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## **Catalogue of the manuscripts of the Poor Clares, Woodchester**

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## Preface

### Creation of catalogue

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## Introduction

*Collection title:* Poor Clares, Woodchester Manuscripts

*Reference code:* GB-0033-PCW

*Dates of creation:* 17th -20th century

*Extent:* 71 manuscripts, 1 scrapbook, 1 box of prayer cards and ephemera.

*Repository:* Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections

*Creator:* Poor Clares Woodchester

*Language of material:* English, French, Latin

## Contents

The manuscript volumes range in date from the 18th to 20th centuries. They consist primarily of transcriptions of hagiographical texts, with a particular focus on saints from the Franciscan order. Some manuscripts are in Latin and French. However, the majority are English translations of Italian and Latin texts written by Franciscan writers. Many of the manuscripts towards the end of the series provide instruction on ceremonies, daily routines, and domestic tasks of monastic life.

A variety of ephemeral items were found within the manuscript volumes. These items range from the 17th to 20th century and include prayer cards, paper crafts, ink drawings, and cuttings from early printed books.

There are also some letters covering personal and domestic matters such as visits and birthdays. Other letters provide provenance of the manuscripts and printed books within the Poor Clares' Library.

## The order

The Poor Clares of Woodchester traced their history back to an enclosed Franciscan community started by two English widows in Brussels in 1619, with a formal foundation in August 1621. The monastery was significant enough to host the Chapter of the restored English Province of the Franciscans in 1630, but plague and the cost of living in the city drove the nuns to move to Nieupoort in 1638. By 1658, the community had forty-eight members. They purchased the Prinsenhof in Bruges, the ruined palace of the Counts of Flanders, in April 1662. They had moved in by the following February and were to remain here for one hundred and thirty-one years. In June 1794, the community left Princenhof, fleeing first to Rotterdam, then via Delft and London to eventually settle at the end of August at Abbey House in Winchester, owned by Thomas Weld. In 1808 the nuns moved again to Taunton Lodge, from which a second convent was founded in 1860 at Summerwell House, Woodchester. Having been an enclosed community of the Third Franciscan Order for most of their history, the Woodchester nuns took vows as members of the Second Order (known as 'Poor Clares') in July 1973. The community left Woodchester in 2011 to join the Poor Clares at Lynton, Devon.

## Accession details

Deposited by the Poor Clares of Woodchester in 2011, prior to the closure of the convent.

## Conditions of access

Open for consultation.



## Manuscript volumes

PCW MS 1 [mid-19th century]

1 of 4 manuscript volumes of *The Chronicle and Institution of the Order of the Seraphical Father St Francis. Containing his life death and miracles and all of his holy disciples and companions.*

This volume contains table of contents and book 1: *The life, works, death and miracles of the holy father St Francis.*

Armorial bookplate on the front pastedown "Ex biblioth conven: sororum Taunton: S.Francisci et S Elisabeth". Depicts a cross, a crown of thorns, and disembodied hands and feet with crucifixion wounds filling 3 chalices with blood.

With a manuscript title-page in red ink. Pencil sketch of a baby's head on the verso of the title-page.

The following items were inserted:

*Size:* 24 x 20 cm

*Binding:* Cream vellum over boards, red edging, gilt spine titles and volume numbers, mid/late 19th century.

Paper book [ii], 503, [iii] p.

*Ownership history:* Previously numbered: C.I.5

PCW MS 1/a [19th century]

Engraving of an ecclesiastical figure shielding children under his robes with a quotation from Joan. XVIII.

*Size:* 15 x 10 cm

1 f

*Location:* Found at p. 13.

PCW MS 1/b 1904

Prayer card for Frances Coxon depicting the crucifixion.

*Size:* 7.5 x 11.5 cm

1 f

*Location:* Found at p. 72.

PCW MS 1/c 1889

Facsimile of an illumination depicting angels. Paris.

*Size:* 12 x 18 cm.

1 f

*Location:* Found at p. 202.

PCW MS 1/d 1852

Prayer card for Richard Thomas Bateman, Madelaine Bateman, and John Willoughby Bateman, with a depiction of the Mother of Dolours.

*Size:* 7.5 x 12.5

1 f

*Location:* Found at p. 371.

## PCW MS 2 [mid-19th century]

2 of 4 manuscript volumes of *The Chronicle and Institution of the Order of the Seraphical Father St Francis. Containing his life death and miracles and all of his holy disciples and companions.*

This volume contains books 2 and 3 of "The life, works, death and miracles of the holy father St Francis".

Armorial bookplate on the front pastedown "Ex biblioth conven: sororum Taunton: S.Francisci et S Elisabeth". Depicts a cross, a crown of thorns, and disembodied hands and feet with crucifixion wounds filling 3 chalices with blood.

With a manuscript title-page in red ink.

*Size:* 24 x 20cm

*Binding:* Cream vellum over boards, red edges, gilt spine titles and volume numbers, mid/late 19th century.

Paper book [ii], 484, p.

*Ownership history:* Previously numbered: C.I.6

## PCW MS 3 [mid-19th century]

3 of 4 manuscript volumes of *The Chronicle and Institution of the Order of the Seraphical Father St Francis. Containing his life death and miracles and all of his holy disciples and companions.*

"This volume contains book 4: containing the martyrdom of diverse religious orders of the Seraphical father St Francis, book 5: the life, doctrine, death and miracles, of the glorious father St Antony of Lisbon, called of Padua, book 6: wherein are contained the lives of twenty particular and special disciples of the seraphical father St Francis, and book 7: wherein is contained the life and admirable doctrine of Br Griles of Assisium, a religious of great perfection, who is the third disciple of St Francis."

Armorial bookplate on the front pastedown "Ex biblioth conven: sororum Taunton: S.Francisci et S Elisabeth". Depicts a cross, a crown of thorns, and disembodied hands and feet with crucifixion wounds filling 3 chalices with blood.

With a manuscript title-page in red ink.

With the following items inserted:

*Size:* 24 x 20 cm

*Binding:* Cream vellum over boards, red edges, gilt spine titles and volume numbers, mid/late-19th century.

Paper book [iv], 501, [ix] p.

*Ownership history:* Previously numbered: C.I.7

## PCW MS 3/a 1879

"A prayer for private use to obtain the canonization of the English martyrs"

*Size:* 6.5 x 11 cm

2 f

*Location:* Found at p. 232

## PCW MS 3/b December 1906

"Apostleship of prayer" prayer card.

