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Introduction

We're sorry that it's been so long since we last produced a newsletter for you. As you read through some of the articles in this issue, you will begin to realise just how difficult is the situation in Uruguay, in particular with regard to funding, external sources having more or less dried up. I have a number of photos from Fr Alejandro, too many to publish in this document, but I will make them available on our website – please feel free to browse them there.

Nick

Uruguay Bi-centennial

Last year our country celebrated its 200 years of independence. For this reason, the Council of Christian Churches of Uruguay decided to hold a Thanksgiving worship and Te Deum in our cathedral which took place on September the 3rd. We had an interesting presentation about the "The Artigas we do not know", demonstrating with historical evidence the Christian affiliation of the hero of our independence.

At the end of the worship choruses from different churches and groups offered a cantata of "criolla" music that began with the interpretation of the national anthem sung by all present emotionally.

The cathedral was filled with participants of many denominations. It was a great moment that gave us the opportunity to thank God for our beautiful country.

✠Miguel

Visit of Sally Keeble

From October the 10th and 11th we had a visit from Mrs. Sally Keeble, Director of

the Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy of the Anglican Communion. Seizing the opportunity that the Alliance met days before in San Pablo, Brazil, Father Alejandro Manzoni, our Diocesan Human Promotion Coordinator, who was present at that meeting, invited her to come to our diocese to have the opportunity to see our work in this area of the life of the Church.



She visited several parishes, missions and projects, and although brief, but

intense, her visit was very fruitful for her and for us. Since this broadens our horizons as members of our Communion.

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What's the Anglican Alliance ? –

There's a leaflet available for download from the internet at:-

http://anglicancommunion.org/ministry/alliance/docs/anglican_alliance_leaflet.pdf

Sally is a former UK international development minister who holds a theology degree and has worked in Africa. The Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy was established following a proposal at the Lambeth Conference in 2008, the alliance was formed with the purpose of enhancing collaboration and adding value to the range of development and relief activities already undertaken by Anglicans around the world as an expression of holistic mission, in churches as well as mission and development agencies. The Alliance participants will come together, mostly at regional level, to prioritise issues for skills sharing and joint capacity building.

Pastoral Team Retreat

On Saturday October the 2nd In the Parish of the Holy Spirit in Malvin, Montevideo, the Pastoral Team of the Diocese (Clergy and Lay Ministers) met for a retreat led by Bishop Miguel.

The theme of the retreat was the unity and it was very fruitful. At the end of it we enjoyed a "sausage lunch", soft drinks, coffee and cake.

It was a nice day. Here are some of the ideas that guided us:

"The unity seems to have been a great challenge for the Church from the earliest

times. There are numerous New Testament passages that indicate to encourage it very strongly.

The apostolic letters are evidence of this and the Gospels as well. These, certainly written later reflecting the experiences of the early Christian communities, bring dramatic passages, such as chapter 17 of St. John, where Jesus' sweat was like drops of blood, glimpsing the division of his friends and disciples. Read, Philippians 2: 1-4, I Corinthians 13: 1-13, Ephesians 4: 1-3. And let us make the following questions in the style of an examination of conscience: Who actually encourages us? Did Christ? Do we feel that the Holy Spirit is our guest? Are the love and compassion of our lives? Are we full of joy and so live together in harmony, united by the same love and for the same purpose? Or ... act from selfishness and pride? Our love ... meets the parameters expressed in I Corinthians 13? Are we worthy of our calling as Christians?

✠Miguel

Diocesan Pastoral Plan

After several months of hard work a new Five-Year Diocesan Pastoral Work Plan was presented to the Synod on the 9th of December.

It is the result of a commission composed of Bishops Miguel and Gilberto, and the Fathers Chiesa, Castaño and Manzoni, with the technical support of Horacio Mesones, a Methodist leader working for an ecumenical organization.

Workshops at parishes and missions, diocesan leader's consults, plus with administrative staff, after several months we reached the conclusion that we want to remain as an Incarnate Church.

The biggest challenge is now to find the human and financial resources to carry out this plan, i.e. all the activities that gives life and makes it possible.

✠Miguel

Salon San Clemente, Salto

Thanks to the donation of Chris Clementi, a parishioner of Father Charles

Bradshaw, who visited us earlier last year in the parish of St. Luke in Salto, under the leadership of Bishop Gilberto its pastor, a new Parish Hall of St. Clement was constructed - and was inaugurated and consecrated by Bishop Miguel on the feast of this saint, on November 23.



