and that there was a big focus on money rather than on client health or staff wellbeing.

Thankfully these staff were able to get out and get work away from the abortion industry.



Fr Simon Heans, of, *My Name is Lazarus* book fame, prays at the Brixton Pro-Life Vigil.

This was the beginning of a period where we believe Chesterton’s intercession closed down one of the UK’s most prestigious, flagship abortion centres for a year.

It began when the staff from Marie Stopes in Whitfield Street told us “this branch may close soon”. That was the beginning of the hopeful whisper ‘This branch may close soon!’

We sent out an email “Please start saying the GK Chesterton Prayer each day, asking him to intercede with God to close down one or more of the five abortion centres in Ealing, Twickenham, Whitfield Street, Edgbaston or Cardiff. Feel free to add any local centres to your prayer.”

Some months later the Edgbaston abortion centre closed.

Then we held a 9 day novena of prayer and witness outside Marie Stopes, including a Eucharistic Procession to the abortion centre. We were joined over the 9 days by 29 Priests and a Deacon, and on the final day, the Feast of Our Lady, Mother of Good Counsel Fr Stephen Boyle offered Mass in thanksgiving for the closure of this abortion centre (although it was not yet closed...)

And then, Marie Stopes Flagship, central London abortion centre closed down on Friday 28th May 2021. The five-storey building in the heart of London’s Fitzrovia area, named Marie Stopes House, closed its doors on abortion just after noon, and sent its - now redundant - staff home with doughnuts and flowers.

But for those who doubt God’s hand in the closure of this centre, this is how we heard the news that the centre would close on Friday:

On Tuesday 25th May the following conversation appeared on our staff WhatsApp group.

One of our counsellors, Marco wrote “Photographer is here at Marie Stopes taking photos of the building. It’s for an estate agents. I decided to stand aside in case they thought I came with the building”

Clare: I really hope that is why he’s taking photos.

Marco: It is, definitely no doubt. He is here on behalf of Chestertons Estate Agents. And the

locals are all saying the staff have been made redundant. Friday is their last day.

Clare: Wow! Please God that's all true. Chestertons Estate agents is that for real? You know they were actually owned by his GK Chesterton's family (though they aren't now).

Marco: Gosh I hadn't even thought of what I was saying.

Justyna: Google says its closed down.

Marco: I'm even flying the flag today (*he attaches a picture of his jacket*, because he was wearing a button badge of Frances Chesterton, the Wife of GKC) [See our back page for a photo of this and other Chesterton badges]

So for us, Chesterton made it very clear that he was at work, interceding to close down this abortion centre.

By the way did I mention that Friday 28th May is the 'Vigil' of Chesterton's Birthday? Meaning Whitfield Street woke up to an abortion free day, on GK's Birthday.

Gilbert & Frances Chesterton, pray for England, for the end of abortion and pray for us! Amen

Marie Stopes flagship abortion centre remained closed for about 15 months and there is no doubt that there were many babies that survived because of its closure. During this period, abortion centres promoted the use of abortion pills in the home for women, but for those women who didn't or couldn't chose that option, surgical facilities for abortion were greatly reduced in London. Approximately 3,500 abortions had been taking place there annually before it closed.

But referring back to our email where we asked people to say 'the GK Chesterton Prayer each day asking him to intercede with God to close down one or more of the five abortion centres in Ealing, Twickenham, Whitfield Street, Edgbaston or Cardiff', I would ask you to all join us in praying for this again starting on Chesterton Birthday. We can take the now closed Edgbaston abortion centre off the list.

My next point is: Is GK Chesterton a prophet? I saw an interesting thing on Twitter (now known as X), where somebody put up a quote from GK Chesterton, regarding attacks on the family back

in the 1920s. But the thing that really stuck me was the first person to respond to this tweet, where they informed the person who had tweeted the quote, "this could not be correct or even a quote from Chesterton, as he died back in 1936 and what was written here has obviously been written in the last couple of weeks."



That is the nature of Chesterton's comments on society. One proof of his prophetic ability is exactly how current his comments feel. For example in Gk's Weekly he wrote on 19th June 1926:

The next great heresy is going to be simply an attack on morality; and especially on sexual morality. And it is coming, not from a few Socialists surviving from the Fabian Society, but from the living exultant energy of the rich resolved to enjoy themselves at last, with neither Popery nor Puritanism nor Socialism to hold them back. The thin theory of Collectivism never had any real roots in human nature; but the roots of the new heresy, God knows, are as deep as nature itself, whose flower is the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eye and the pride of life. I say that the man who cannot see this cannot see the signs of the times; cannot see even the sky-signs in the street, that are the new sort of signs in heaven. The madness of to-morrow is not in Moscow, but much more in Manhattan.