*Size:* 7 x 11 cm

1 f

*Location:* Found at p. 232



PCW MS 4 [mid-19th century]

4 of 4 manuscript volumes of *The Chronicle and Institution of the Order of the Seraphical Father St Francis. Containing his life death and miracles and all of his holy disciples and companions.*

"This volume contains book 8: wherein is described the life of the glorious St Clare, the institution of her rule, the conversion of St Agnes her sister, and of another St Agnes, daughter to the King of Bohemia, book 9: the institution of the rule and order of the penitents called the third order of St Francis, and book 10: wherein are many notable things happened in the first beginning of the said order. "

With an alphabetised index on p. 273 entitled "A table of the principal matters contained in this first tome[...]" .

Armorial bookplate on the front pastedown "Ex biblioth conven: sororum Taunton: S.Francisci et S Elisabeth". Depicts a cross, a crown of thorns, and disembodied hands and feet with crucifixion wounds filling 3 chalices with blood.

with a manuscript title-page in red ink.

*Size:* 24 x 20 cm

*Binding:* Cream vellum over boards, red edges, gilt spine titles and volume numbers, mid/late 19th century.

Paper book [ii], 297, [iii] p.

*Ownership history:* Previously numbered: C.I.8

PCW MS 5 1 January 1843

Hagiography with no clear title. On flyleaf, "Began January 1st 1843. Humbly supplicating God's blessing on his life." On top right corner of flyleaf "Novicate" .

On front pastedown, library bookplate with cross "Library, Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos."

With an index at 234.

*Size:* 24 x 19cm

*Binding:* Half calf and marbled paper over boards gold tooling, mid-19th century

Paper book i, 234 p, [83 - 233 blank].

*Ownership history:* Previously numbered C.II. 29

PCW MS 6 [19th century]

*Directions for the Mistresses of the working class.*

*Size:* 23 x 14 cm

*Binding:* Yellow and blue marbled paper over card, 19th century.

Paper book 20 p. [13-20 blank].

*Ownership history:* Previously numbered: No number found.

## PCW MS 7 1878

*Brief notices of the Saints of the three orders of our seraphical father St Francis. Taken from the annals. Dedicated to our beloved Abbess Francis Agnes Jerningham of the Dolours. - Lives of the Saints of the three orders of our Holy Father St Francis volume 1st.*

"Compiled from Wadding's Annals of the Friars Minor, the "Menologium Franciscanum", "the Leggendario Francescano", and from the lessons on their Feasts in the Franciscan Breviary."

Covers feast days from January to June.

Armorial bookplate on the front pastedown "Ex biblioth conven: sororum Taunton: S.Francisci et S. Elisabeth". Depicts a cross, a crown of thorns, and disembodied hands and feet with crucifixion wounds filling 3 chalices with blood.

With an index at p. 369 - 372.

With 5 watercolour paintings on card:

- 1) Bound after flyleaf, a painting depicting the crucifixion with St Francis catching Christ's blood. Red ornate title and floral decoration.
- 2) Bound opposite first insert, a title-page with blue, green, red, and gilt lettering, spray border, consisting of fine foliate tendrils with small gilded flora.
- 3) Bound between p.32 and 33, Joseph of Leonissa with a crucifix in a pastoral setting.
- 4) Bound between p.152 and 153, a depiction of Brother Rizzerius of Mucia with his father and animals.
- 5) Depiction of Brother Andrew of Hypsello kneeling before a vision of the Christ child.

Size: 24 x 19 cm

*Binding:* Cream vellum over boards, red edges, red leather lettering piece, gilt spine titles and volume numbers, mid/late-19th century.

Paper book viii, 374 p. [344-369 blank].

*Ownership history:* Previously numbered: C.I.9

## PCW MS 8 1878

*Brief notices of the Saints of the three orders of our seraphical father St Francis. Second Volume.*

Covers feast dates from July to December.

Bound with 3 watercolour paintings on card:

- 1) Bound after flyleaf, the title-page with flora, fauna, and three monks reading. Red ornate title and floral decoration.
- 2) Depiction of Sanctes of Monte Fabro with a wolf and an ass.
- 3) Depiction of Thomas of Florence presenting hot coals to John de Martinus.

With an index at p. 385-387.

Armorial bookplate on the front pastedown "Ex biblioth conven: sororum Taunton: S.Francisci et S Elisabeth". Depicts a cross, a crown of thorns, and disembodied hands and feet with crucifixion wounds filling 3 chalices with blood.

Size: 24 x 19 cm

*Binding:* Cream vellum over boards, red edges, red leather lettering piece, gilt spine titles and volume numbers, mid/late 19th century.

Paper book 388 p. [360 - 384 blank].

*Ownership history:* Previously numbered: C.I.10

PCW MS 9 [Late 19th century]

*The life of the blessed Bonaventure of Potenza, priest, friar minor conventual by F. Giuseppe Rossi. O.J.H*

Armorial bookplate on the front pastedown "Ex biblioth conven: sororum Taunton: S.Francisci et S Elisabeth". Depicts a cross, a crown of thorns, and disembodied hands and feet with crucifixion wounds filling 3 chalices with blood. Also on the front pastedown library is a bookplate with a cross "Library, Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos."

*Size:* 24 x 19 cm

*Binding:* Cream vellum over boards, red edges, gilt spine titles and volume numbers, mid/late 19th century.

Paper book 194 p. [170 - 194 blank].

*Ownership history:* Previously numbered: C.I.18

PCW MS 10 April 16, 1865

*The life of father Angelus de Joyeuse, Duke, Pere, Marshall of France and Governor of Languedor, Capuchin. Translated from the French, Taunton, 1865.*

"Translation of the 'Vie du Tries Reverend Pere Ange de Joyeuse, Duc, Pair, et Marechal de France de l'Ordre des Frires Mineurs Capuchins'. Originally translated and transcribed at the Convent of Our Lady of Dolours, Taunton."

With an index at p. 231.

Inserted title-page with a small, gold crest depicting a black cross, a red crown of thorns, and two interlocking, disembodied arms with stigmata. Gold border with green tendrils with small gilded flora.

Armorial bookplate on the front pastedown "Ex biblioth conven: sororum Taunton: S.Francisci et S Elisabeth". Depicts a cross, a crown of thorns, and disembodied hands and feet with crucifixion wounds filling 3 chalices with blood. Also on the front pastedown is a library bookplate with a cross "Library, Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos."

*Size:* 24 x 19 cm

*Binding:* Cream vellum over boards, red edges, gilt spine titles and volume numbers, mid/late 19th century.

Paper book iv, 234 p.

*Ownership history:* Previously numbered: C.I.19

PCW MS 10/a April 1936

"The Apostleship of Prayer" prayer card

*Size:* 7.5 x 11.5 cm

2 f

*Location:* Found at p. 91.

