

RESIDENT CHAPLAIN. The morning after the bombing of the CR Priory near Pont Street, Knightsbridge (1937-1940), the Chaplain, Fr Seyzinger, CR, and Fr Rudolph, CR "arrived in a taxi very much shaken by the events of the previous night and had asked to be taken in. So the Chaplain slept in the [Chaplain's] flat and Father Rudolph in room 12." Thus there was a daily 'Mass' for four years. It was at this time that devotion to the Blessed Sacrament increased. Except for when Trevor Huddleston, CR and Sylvanus Berry, CR had sabbaticals at St Andrew's, this would be the only time when a chaplain was resident for more than a few nights. Some evenings Fr Seyzinger went into the Public Shelter to take the evening prayers and then went into the Sisters' Shelter where he told them endless amusing stories. E.g., A prosy Bishop at a confirmation service in a country parish began "We are met together boys for the ostentatious purpose of holding a Confirmation". The lads gaped. "Come, come said the Bishop what is the ostentatious purpose? ... petrified boy rose to his feet and said tearfully "I never did it sir. Evidently the boy thought it was something to do with stealing from an orchard!" Fr Seyzinger would not leave until more than four years later when he moved into the new Priory (1944-1968) at 8 Holland Park, W8.