Our photos above show the exterior and interior of the new building. It provides much needed additional space for the parish

The parish of San Lucas is the second largest in the diocese dating back to the time of the British chaplaincy. ✠Gilberto's missionary work has expanded considerably, thanks to it, and there is another parish in a suburb of the city, the neighbourhood of Fatima, and with the generous help of the Harrisons, a beautiful church was built, the pride of neighbourhood and the diocese.

Santa Maria, Rivera

On August 28 in the Church of Santa Maria in the city of Rivera, Father David Waszuk was installed as parish priest and we also welcomed Asdrubal Toledo, a candidate for holy orders and missionary from the Anglican diocese of Cuba.

This is the first parish of Father David who was recently priested and being a non stipendiary priest living in Montevideo, 600 km from here, he will go twice a month to celebrate the Eucharist while the pastoral work "in situ" will be done by the Cuban missionary and the local lay minister, Mrs. Ione Gomez.

The Church of Santa Maria is the latest mission of the diocese and its building was a donation from the United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church in the USA, and the support for the missionary comes from the Archbishop of Canterbury's Fund.

Consecration of the new Church:



STEWARDSHIP 2012 - Are we rock or sand?

The diocese is conducting the Annual Stewardship Campaign for this year under the motto: What are we? Rock or sand?, Inspired by the parable of Jesus found in St Mathew 7: 21, 24-27



“Yo desearía que pasen bien en la NAVIDAD y que celebren la VIDA”
 Julián (Niño de grupo de Catequesis, Mision San Pablo, Progreso).



It is, as we see, two people, a wise and prudent and the other foolish and unwise. And we see clearly why each of them is well characterized.

The Church is also a community and allegorically, a body, a building which is constructed.

Jesus himself in his dialogue with Peter tells after hearing him acknowledging and confessing as the Anointed or Messiah of God, declared that on that rock He would build his church and nothing could destroy it.

He had the faith that we all have through baptism where we confess to believe in Christ as Lord and Saviour, and this is the rock upon which the Church is built. But we also know, as the Apostle James teaches us that "faith without works is dead." Then, what are we doing to show that we really have faith where the Church is built on?

We have before us a new year of missionary work with a new Diocesan Pastoral Plan. This is a great challenge. How we make of our time, our skills and our resources to carry it out?

Our response will tell if we are rock or sand, and our response we will be reflected in our Church. Winds and storms may come, and if we are rock, we will stay, and if we are sand, well ... what does the parable say?

Theological Education

The academic year of our Theological Institute is about to conclude. Currently it

has 6 students, some of them candidates to Holy Orders and they are being trained in Preaching and Liturgy.

Our ITAU was founded by Bishop William when the diocese was just beginning and there have trained most of our current clergy. It offers a Diploma of Ministry at the end of studies 4 years meeting that according to our standards, meets the academic preparation required to access to ordination, first as a deacon and then priest.

Father Leonardo Goyret coordinates it and funds come from USPG.

#Miguel

Bishop Miguel to retire in 2012

The Rt. Dr. Miguel Tamayo Zaldivar was elected as the second bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Uruguay in 1997 and consecrated and installed as diocesan bishop in the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Montevideo, on the feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury, 26 May 1998. A native of Cuba, he was born in the island on July 5, 1944, in a Roman-Catholic household, and thus he was baptized in the parish church a few months later. His parents, disillusioned with the education the Church gave his brother in a school in the Marist Brothers, decided to send their second son to the school, "St. Paul" of the Anglican Episcopal Church of Cuba, where he studied at both primary and secondary levels. There, he "met" our Church.

He recalls with satisfaction that the rector of the parish and the school chaplain

"invited" but did not "require" students to come to Sunday Eucharist, a magnificent example of the Anglican "ethos". He enrolled in the parish Sunday school instruction and then received the Christian faith through confirmation in 1960.

He graduated in 1962 from high school in Science and Letters. This was a culminating moment in his life as he had already felt the call to the Holy Ministry and had to decide what to do with his life. He discussed this with his pastor who referred him to the Bishop and he obtained a scholarship to study at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Matanzas. From 1962 to 1965 he studied Bachelor of Theology, which were temporarily interrupted due to a legal obligation to comply with military service, compulsory for males over Cuba 16 years. Having returned to the seminary in 1968, he completed his theological studies in 1969, was ordained to the diaconate and sent to serve in a rural parish; ordination to the priesthood followed in 1970.