PCW MS 11 1860

*The life of Saint Joseph of Cupertino Friar Minor Conventual.*

"Taken from the French translation of "The life of St Joseph of Cupertino" written by Domenico Bernini, Bishop of Osimo in 1772 and dedicated to Innocent 13th. Some incidents have been added from a life of the glorious servant of God published by Benedict 14th. Originally translated and transcribed at the Convent of Our Lady of Dolours, Taunton."

With an index at p. 352.

Armorial bookplate on the front pastedown "Ex biblioth conven: sororum Taunton: S.Francisci et S Elisabeth". Depicts a cross, a crown of thorns, and disembodied hands and feet with crucifixion wounds filling 3 chalices with blood. Also on the front pastedown is a library bookplate with a cross "Library, Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos."

Tipped in title-page with red lettering, depicting Saint Joseph in hermitage.

Bound facing the title-page, a watercolour of Saint Joseph kneeling, contemplating a crucifix.

Size: 24 x 19 cm

Binding: Cream vellum over boards, red edges, gilt spine titles and volume numbers, mid/late 19th century.

Paper book 356 p.

Ownership history: Previously numbered: C.I.20 and C.II.25

PCW MS 11/a [late 18th/ early 19th century]

Watercolour miniature on paper lace depicting angels and a woman in a yellow dress with a crucifix.

Size: 12.5 x 16 cm

1 f.

Location: Found at p. 38

PCW MS 12 1865

*The Life of St Hyacintha Mariscotti religious of the Third Order of St Francis by Father E.O.A da Latera.*

"Translated from the Italian and transcribed at the Convent of Our Lady of Dolours, Taunton."

Tipped in title-page with red lettering and blue border.

Armorial bookplate on the front pastedown "Ex biblioth conven: sororum Taunton: S.Francisci et S Elisabeth". Depicts a cross, a crown of thorns, and disembodied hands and feet with crucifixion wounds filling 3 chalices with blood. Also on the front pastedown is a library bookplate with a cross "Library, Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos."

Size: 24 x 19 cm

Binding: Cream vellum over boards, red edges, gold tooling, gold spine titles and ornaments, mid/late 19th century.

Paper book 230 p.

Ownership history: Previously numbered: C.II.26.

PCW MS 13 1863

*The Life of Ven: Mother Anne of Jesus. Carmelite. and The Life of Rev: Mother Frances of the Mother of God Carmelite* at p.110. Both parts have their own title-page.

Size: 24 x 19 cm

Binding: Cream vellum over boards, red edges, mid/late 19th century

Paper book 230 p.

PCW MS 13/a [19th century]

Printed prayer card beginning "Our Lord has said: I am the way, the truth, and the life. Satan replies: I am falsehood, the abyss, and death..." .

Size: 8.5 x 14 cm

1 f.

Location: Found at p. 5.

PCW MS 13/b [19th century]

Note on the back of an advertisement "It seems so long. God reward you Rev and dear M. Abbes for your great patience and charity in supporting me in my faults and imperfections. If your Rev has seen or heard anything amiss[?] in me please to admonish me. I hope by the grace of God to do my (?) to amend. God reward (?)."

Size: 10 x 13 cm

1 f.

Location: Found at p. 199.

PCW MS 14 1876

*The life of Our Holy Father St Francis of Assisi, translated from the French of Emile Chavin de Malon.*

With an index at p. 494 (495).

Watercolour painting on card, bound facing the title-page. Full length portrait of St Francis with a crucifix, a book, and nails in his hand and feet. "Sancte Pater Francisee ore pro nobis".

Armorial bookplate on the front pastedown "Ex biblioth conven: sororum Taunton: S.Francisci et S Elisabeth". Depicts a cross, a crown of thorns, and disembodied hands and feet with crucifixion wounds filling 3 chalices with blood. Also on the front pastedown is a library bookplate with a cross "Library, Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos."

Title-page with decorated lettering in gold, red, and blue.

Size: 24 x 19 cm

Binding: Cream vellum over boards, red edges, red leather lettering piece, gilt spine titles and volume numbers, mid/late 19th century

Paper book 500 p. (pagination for 398 is absent).

Ownership history: Previously numbered: C.I.24.

PCW MS 14/a [early 20th century]

Illustration of a yellow mimulus flower.

Size: 9 x 11 cm

1 f.

Location: Found at p. 91.

PCW MS 15 1 January 1828

*Letters of Father Panting.*

Absent title-page, title from the index.

With an index at p. 314.

With *A morning exercise & preparation for the Holy communion* p. 309 - 312 in a different hand.

On the front pastedown is a bookplate "Library, Franciscan Convent. Goodings. Woodlands St. Mary. Nr Newbury. Berks.", label "Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos."

*Size:* 25 x 22 cm

*Binding:* Black calf over boards, mid-19th century

Paper book

422 p. [319 - 422 blank]

*Ownership history:* Previously numbered: D.VI.13

PCW MS 15/a 1793

Ink line drawing of a hermit with a skull and crucifix. Faint inscription in pencil in the bottom right corner "H.B. Stott(?) 1793."

*Size:* 10.5 x 13 cm

1 f.

*Location:* Found at p. 281.

PCW MS 16 2 August 1869

*The life of St Joseph of Cupertino*

"Taken from the French translation of 'The life of St Joseph of Cupertino' written by Domenico Bernini, Bishop of Osimo, in 1722, and dedicated to Innocent 13th. Some incidents have been added from a life of the Glorious servant of God, published by order of Benedict the 14th."

With an index at p. 504.

With an ornate title-page, and a gold border with flora/ fauna decoration depicting acorns and birds.

On the front pastedown is a library bookplate with a cross "Library, Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos."

*Size:* 24 x 20 cm

*Binding:* Cream vellum over boards, blue cloth spine, red edges, late 19th century

Paper book viii, 510 (pagination for 473 is absent).

*Ownership history:* Previously numbered: C.II.25 a.

PCW MS 16/a November 1885

"The Apostleship of Prayer" prayer card.

*Size:* 7 x 11 cm

1 f.

*Location:* Found at p. 496.

PCW MS 16/b [19th century]

Printed illustration of 'St Francois d'Assisie' with paper lace borders.

Printed by Dopter, rue de Madame, 29, Paris.

Inscription on the back "Dear Mother Abbess from your loving Str, Mary Ann."

*Size:* 7.5 x 12 cm

1 f.

*Location:* Found at p. 499.

PCW MS 17 1865

The life of Ven Mother Magdalen of St Joseph 1578-1637.

“This work is a translation of the second edition of 'La Vie de la Mere Madeleine de St Joseph. Carmelite dechaussee de la Premiere Regle selon la Reforme de St Therese' by a Priest of the French Oratory (Pere Senault?) Published in 1670.”

With an ornate title-page depicting birds, rosebuds, and tendrils with a gold border.