Retrospectively we can see the truth of this, but how many of Chesterton's contemporaries foresaw this? It's notable that he was neither right nor left leaning in his prophecies, but saw the evils of both extremes.

He also had plenty to say about the growth of the all-seeing and all-knowing state. In *The Illustrated London News* he wrote:

To control family life, for instance, you must have at least one police spy for every family. Police spies are now a minority (though I fear and increasing minority) because it has hitherto been calculated--- and not, perhaps, with too rosy an optimism--- that criminals will be a minority. Once make a thing which any man may do a crime, and every man must have a "shadowing" detective as every man has a shadow. Yet this is precisely the preposterous end to which are directed most modern projects of 'social reform' which select things like drink, diet, hygiene, and sexual selection. If a man cannot govern themselves in these things separately, it is physically impossible for them to govern themselves in these things collectively.

In reading this from more than 100 years ago, it makes me think of how this is playing out in our own time. I'm not even thinking about the policing we did of each other during the covid pandemic, but I look at the fact that in England a growing number of people are being arrested and charged for praying silently in their head, on their own, while standing in a public space. They didn't carry any signs, they didn't have any visible aids to prayer such as Rosary beads or Bibles, but when the police asked them, 'are you praying', they said 'yes' and that was enough. And it is the local people who see these pro-lifers, who, indignant about the thoughts they may have in their heads, telephoned the police!

Chesterton also foresaw the myth of Overpopulation and how this would be used to get rid of the poor and the vulnerable.

In 1925 Chesterton wrote an introduction to Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* in which he said that "The answer to anyone who talks about the surplus population is to ask him, whether he is part of the surplus population; or if not, how he knows he is not."

Elsewhere, in an essay titled "Social Reform vs. Birth Control," Chesterton argued that it is typically the wealthy elite who are interested in promoting population control as a solution to poverty, often simply as a means of avoiding dealing with the more difficult root problems that lead to poverty. "If [the Birth-Controller] can prevent his servants from having families, he need



This year's Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage is on Saturday 26th July details to follow

not support those families. Why the devil should he?" wrote Chesterton. "The landlord or the employer says in his hearty and handsome fashion: 'You really cannot expect me to deprive myself of my money. But I will make a sacrifice. I will deprive myself of your children.'"

Who in 2024 – after a century of the greatest self-inflicted slaughter on humanity by contraception and abortion -can hear these words written by Chesterton nearly 90 years ago without a few hairs pricking up on the back of their neck?

Contraception... stalks through the modern State, leading the march of human progress through abortion to infanticide.

Today it is not just the employer and the landlord who want the poor to have less children, but the state in many countries, including England, which makes it more and more difficult for the poor to have more than 1 or 2 children. Through a benefit system which traps the poor but reduces support levels for families with more than two children, and through social housing and childcare geared towards being beneficial to those with fewer children who work away from the home. Once again, Chesterton wrote astutely in 1927:

As social reform goes forward.... it will be found easy to decree that ... persons shall only have so many children; and that extra babies shall be abolished beforehand by the Birth Control expert, or afterwards by the lethal chamber.

Chesterton foresaw the obvious end of these policies, as many of their proponents cannot see them even today. Writing in 1930 he said: *I might inform those humanitarians who have a nightmare of new and needless babies (for some*

humanitarians have that sort of horror of humanity) that if the recent decline in the birth-rate were continued for a certain time, it might end in their being no babies at all; which would console them very much.

Ultimately, he saw through the intellectual philosophies of his age and saw the far-reaching consequences of allowing them to be practised: *Eugenics is chiefly a denial of the Declaration of Independence. It urges that so far from all men being born equal, numbers of them ought not to be born at all.*

Please be in no doubt that all of this has come to pass and – without the mass conversion of our society - worse is yet to come. The drop in the birth rate in most of the countries of Europe is well recorded. Abortion providers know better than anybody else, that they are the 'lethal chambers' when the birth control expert fails, when contraception fails abortion is the backup. While infanticide is not yet practiced throughout

most of the Western world, it does happen in many cultures and countries around the world, and there are many calling for it in the West, the West that was once known as Christendom.

So on that happy note, and it is happy for us, because the opportunities for us, in a society that has gone so wrong, to try and put it right are many and great. Chesterton is the Prophet, Saint and Pro-Life Activist who can introduce our dying culture to the Christendom they have never known. Read GK Chesterton, give GK Chesterton to friends and family, promote Chesterton, say the GK Chesterton prayer and come to England and join us on our Pilgrimage.

We just have to make these final words of Chesterton in 1933 come true,

Either the Catholic civilization must be restored or it must be scrapped. So I do indeed call for a revival, a common sense revival, in defensive Justice, freedom, property, and the family.