He served in the parish for 13 years until, in 1982, he was called to serve as Dean of the Cathedral of Havana, where he remained 'till 1993. He then entered a sabbatical period, during which he was invited by Bishop William Godfrey of the Anglican Church of Uruguay, supported by the Anglican Church of Canada, to go and serve as a missionary for the Church to the Church Cuban Uruguay, which materialized in January 1995. After serving as pastor at the Cathedral of Montevideo, he was elected Diocesan Bishop to succeed Bishop William who'd moved to Peru, and served in that ministry from that date.

Having been invited by the metropolitan authority for the Diocese of Cuba to serve there as Interim Bishop, he did from 2004 through 2011, which led him to frequent trips to the island and to share their time and gifts between the two dioceses.

Miguel has been married, since 1967, to the Rev. Deacon Martha Lopez, also a native of Cuba, they have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. Their eldest son, Carlos Alberto, is an Anglican priest and serves in a rural parish in Cuba and the other two, George Henry and Mary Zaida are living in the United States.

Miguel has encouraged the small Diocese of Uruguay to develop a mission focused on serve the weak and needy.

Nick

Uruguay Review / News from ✙Gilberto

On 3rd March, ✙Gilberto and guests from the Southwell Diocese Mission Committee came to our Friends committee meeting, hosted by the Mission Committee in Southwell.

✙Gilberto had spent the previous week with Revd. Charles Bradshaw in Woldingham, gaining experience of the work of the Anglican Church in the UK and also meeting with Communion representatives in London.

He spent a little time with our co-chairmen, Mark and Carolyn, who'd been missionaries in Uruguay and know ✙Gilberto well, and went on, after our meeting, to spend time in the Leicester Diocese, staying with our Treasurer, Sheila and John.

In our meeting, ✙Gilberto thanked the Friends and Southwell Mission Committee for the welcome – and explained that it is so nice for him to be in England. It is so good to be able to visit the place of the Mother Church and to bring him closer to its origin. The fantastic history of the Minster is wonderful and it is something of the kind we don't yet have in Uruguay.

The Anglican Church is so important in Uruguay – the country is largely agnostic, indifferent to religion. We want them to know God. The diocese has existed for just 24 years and it is comparatively new

to be able to present the Gospel. People think it's fantastic when we explain our Church. The Anglican Church is a real bridge between agnosticism and the Catholic faith. It is really important that the Anglican Communion knows that South America is fertile ground for the Gospel - Argentina, Peru, Uruguay.

Bishop Godfrey was instrumental in the development of the Diocese.

At 4 pm today (3rd March) in Uruguay, Bishop Miguel is ordaining two Deacons to send to Rivera, a border town, to expand the Church. They are Jome Gomez and Asdruel. Rivera is 300 miles from Montevideo and 230 miles from Salto.

After Easter we are to go to Tacuarembó where in the distant past there was an Anglican communion outpost, also Fray Bentos and San Pablo (Canalones). There are also many other projects in Uruguay near or in the capital, Montevideo.

We are trying to expand our mission work out from Montevideo to other parts of the country.

In Rivera, we used to meet in someone's house, but now have a Church – a similar pattern in Tacuarembó. We are seeking God's guidance as to where to go next.

We are fighting against a lot of contradictions in our own society. 90% of the team of clergy are non-stipendiary, holding down paid jobs as well. They display a lot of love and dedication in their work.

The Anglican faith has been supported in South America (Brazil and Peru in particular) by the Church in USA, and also the UK. Uruguay was originally like an English chaplaincy, supporting expats working on the railway, boats and meat manufacturing. But the Church realised that it needed to open up to the local

community, starting in 1980 and continuing to this date. Our relationship with England is of great importance. For ✙Gilberto to witness the Anglican history with such as Southwell, it is so important – so much of the background to our faith.

Cathy Harrison is still very important in the Church members' memories in Salto in particular, enforced by the Church dedicated in her memory.