With an index at p. 417 in v.1 and p. 421 in v. 2.

Size: 24 x 20 cm

Binding: Cream vellum over boards, blue cloth spine, red edges, late 19th century

Paper book 2 v. (v.1 iv, 422 p., v.2 iv. 426 p.)

Ownership history: Previously numbered: No number found.

PCW MS 17 v.1/a [Early 20th century]

Advertisement card for printers 'R & T. Washbourne Ltd' depicting a dead WWI soldier at the feet of Christ.

Size: 18 x 11

1 f.

Location: Found at vol. 2, p. 216.

PCW MS 18 1878

*The life of the Ven'ble Mother Mary Dominic (Berlamont) Poor Clare Colettine.*

On the verso of the title-page “This little book translated by "Our Gem" is affectionately dedicated to Ven'ble Mother Abbess on the occasion of her Jubilee”

Date taken from an inserted scap paper note.

On p. ii. is a pasted illustration depicting Mother Mary Dominic with a book, rosary bead, and a skull.

Size: 20 x 25 cm

Binding: Black half calf and grey marbled paper over boards, late 19th century

Paper book iv, 224 p.

Ownership history: Previously numbered: 28

PCW MS 18/a 1903

Memorial card for Pope Leo XIII with an illustration of Pope Leo XIII walking in the Vatican Gardens.

Size: 11 x 13 cm

2 f.

Location: Found at p. 266.

PCW MS 19 1863

*The Life of the Venerable Margaret of the Blessed Sacrament.*

“This little work is a translation of Mo. Louis de Ciskey's 'Vie de Marguerite du Saint Sacrement' published in 1856.”

With an ornate title-page depicting tendrils, blue flowers, and birds.

“At Convent of Our Lady of Dolours, Taunton.”

Size: 20 x 24 cm

Binding: Cream paper over boards, blue cloth spine, red edges, late 19th century

Paper book

vii, 431 p.

Ownership history: Previously numbered: 32.

PCW MS 20 1864

Part 1: *The life of Ven Mother Anne of St Batholomew the companion and coadjutrix of St Teresa part the first.* Part 2: *An account of the death, virtues and miracles of Ven Mother of St Bartholomew, part the second.*

"Translated from the French, Taunton."

With an ornate title-page depicting tendrils and blue flowers.

With an index at part 2. p.121

Size: 19 x 24 cm

Binding: Cream paper over boards, cloth spine, red edges, late 19th century

Paper book 2. v in 1; vi, 227 (p. 73 double pagination), iv, 128 p.

Ownership history: Previously numbered: 32

PCW MS 20/a [late 19th century]

Portrait of a nun with a book "Photographed by Silvy, 38 Porchester Terrace."

Size: 6 x 10 cm

1 f.

Location: Found at p. 36.

PCW MS 20/b March 1886

Prayer card for Reverend John Baptist Lans, C.S.S.R. depicting Maddona mourning Jesus.

1 f.

Location: Found at p. 81.

PCW MS 21 [mid-19th century]

*The Life of B Andrew Hibernon Lay Brother O.S.F.*

Fixed at p. ii, monochrome painted portrait of Brother Andrew Hibernon praying.

Armorial bookplate on the front pastedown "Ex biblioth conven: sororum Taunton: S.Francisci et S Elisabeth". Depicts a cross, a crown of thorns, and disembodied hands and feet with crucifixion wounds filling 3 chalices with blood. Also on the front pastedown is a library bookplate with a cross "Library, Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos."

Size: 20 x 25 cm

Paper book iv, 154 p.

Ownership history: Previously numbered: C.I.22 and C. II. 27a.

PCW MS 21/a [19th century?]

Cutting of Mary, Christ child, and children pasted onto a floral card.

Size: 12 x 16 cm

1 f.

Location: Found at p. 77

PCW MS 22 [mid-19th century]

*The perfection of Man by charity. A spiritual treatise mainly for the use of religious. F.B.B.*

Title-page in red and black p. iii.

With an index at p. 393.

Size: 15 x 22 cm

Binding: Black calf over boards, blind tooling, mid-19th century

Paper book viii, 398 p.

Ownership history: Previously numbered: 5



PCW MS 23 1878?

*Life of the servant of God Mary Elizabeth Canori Mora*

"Translated from the French by Sister Mary Alphonsus, of the Holy Family, Rhodes of Woodchester. Affectionately dedicated to Ven'ble Rev'd Mother Abbess on the occasion of her Jubilee."

With an index at p. 193.

Date from MS 18 as both books have identical inscriptions and bindings.

Armorial bookplate on the front pastedown "Ex biblioth conven: sororum Taunton: S.Francisci et S Elisabeth". Depicts a cross, a crown of thorns, and disembodied hands and feet with crucifixion wounds filling 3 chalices with blood.

Size: 23 x 19 cm

Binding: Black half calf and grey marbled paper over boards, late 19th century

Paper book iv, 196 p.

Ownership history: Previously numbered: B.IX.35

PCW MS 24 [19th century]

*Les Martyrs de la cour de Diocletien.*

Language: French

Size: 16 x 20cm

Binding: Black half calf and blue marbled paper over boards, gold spine titles, mid-19th century

Paper book 2 parts in 1. v ; iv, 234, iv, 150 p.

Ownership history: Previously numbered: B.9

PCW MS 25 [early/mid-19th century]

Title-page absent. Contains transcriptions of correspondence of St Catherine, presumably St Catherine of Sienna, taken from various sources.

Size: 19 x 23 cm

Binding: Brown marbled paper over boards, missing spine, frayed edges, 19th century

Paper book 110 p, vi, leaf stubs from missing pages.

PCW MS 26 [early/mid-19th century]

*The Life of the Venerable Mother Margaret of Jesus. Religions of the Reformed Order of Our Blessed Lady of Mount Carmal. Written by her ghostly father, Mr Edmund Bedingfeld, Canon of the Collegiate Church of St Gummar and confessor to the English Teresians in the city of Liere.*

In three different hands.

On the front pastedown is a library bookplate with a cross "Library, Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos."

Ornate red and blue title-page.

With an index at p. 407.

Size: 19 x 24 cm

Binding: Black, half calf and marbled paper over boards, loose front board, frayed edges, early/mid-19th century

Paper book iii, 488 p. ('291' missed in pagination) pp. 410 - 488 blank.

Ownership history: Previously numbered: A.2.1.40

PCW MS 26/a [19th century?]

Pressed fern leaves.

2 leaves.

Location: Found at p. 451.

## PCW MS 27 [19th century]

Supplement to the lives of the saints of the three orders of our holy father St Francis.