Any Chesterton enthusiasts who would like the opportunity to live and teach in Tokyo?

This year Tokyo is putting itself on the Chesterton map with a Chesterton Academy high school due to open in September. It is part of the Chesterton Schools Network of authentically Catholic, classical education high schools, with over 60 locations in America and schools expanding internationally. We will be Japan's first classical education school. This is the only curriculum where the students are taught a G.K. Chesterton book every year!

If anyone is interested in Chesterton-inspired adventure in Japan, we are currently hiring! We are accepting applications for teachers for the following core subjects: literature, maths, history, theology, philosophy and science. The combination of subjects to teach will depend on the other teachers, but you will probably teach 2 to 3 subjects.

The Chesterton Academy classical curriculum has been developed over 15 years even down to detailed lesson plans. We train our teachers in the Socratic method, hence no formal teaching qualification is necessary. A strong academic record is necessary as well as an interest/some experience in teaching. Good interpersonal skills are preferred and a love of G.K. is a bonus!

We require 3 references and will conduct interviews with members from Tokyo and from Chesterton Schools Network. We can provide work visas and relocation costs to Tokyo. You would need to come here in August this year.

We are also looking for part-time assistants or interns, particularly those with experience in: marketing, social media, fundraising, administration and website management. This could be remote work conducted from UK.

This school's founder, Philomena Keet, is a British Catholic and long-time resident of Tokyo. A G.K. fan, she discovered the Chesterton Academies with their wonderful curriculum by chance. Later, disillusioned with her eldest son's international school education in Tokyo, she embarked on the mission to bring Chesterton Academy to Japan for her son and hopefully many others. Opening the school in Japan brings its own unique challenges; we would appreciate any suggestions and offers of support.

Please contact info@chestertonacademytokyo.jp for more information about teaching and internship opportunities, or for any other queries.

Finally, please have a look at our website chestertonacademytokyo.jp and follow us on social media.

Saint George of England

By GK Chesterton

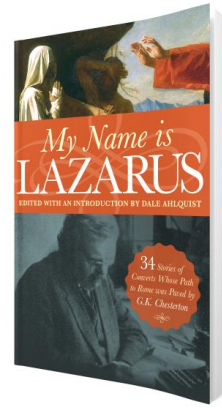
Mine eyes were sealed with slumber; I sat too long at the ale.
The green dew blights the banner; the red rust eats the mail.
And a spider spanned the chasm from the hand to the fallen sword,
And the sea sang me to sleep; for it called me lord

This was the hand of the hero; it strangled the dragon's scream,
But I dreamed so long of the dragon that the dragon was a dream:
And the knight that defied the dragon deserted the princess.
Her knight has stolen her dowry; she has no redress.

Mirror of Justice, shine on us; blaze though the broad sky break
Show us our face though it shatter us; shatter and shake us awake!
We were not tortured of demons, with Berber and Scot,
We that have loved have failed thee Oh, fail us not!



My Name is Lazarus



34 stories of converts whose path to Rome was paved by GK Chesterton. Including the Conversion story of Fr Simon Heans, pictured on page five of this issue of GK's Meekly. Edited with an introduction by Dale Ahlquist.

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Famous Authors on GKC

"I believe that Chesterton is one of the foremost writers of our time, not only because of his happy inventiveness, visual imagination and childlike or godlike cheer so evident in all his writing, but also because of his rhetorical skill and the sheer brilliance of his craft.

Chesterton restrained himself from being Edgar Allan Poe or Franz Kafka, but something in the makeup of his personality leaned towards the nightmarish, something secret and blind, and central". **J.L. Borges**

"Mr G.K. Chesterton is one of the great writers here. He is an Englishman of a liberal temper. Such is the perfection of his style that his writings are read by millions with great avidity. To *The Illustrated London News* of September 18th 1909 he has contributed an article on Indian awakening, which is worth studying. I believe that what he has said is reasonable". **Mahatma Gandhi**

GK Chesterton and The Bible

GKC wrote thousands of articles, hundreds of poems, a few plays, over one hundred books and a lot more besides. His extensive knowledge of the Bible is made very clear from reading many of his works where he is dealing directly with a religious subject. But his almost casual use of Biblical quotes throughout his work could sometimes be missed. Peter J. Floriani's book, *A Golden Key Chain*, has over 300 Biblical verses along with GKC's connected writing. For example,

Ex 20:8 Remember that thou keep holy the sabbath day.

"What branch do you represent?" he asked sharply.

"I should hardly call it a branch," said Syme, laughing; "I should call it at the very least a root."

"What do you mean?"

"The fact is," said Syme serenely, "the truth is I am a Sabbatarian. I have been sent here to see that you show a due observance of Sunday."

The Man Who Was Thursday