Questions / Discussions

1. Are there problems as a result of the issues between the Argentineans and the UK in respect of the Falklands (Malvenas)?
The Uruguayan government has distanced itself from the current Argentinean issues over the Malvinas. There is no problem with boats docking or planes landing in Uruguay from / to the UK.
2. Are new members – recruits to the Church - mostly conversions from other faiths or new to faith?
Mostly are conversions to the Christian faith, but some are converts from Catholicism. The work with children and young people and their families is probably our most important.
3. What is ✙Gilberto's background?
Roman Catholic – studied in Brazil. Got to know the Episcopal Church in Brazil & developed an inclination towards the Anglican faith and in particular to become a priest.
4. Is the Church involved in education in schools or in Churches?
During the last 10 years in Uruguay CAIF has been developed for children 3 months – 5 years. We have 5 of these centres – education including the family is possible and

Members of the Friends' Committee, representatives of Southwell's Mission Committee and Bishop Gilberto



this is where we have our foothold. We accompany families in their early family lives and many do become members of the Church – probably providing most of our current Church families. The Government keeps a distance but does support some of our social work and indeed does sometimes positively seek our assistance as they recognise how well we do. CAIF – 700 children in total, 200 in Salto. We are working with young people in Colon, Progreso, and are planning for Fray Bentos.

5. Are there many helpers?
There have been several missionaries in Uruguay, though we do not have so many at present. We are happy to take more!
6. Is there a small group of people with a big influence?
Yes, very much so.
7. Has the Church been damaged by the reduction of funds from Canada?
Yes, we have support only from the Friends in the UK and CMS / SAMS who support one priest so we are down to the very bare bones of financial resources.
8. Why has the money dried up?
The Canadian Diocese has had problems. USPG has significantly reduced support for South America, concentrating support more on Africa etc.
9. Is there any support from Trinity New York?
Only for occasional projects
Friends Committee

Santiago Apostol, Colon

The bathrooms and roof at Santiago Apostol, Colon have been renovated / completed. We would like through this to express our gratitude for the assistance received from Rick of the Friends. Today in Colon we are working with more than 300 families and have expectations of growing and reaching out to more.



The above photos show work in progress.

I hope that this information can be relayed to St. James the Greater Church / Parish which is the church that originally sent the money and also we want to renew our companion relationship with them.

Fr. Alejandro

Committee News

Fr. Allan Chappell



Fr Allan died peacefully in the Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham on Tuesday 27 September 2011. He will be remembered with affection by many at St

Mark's and the other churches and Christian organisations that Fr Allan was involved in, including both the Diocese of Uruguay and the Friends.

Alan's Career –

Assistant Curate of St Alban's, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika (1957-62); Assistant Priest of Korogwe (1962-63); Assistant Curate of Long Eaton (1964-67); Minister of St Martha's Ecclesiastical District, Broxtowe (1967-73); Vicar of Car Colston with Screveton (1973-82); Priest-in-Charge of Flintham (1973-82); Vicar of St Lawrence's, Mansfield (1982-92).

In retirement, Alan offered considerable help to the Diocese of Uruguay, becoming competent in Spanish and spending some time in Uruguay, especially during Bishop Bill Godfrey's tenure.

Alan was a keen supporter of the Friends, having been a committee member since its inception. His own Church in Mansfield has always supported the Soup Kitchen under the Montevideo Cathedral, a project very dear to Alan's heart.

Letty Louise Lewenz MA, JP

died after a long illness at the age of 86 on the 1st August, 2011. A thanks giving service was held at Southwell Minster on Tuesday 9th August.

Letty, a strong supporter and committee member of the Friends, was well known for her kindness as well as her sense of adventure.



Letty took up the post of Headmistress at Nottingham Girls High School in 1967. She attended the school as a child and then went away to boarding school when

she was 13. She returned as a student teacher and again as an assistant mistress after taking a degree in modern history at St. Hugh's Oxford and a Diploma in Education with distinction. In 1952 she went to High Storrs Grammar School in Sheffield to take up the post of Head of History. Then, in 1959, she became Headmistress of Harrison Barrow Girls' Grammar School in Birmingham.

Letty Lewenz retired in 1984 after 17 years as headmistress and a lifetime dedicated to education.

In retirement, she refused to simply put her feet up and relax. She was a volunteer at Southwell Minster and a magistrate until 1992. She was also involved in the Nottingham Shakespeare Society, Nottingham Bach Choir and Southwell Choral Society and helped charities including Save the Children.