*Size:* 18 x 22 cm

*Binding:* Blue half calf and cloth over boards, paper spine title, 19th century

Paper book iv, 322 p. followed by roughly 100 blank, unpaginated pages

*Ownership history:* Previously numbered: 23

## PCW MS 27/a [19th century]

Sacred heart prayer card depicting cherubs, a heart, ladders, a cross, and a spear.

Printed in Paris, Rue St Jacques 30.

Inscription in pencil on the verso "Martyrology Refectory. Not to be taken away."

Found at p. 292.

*Language:* French

*Size:* 7 x 10 cm

1f

## PCW MS 28 [19th century]

*The life of B'd Crispin of Viterbo lay brother of the Order of Capuchins of the Province of Rome.*

In three different hands.

On the front fly leaf "Noviceship".

*Size:* 18 x 21 cm

*Binding:* Red calf over boards, blind tooling, frayed edges at the spine and corners, mid-19th century.

Paper book 1 v.

## PCW MS 28/a [19th century]

Two woven paper crosses. One smaller red cross, and one larger green cross.

*Size:* 5 x 7 cm & 3 x 5 cm

2 crosses.

## PCW MS 29 [late18th early/19th century]

*The life of B'd Crispin of Viterbo lay brother of the Order of Capuchins of the Province of Rome.*

Armorial bookplate on the front pastedown "Ex biblioth conven: sororum Taunton: S.Francisci et S Elisabeth". Depicts a cross, a crown of thorns, and disembodied hands and feet with crucifixion wounds filling 3 chalices with blood. Also on the front pastedown is a library bookplate with a cross "Library, Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos."

*Size:* 16 x 20 cm

*Binding:* Cream vellum over boards, blind tooling, late 18th/early 19th century

Paper book 472 p.

*Ownership history:* Previously numbered: C. 2. 28

PCW MS 30 1782 - 1794

*The Life of Don Armand John Bouthillier de Rance regular abbot and reformer of the Monastery of La Trap of the strict observance of Gisteaux. By Mon'r Marsollier Abbot & Canon of the Cathedral of Uzes.*

In several hands.

On the front pastedown is a library bookplate with a cross "Library. Franciscan Convent, Goodings. Woodlands St. Mary, Nr Newbury. Berks."

MS 30 v. 3 on the front pastedown has an inscription "March 27th, 1791, H. Besington".

Size: 16 x 20 cm

Binding: Cream vellum over boards, blind tooling, inscription on cover "Princenhoff 1782-1794," late 18th century

Paper book 4 vols.

Ownership history: Previously numbered: D.I.19 a-d

PCW MS 30/vol.3/a [16th/17th century?]

16th/17th century frontispiece from a book of "Horae Canonicae". Depicts a harpist, cherubs and columns within a clockface. Mounted on 19th century paper lace.

Size: 17 x 10 cm

1 f.

Location: Found at p. 274.

PCW MS 30/vol.3/b [19th century]

Prayer card *5th Sorrowful mystery, Jesus crucified.*

Size: 7 x 9.5 cm

1 f.

Location: Found at p. 300

MS 30/vol.3/c [18th/19th century]

Manuscript, transcription from "Puer natus est nobis" .

Size: 6 x 7.5 cm

1 f.

Location: Found at p. 300.

PCW MS 31 [mid-19th century]

*Saints of the three orders of O.H.F. St Francis.*

Armorial bookplate on the front pastedown "Ex biblioth conven: sororum Taunton: S.Francisci et S Elisabeth". Depicts a cross, a crown of thorns, and filling 3 chalices with blood.

With 8 watercolour inserts depicting events from saints' lives.

Each volume includes an annual index.

Size: 18 x 21 cm

Binding: Red half calf and marbled paper over boards, raised spine bands, black lettering piece with gilt spine title and ornaments, mid-19th century

Paper books 4 v.

Ownership history: Previously numbered: C.I.11-14.

PCW MS 32 [19th century]

*Hours with the Angels*

With ornamented letters on the title-page.

Size: 12 x 18 cm

Binding: Black calf over boards, blind fillets, spine damaged, mid-19th century

Paper book 418 p.

PCW MS 32/a [19th century]

Coloured Christmas card depicting a child and crucifix.

On the verso "From Annie with love. Priez pour moi-quelques fois."

Size: 6 x 11.5 cm

1 f.

PCW MS 33 1878

*The life of Ven'ble Brother Giles of St Joseph lay brother of the reform of St Peter of Alcantara.*

"Translated from the French by S'r Eliz: Joseph, Woodchester on the occasion of the Jubilee of Ven'ble Rev'nd Mother Abbess of Taunton 1878."

On the front pastedown is a library bookplate with a cross "Library, Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos." On the front end is a paper pencil inscription "Refectory" .

Size: 12 x 18 cm

Binding: Black half calf and marbled paper over boards, gold spine titles, mid/late 19th century

Paper book 156 p.

Ownership history: Previously numbered: C.II.32

PCW MS 34 [late 19th/ early 20th century]

*The Sacred Manual: a collection of devout practices, proper for a Religious who aspires to perfection. Work of St Leonard of Port Maurice Friar Minor & Apostolic.*

On the front pastedown is a library bookplate with a cross "Library, Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos."

With an index at p. 179.

Size: 12 x 19 cm

Binding: Black calf over boards, gold spine ornaments, late 19th/early 20th century

Paper book ii, 138, ii, 212 p.

Ownership history: Previously numbered: D.VI.40

PCW MS 34/a 1836

Illustrated prayer card for Le R.P. Achille Guidee.

Language: French

Size: 7 x 11 cm

1 f.

PCW MS 34/2 [19th century]

Index pages from a hymn book.

Language: Latin

Size: 9 x 16 cm

2 f.

PCW MS 35 [Mid/late 19th century]  
*Works of our Holy Father Saint Francis*  
 With an index at p. 351.

On the front pastedown is a bookplate depicting a crucifix, "Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos."

Consistent hand.

*Size:* 12 x 18 cm

*Binding:* Black half calf and paper over boards, gold spine title and fillets, mid/late 19th century

Paper book vi, 354 p.

*Ownership history:* Previously numbered: C.I.31

PCW MS 35/a 1843 ?

Advertisement for "De Montfort's Devotion to Mary" .

Date from publication date of De Monfort's Devotion to Mary.

*Size:* 13 x 8.5 cm

2 f.

PCW MS 35/b August 1873

Prayer card for Edmond James Power Calor.

*Size:* 7.5 x 11.5 cm

1 f.

PCW MS 36 July 26 1876

*Work of our Holy Father St Francis*

"Taken from the Latin of John J. Von Derburg by S't W Alphonsus and affectionalely dedicated to Ven' Rev'd Mother Abbess on the occasion of her Jubilee. Feast of St Anne July 26, 1876"

Inserted: an ornate title-page, with ornamented letters in red and blue.

with an index at p. 327.

On the front pastedown is a bookplate depicting a crucifix, "Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos."

*Size:* 13 x 19 cm

*Binding:* Brown calf over boards, pasted manuscript title on card, gold border ornaments, gold spine title, late 19th century

Paper book iv, 330 p.

*Ownership history:* Previously numbered: C.I.32, 27 on spine.

PCW MS 37 [late 19th century]

*The Life of our Holy Mother Saint Elizabeth Duchess of Thuringia Widow.*

On part 2, p. 1 is a pencil inscription "2nd volume joined to 1st by Rev M Abbess [?] 1910 or 1912."

On part 2, p. 47 "This book was translated by the Ven'ble Rev'd Mother Francis Agnes (Jerningham)".

Armorial bookplate on the front pastedown "Ex biblioth conven: sororum Taunton: S.Francisci et S Elisabeth." Depicts a cross, a crown of thorns, and disembodied hands and feet with crucifixion wounds filling 3 chalices with blood.

*Size:* 20.5 x 16.5 cm

*Binding:* Cream vellum over boards, late 18th/early 19th century

Paper book 260, 48 p.

*Ownership history:* Previously numbered: C.IV.3

PCW MS 37/a [early 19th century]  
 Engraving of St Lambertus with sword and staff.  
*Language:* French  
*Size:* 11 x 16 cm  
 1 f.

PCW MS 37/b [early 19th century]  
 Printed devotional card 'Notre Dame d' Ay' depicting Mary.  
*Language:* French  
*Size:* 10 x 16 cm  
 1 f.

PCW MS 37/c [18th century?]  
 Manuscript list of 10 "Intentions for hearing mass and communicating devoutly."  
 No. 8 missing due to damage.  
*Size:* 14 x 8 cm  
 1 f.

PCW MS 38 [19th century]  
*The Chief Points of our Ceremonies in which the sisters must daily renew themselves in spirit and in their actions.*  
*Size:* 18.5 x 21.5 cm  
*Binding:* Black paper over boards, late 19th century  
 Paper book ii, 100 p. with stubs at the end.

PCW MS 38/a 14 May 1937  
 Letter from a sister at Woodchester discussing missing home.  
*Size:* 13 x 20 cm  
 1 f.

PCW MS 39 [late 19th/ early 20th century]  
*The chief points of our ceremonies, in which the sisters meet daily to renew themselves in their spirits and their actions*  
 With an index at p.141.  
*Size:* 16.5 x 20 cm  
*Binding:* Blue faux-leather cloth over boards, late 19th/ early 20th century  
 Paper book ii, 144 p.

PCW MS 39/a [mid/late 20th century]  
 Christmas card "From Dorothy Howard with every good wish."  
*Size:* 7 x 10 cm  
 1 f.

PCW MS 39/b February 1941  
 "The Apostleship of Prayer" prayer card.  
*Size:* 7 x 11 cm  
 1 f.

PCW MS 40 [mid/late 19th century]

*The life of St Veronica of our Lady of the Dolours*

On the front pastedown is a library bookplate with a cross "Library, Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos."

Size: 17 x 21 cm

Binding: Red marbled paper over boards, mid/ late 19th century

Paper book 2. v; ii, 100 p. ii, 96 p.

Ownership history: Previously numbered: C.II.45 and C.II.47

PCW MS 40/a July 1926

"The Apostleship of Prayer" prayer card.

Size: 7 x 11 cm

2 f.

PCW MS 41 [late 19th/ early century]

*The life of B'd Andrew of Hibernon lay brother O.S.H.*

On the front pastedown is a library bookplate with a cross "Library, Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos."

Size: 17 x 20 cm

Paper book ii, 234 p.

Ownership history: Previously numbered: C.II.27

PCW MS 41/a January 1936

"The Apostleship of Prayer" prayer card.

Size: 7 x 11 cm

1 f.

PCW MS 41/b February 1936

"The Apostleship of Prayer" prayer card.

Size: 7 x 11 cm

1 f.

PCW MS 42 [post 1866]

*Deus meus & Omnia: Seraphical Retreat or according to the true spirit of St Francis of Assisi.*

On p. xi "The following meditations are translated from the French from a French work entitled 'Retraite Seraphique, ou excercises Spirituels, selon la veritable esprit de St Francis d' Assise' by the very Rev'd Father de Dreux Friar Minor Capuchin, Master of Novices in the Convent of the Rue St Honore Paris. First published 1667: revised by a Father of the same holy order & republished in 1866."

On the front pastedown is a library bookplate with a cross "Library, Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos."

Before p. 86 is affixed an engraving depicting St Francis of Assisi with a halo amongst thistles.

Size: 12 x 18 cm

Binding: Black half calf and grey marbled paper over boards, late 19th century

Paper book 1 v. erratic pagination

Ownership history: Previously numbered: C.I.46

PCW MS 43 [late 19th century]

*The life of the Venerable servant of God Brother Giles of Saint Joseph Franciscan Lay Brother of the Reform of St Peter of Alcantara*

In pencil on the title-page "Translated by Eliz. Joseph [?]"

On the front pastedown is a library bookplate with a cross "Library, Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos."

with an index at p.125.

Size: 16 x 20 cm

Binding: Purple faux-leather cloth over boards, pastedown title, late 19th/early 20th century

Paper book 150 p.

Ownership history: Previously numbered: C.II.42

PCW MS 44 [late 19th century]

*Short lives of Fra Giovanni, the holy gardener of Salamanca and St Francis Solanus.*

*To which is added an account of the Crowning of Our Lady.*

On title-page is a library bookplate with a cross "Library, Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos."

Size: 17 x 20 cm

Binding: Black varnished cloth over boards, with paper title, late 19th century

Paper book ii, 110 p.

Ownership history: Previously numbered: C.II.44

PCW MS 45 [early/mid-20th century]

*The Chief Points of our Ceremonies in which the sisters must daily renew themselves in spirit and in their actions.*

with an index at p. 98.

Size: 18 x 20 cm

Binding: Grey cloth over boards, with pockets, early/mid-20th century

Paper book 98 p.

PCW MS 45/a 1860

Sacred Heart prayer card for Mary Sarah Maynell. Engraving of Jesus, with stigmata, pointing to his heart.

Size: 6.5 x 9.5 cm

1 f.

PCW MS 45/b December 1897

"The Apostleship of Prayer" prayer card.

Size: 7 x 11 cm

1 f.

PCW MS 45/c [mid/ late 19th century]

Transcription of two devotional poems: *Petre, sol terris* with Peter of Alcantara as the subject, and *O rex Gloriam*.

Language: English with Latin titles.

Size: 21 x 34 cm

1 f.