Margaret Henson, who shared a house with Letty in Southwell for 22 years, said: "She was a teacher all her life. "She was a born teacher and a very good one. A lot of her former pupils have written in and said how much they have valued her teaching and the sort of pastoral care that they could get from her."

Letty also enjoyed reading, travelling and gardening.

Margaret says: "In our house, she had a free hand with the garden and was extremely devoted to it. But she was also happy to sit out on a sun lounger and enjoy her work, which many gardeners are not. She also read a lot, particularly about history, as well as playing the violin and going to classical music concerts. There was never a dull moment. She was great fun."

To Salto and back!

Three years ago I was invited by Gilberto, now Bishop to go and stay for some time with him in Salto. I had expected to retire by now so that would have been easy. Instead I am still working and so needed permission from my Bishop and the PCC. I had planned to stay for a longer period but we agreed that eight weeks would be a give time to spend with the Diocese without just

rushing around. The first four weeks were spent in Salto.

I have always liked Salto since my first visit in 1993. There was no Diocese of Uruguay then. Salto had a church, St Luke's but it was in a very poor state and in the barrio Fatima a small room with a kitchen had been set up to try and give young children a warm evening meal. Today opposite that tiny building stands the new church of the Holy Spirit and the splendid buildings that still house and feed children (lunch) in a family centre that cares for 150 children, their parents, and which is also a centre for the evangelisation of the district. Much of this is the result of the funding and support of the Friends of the Diocese of Uruguay. We did not send just money but also two volunteers, Cathy Harrison and Fr Allen. They are both fondly remembered especially Cathy whose monument is the church itself.

It was so good to see the transformation of Salto. St Luke's Church is restored and very busy. The congregation has grown and was full over Easter. The same is true of the church of the Holy Spirit. Moving around the barrio with Gilberto is slow because so many people come out to talk with him, he is well loved. Usually for the Diocese he has worked in Salto for 22 years and has enabled sustained growth to take place.

I took twenty one to one lessons in Spanish before this visit and this enabled me with the aid of the ever-present dictionary to talk with people at a simple level. I did begin to take the whole Eucharist in Spanish, which was a tremendous privilege, I even managed to give two simple talks and preach a sermon. I was given 4 out of 10, but an extra 2 marks for effort! I spent a lot of time just talking with Gilberto who is the furthest away from Montevideo and cut off from easy contact with his fellow clergy. It does mean that he is lonely in some ways and we shared very deeply at times how we felt, the nature of the church and where our different churches are going.

Theft and burglaries are a growing problem here. Even Bishop Miguel's alb was stolen from the church. One weekend I was left alone in the house and it was stressed to me how careful I had to be at night. So before going to bed, I chained the church doors closed,

lacked bolted and put an iron bar across the house main door, closed the steel guards over the windows and doors and went to bed and slept soundly. But, Gilberto took an earlier bus back to Salto and arrived home at 2am in the morning but he could not get in. He shouted in the street to wake me, banged all doors but I slept on. At 10am the next morning he arrived having had to sleep in a hotel for the night! I always do as I am told.

I suppose I ought to make a confession-I love the hot springs! Many times during my stay we would drive out into the countryside late at night and swim in the hot springs that surround the city. To swim in the dark under the star studied black sky is a wonderful experience. I was also taken to Arepay where the springs are even better but it was so hot. On the way back we had a thunderstorm and the most wonderful rainbow.

I ought also to mention the very beautiful and well-maintained British cemetery. Gilberto is very clear that the cemetery must be well maintained. It is a testimony to the huge numbers of British people who came to Salto to work. The British built most of the infrastructure and as we shall see in a later part of this story, Uruguay owes a great deal to the influence of the British. After all we did help to create their state! The first constitution that created a buffer state between Argentina and Brazil was organised by a British naval captain. It was sad that time had weathered one inscription which merely now says, 'a missionary' aged 27 years of age. I wish today we still held overseas mission in high regard instead of constantly denigrating this period of Christian history.

Charles

✠ Gilberto
visits Birstall
March 3rd to 6th

Bert Tegg organised a number of things for Gilberto to make his long weekend in Leicester both productive and meaningful. He was shown more of the English Anglican history, introduced to the Assistant Bishop of Leicester, shown round where the Queen was due to visit a few days later. Bert Tegg's report:-

Gilberto's visit to Birstall was a great success. Everyone warmed to him and

we felt his visit was a blessing to all of us here in Birstall and Wanlip and equally a blessing to Gilberto.