Location: Found inserted in the back of the stitched binding.



PCW MS 45/d 21 July 1872

*Our General's Discourse*

Transcription dictated by Brother Bernardine, General of the Minor for the Sisters of Poor Clares Taunton.

*Size:* 12 x 19 cm

16 p.

*Location:* Found inserted in the back of the stitched binding.

PCW MS 46 [early 20th century]

Scrapbook in a consistent but developing hand containing transcriptions of prayers, records of death, cuttings from newspapers, a letter from a nephew, obituaries and prayer cards.

Some entries decorated with stickers of Christ, and saints.

Contains 2 handmade prayer cards for "Selina Flynn who died May 13th 1908."

Record of author's familial deaths written on an end pastedown.

*Size:* 11 x 18 cm

*Binding:* Varnished, navy cloth over card, early 20th century

Paper book 1 v.

PCW MS 46/a [early 20th century]

2 handwritten prayer cards for "Selina Flynn who died May 13th 1908."

*Size:* 6 x 8 cm, 7.5 x 11 cm

2 f.

PCW MS 46/b 1928

Clipping of an obituary for Father Oswald Thornton O.P., Procurator of Woodchester.

*Size:* 10 x 13 cm

1 f.

PCW MS 46/c 9 July 1942

Letter from "Bernard" to "Auntie Mabel." asking to visit.

*Size:* 13 x 21 cm

1 f.

PCW MS 46/d [early 20th century]

11 miscellaneous transcriptions and newspaper cuttings of prayers/ memoranda.

11 f.

PCW MS 46/e [early 20th century]

Blank postcard depicting a view of Broad Street, Oxford in 1793.

*Size:* 10 x 15 cm

1 f.

PCW MS 47 [mid/late 19th century]

Collection of manuscript prayers and lessons for Catholic Feasts, with some miscellaneous items.

*Size:* 17 x 21 cm

Paper book 1 printed and 8 manuscript items found within the same binding

PCW MS 47/a 1908

*History of the apparitions of the immaculate Virgin at Lourdes related by the Church to the Christian people in the lessons of the Divine Office.*

Each page illustrated. List of engravings on p.16. Bologna, Italy.

Size: 8 x 12 cm

16 p.

Location: Kept with the inserts due to its small size.

PCW MS 47/b [19th century]

Ceremonies and expectations for the reader and the server in the convent refectory.

Size: 17 x 21 cm

34 p. (1-12 with text)

PCW MS 47/c post 1893

*Prayer and lessons for the Feast of B. John of Triora, B. Thomas of Tolentinum, Blessed Agnellus of Pisa, and Blessed Leopold a Gaichis.*

Change of hand at p.6. The latter being that of PCW MS 47/d.

Size: 14 x 21 cm

16 p.

PCW MS 47/d post 1878

*Prayer and lessons for the Feast of the Holy Family, St Bernard the Abbot, St John Damascene, Blessed John Forest Martyr.*

Size: 13 x 20 cm

18 p.

PCW MS 47/e [late 19th century]

*Prayer and lessons for the Feast of blessed Aegidius Mary of St Joseph, and The Holy Founders.*

Size: 16 x 20 cm

8 p.

PCW MS 47/f [19th century]

*Prayer and biography of Maria Crescentia Hoss..*

Size: 18 x 27 cm

1 f.

PCW MS 47/g [19th century]

*Considerations of Jesus Christ in His Suffering.*

In the same hand as PCW MS 47/f.

Size: 8.5 x 13.5 cm

8 p.

Location: Kept with the inserts due to its small size.

PCW MS 47/h [19th century]

Biographical notes on Antony Maria Zaccaria

Size: 13 x 20.5 cm

24 p.

PCW MS 47/i [19th/20th century?]

Note on dates of religious significance.

Size: 5.5 x 15 cm

1 f.

PCW MS 48 1876

*The life and marvellous miracles of the devout and humble servant of God and the Blessed Virgin Mary B. Salvator of Horta, lay brother of the province of Sardinia.*

"Translated from the Italian by Str E.J." (Sister Elizabeth Joseph.)

title-page with red and blue lettering.

Size: 16.5 x 21 cm

Binding: Brown marbled paper over boards, green cloth spine, late 19th century

Paper book 1 v.

Ownership history: Previously numbered: C.II.43, and 28

PCW MS 49 1829

p. 1 - 126 *Anecdotes singulieres sur la Princesse des Ursins extraits des memoires duc de St simon.*

p. 127 - 130 *The following is an extract from a letter recently received from a Catholic lady of high worth, who has been for some time resident in Rome.*

p. 131 - 133 *A vision* describing a vision of war. Signed June 11th 1832 'H or 'F.C. Husenbeth'. Possibly a transcription of a Frederick Charles Husenbeth poem.

p. 134 - 146 *Death of Count Stolberg.*

p. 146 - 177 *Notice sur le Duc d' Engheim.*

On the front end paper is an inscription "J Austin with leave 1829", a library bookplate "Library, Franciscan Convent. Goodings. Woodlands St. Mary. Nr Newbury. Berks.", and a label "Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos."

Change of hand at p. 99.

Change to English between p.127 and 146.

Language: French and English

Size: 17 x 20.5 cm.

Binding: Black half calf and green marbled paper over boards, early 19th century

Paper book iv, 178 p.

Ownership history: Previously numbered: B.IX.18

PCW MS 49/a 1833

*Fragment d'une lettre particuliere 1833*

Written in the same hand as the first hand in PCW MS 49.

Language: French

Size: 18.5 x 23 cm.

4 p.

Location: Found at the front end paper.

PCW MS 49/b October 1830

Letter discussing the royal family, with a poem on the final page.

In the same hand as the second hand from MS 49.

Language: French

Size: 18.5 x 22.5 cm

4 p.

Location: Found at p. 30

PCW MS 49/c 1833?

Newspaper cutting: recto news of the royal family; verso list of deaths for January.

Inscription "1833"

Size: 4 x 8 cm.

1 f.

Location: Found at p.146

PCW MS 50 1862

*Ceremonies to be observed in the choir, Franciscan Convent Woodchester 1862.*

title-page in red ink.

Size: 17 cm x 10.

Binding: Crocodile skin effect paper over boards, mid/late 19th century

Paper book 230 p. [105-230 blank]

PCW MS 51 14 December 1891

title-page in pencil at p.7, after colloquies I-III. *Twenty five loving colloquies translated for the occasion of the silver nuptials with the divine bridegroom of my dearest sister, Mary Joseph of the Dolours D.C. By her loving sister who like her is privileged to sit and love at the sweet Master's feet.*

Title at p.9 *Lost in the joys of living. Omnibus Diebus Vitae Nostrae in Domo Domini and of adoring in Altrius Santctis suis. Let us sing in perpetual thanksgiving before this Divine Lover and Beloved of our hearts our Cantic of Canticles.*

At p.69 - 75 *Benefits of Adversity*, an extract from the Life of St Mechtildis.