After the meeting of the 'Friends' in Southwell on Saturday 3rd we returned to Birstall via Queniborough where John and Sheila, with whom Gilberto was staying, were able to show him the house where Cathy their daughter used to live, and whose legacy enabled the building of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Salto.. We also visited St Mary's church where Cathy used to worship and visited her grave.

We are very fortunate to have Debbie, a fluent Spanish speaker in our

On Monday morning we visited Leicester Cathedral where Geoffrey Simpson, a Lay Canon and a member of the 'Friends' together with the Cathedral archivist showed us around. While we were there preparations were in full swing for the visit of the Queen and Prince Philip on the following Thursday. We then visited the old mediaeval town hall and the new St. Martins Centre. The Centre is next to the Cathedral and is a conference centre, a base for mission and outreach and for the distribution of aid to asylum seekers as well as being the site of the Diocesan Offices. We were shown round by the Director, Canon Peter Hobson and while we were there Gilberto had his photograph taken standing behind the

we met Brother Jonathan, who I had last met over thirty years ago. He is now 87 and has lived at the Abbey for 63 years without a break. Although we did not have an interpreter with us we managed to communicate. Jonathan was keen to hear about the Anglican Church in Uruguay from Gilberto and we had a discussion about the state of ecumenism and the current visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Pope. Later in the day we saw Gilberto off on his train to London where he was to stay with Charles who was going to take him on a visit to Canterbury before flying back home.

Bert

Can you help ?

Our Committee has reduced in size due various reasons including the deaths reported elsewhere in this issue. We desperately need "new blood" – and new ideas – to help us to continue to provide support to the Diocese in Uruguay. Do you think you may be able to help ?

Our meetings (no more than once or twice a year) take place in the Nottinghamshire / Leicestershire area but if attendance to these would pose a problem, please don't let this dissuade you from joining us – we will find a way!

If you think you might like to join us, please contact Nick Roberts nick.roberts@bcs.org or 01246 233590.

Fund Raising

Donation

Please consider making a donation or organising a fund raising event. Every penny we can raise to help the work of our Church in Uruguay is so valuable.

Donations to our Treasurer, Sheila Harrison, at 8 Front Street, Birstall, LEICESTER, LE4 4DP.

Gift Aid

If you are able to make a donation, no matter how small, and you pay Tax, please do Gift Aid it. Gift Aid forms can be downloaded from our website (see the footer at the bottom of the page for the URL), or if you've no internet access, please telephone Nick or Chris on 01246 233590 and they will post one on to you.

Newsletter

If you are happy to receive by email instead of by post, please email nick.roberts@bcs.org

Thank you, Nick



Bishop Gilberto Porcal- Assistant Bishop of Uruguay pictured with Debbie Shephard, Marion Tegg, Sheila Harrison, Bert Tegg and Director of St Martins house Pete Hobson(left)

congregation, and so on Sunday morning Gilberto was able to give a greeting and a thank you to the congregation of St James for their prayers and financial support for the Diocese of Uruguay, before Parish Communion. He then concelebrated with Stephen, our curate. In the evening he attended Holy Communion at Our lady and St. Nicholas Church, Wanlip where he again concelebrated and spoke to the congregation. Afterwards he attended a meeting of the Church's Men's Group in the Royal British Legion Club in Birstall where we had a guest speaker, the former Head Teacher of a Roman Catholic secondary school who spoke on the subject of Faith Schools, a subject which is near the top of the educational agenda in England at the moment ..

chair in the main hall where the Queen was to have her lunch during her visit to Leicester. Later in the day Debbie and myself visited Bishop Christopher, the Assistant Bishop of Leicester at his home. Bishop Christopher had been the Bishop of Northern Malawi before he came to Leicester and was most interested to hear about Gilberto's activities in Salto, and the Anglican Church's social welfare programme in Uruguay, especially among HIV/AIDS sufferers. Malawi also has a massive problem with HIV/AIDS.

On Tuesday John Harrison and myself took Gilberto to visit Mount St. Bernard's Abbey, a very impressive Cistercian monastery near Coalville. After looking round the Abbey and its bookshop we took Gilberto to the guest house where

Some of Fr Alejandro's photos :



**Outdoor Services
in Progreso and
Colon including
Christmas and
Baptisms**