Missing pages between p.68 and 69, evidenced by page stubs.

with an index of the 25 colloquies at p. 58: 1) The kiss of his lips; 2) The oil poured out; 3) The perfume of the spikenard; 4) The beauty of the spouse; 5) The sweet fruit; 6) The wine cellar; 7) Charity; 8) Flowers and fruits; 9) The langours of divine love; 10) The two hands; 11) Communion with the beloved; 12) He is mine; 13) The search; 14) I will seek; 15) I have found him; 16) His descent with his garden; 17) The watchful heart; 18) Listening to His voice; 19) Chosen among thousands; 20) The dove's eyes; 21) The bundle of myrrh; 22) The hands of gold; 23) The pillars of marble; 24) The fruits of the vineyard; 25) All for the beloved.

Size: 11.5 x 18 cm.

Binding: Blue faux-leather over card, late 19th century

Paper book 88 p.

PCW MS 52 July 1878

p. 1- 73, *Franciscan Legends in verse. Taken from the Old Chronicles* signed "Str Eliz: Joseph Woodchester, July 1878."

p. 75 - 90, *The Three Robbers of the Powers of Love.* signed "Str M. Alfonus Woodchester July 1878."

On the title-page in manuscript: "For Venble Mother Francis J Alaysia from St Mary Alfonus & Sister Elizabeth Joseph of Woodchester July 1878."

In the hand of Sister Mary Alfonus and Sister Elizabeth Joseph.

With 6 watercolour illustrations depicting scenes from Franciscan stories.

Size: 12 x 18 cm

Binding: Blue cloth over boards, red spine, loose pages, late-19th century

Paper book ii, 92 p.

PCW MS 53 [19th century]

*Regulations at the Veil ironing.*

Size: 12 x 18.5 cm

Binding: Faded suede over boards with a paper title, 19th century

Paper book 4 p.

PCW MS 53/a [19th century]  
*Regulations for all the common works.*  
 On p. 3 cuttings from a printed book in Latin.  
*Language:* Latin  
*Size:* 12 x 18 cm  
 4 p.  
*Location:* Found at the end of MS 53.

PCW MS 53/b 1943  
 2 pieces of paper entitled "Maundy Thursday 43" and "Maundy Thursday 1944" with a list of sisters' names.  
 4 p.  
*Location:* Found at the end of MS PCW 53/a

PCW MS 54 [late 18th to mid-19th century]  
 Scrap book containing 1 prayer card, 58 plates of Catholic bishops and clergy, with corresponding biographical details.  
 See printed book catalogue entry "Poor Clares Woodchester MS 54" for a detailed description of each plate.  
 On the front pastedown is a bookseller's label "From the Kensington Catholic Repository and Ecclesiastical Warehouse, 3, King St. Kensington". Below is a printed label "Library. Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester Stroud, Glos."  
*Size:* 17 x 11 cm  
*Binding:* Bound in the covers of a work by E.L. Hervey, brown publisher's cloth over boards, black cloth spine repair with a damaged manuscript title label "Portraits of bishops & ...", early 20th century.  
 Paper book 1. v.

PCW MS 55 [late 19th/early 20th century]  
 Book of ceremonial procedures as well as rules and regulations to be observed for housekeeping, working, and eating in the convent .  
 With an index at p. 69  
 With a list of Convent office supplies at p.70.  
*Size:* 12 x 18.5 cm  
*Binding:* Green paper stationer's book, late 19th/early 20th century. Printed by "Burns and Oates, 17, Portman street, London."  
 Paper book 70 p.

PCW MS 55/a [20th century]  
 Typed note addressed to Mother Abbess and sisters, "votes for my solemn profession"  
*Size:* 14 x 6 cm  
 1 f.  
*Location:* Found at p.1

PCW MS 55/b [late 19th century]  
 Describes ceremonial procedures, *In the washing of the feet*  
 In the same hand as PCW MS 55  
*Size:* 12 x 19 cm  
 2 f.  
*Location:* Found at p.16

PCW MS 55/c [late 19th/early 20th century]  
 Describes ceremonial procedures, *Maundy Thursday*  
*Size:* 11.5 x 17.5 cm  
 1 f.  
*Location:* Found at p.16

PCW MS 55/d [20th century]  
 Memorandum note relating to Maundy Thursday  
*Size:* 6.5 x 12 cm  
 1 f.  
*Location:* Found at p. 30

PCW MS 55/e [late 19th/early 20th century]  
 Latin note beginning "Absolve quaesumus domine..."  
*Language:* Latin  
*Size:* 10 x 11 cm  
 1 f.  
*Location:* Found at p.30

PCW MS 55/f [early/ mid-20th century]  
 Typed table with "Abbess" and "Vicaress" at the top, and feast days and corresponding months below.  
*Size:* 20 x 32 cm  
 1 f.  
*Location:* Found at p.60

PCW MS 56 [18th century]  
*Meditations on the passion of our saviour Jesus Christ*  
 On the front pastedown is a bookplate "Library, Franciscan Convent. Goodings. Woodlands St. Mary. Nr Newbury. Berks."  
*Size:* 10.5 x 16 cm  
*Binding:* Sheepskin over boards, faded gilt tooling and spine ornaments, raised bands, leather fastenings and bone bobbles, late 17th/ early 18th century  
 Paper book 142 p.  
*Ownership history:* Previously numbered: A.IX.72

PCW MS 57 [late 19th/ early 20th century]  
 Book of ceremonial procedures with headings: viaticum, extreme unction, crosses after dirges, leaves for the watchers...  
 With an index at p. 229-230  
*Size:* 10.5 x 16 cm  
 Paper book 234 p.

PCW MS 57/a April 1883  
 Prayer card for Agnes Mary Bateman. Depicting a death bed scene.  
*Language:* French  
*Size:* 7 x 11.5 cm  
 1 f.  
*Location:* Found at p.12.

PCW MS 57/b August 1940  
 "Apostleship of Prayer" prayer card.  
 Size: 11 x 7.5 cm  
 2 f.

Location: Found at p. 25.

PCW MS 57/c [19th century]  
 Procedures for *Leaves for Watchers*.  
 Size: 23 x 12.5 cm.  
 1 f.

Location: Found at p. 35

PCW MS 57/d [17th century]  
 Engraving depicting a man and an angel next to a sundial.  
 Quote from Job 10.20 "numquid non paucitas dierum meorum finietur brevi dimitte ergo me ut plangam paululum dolorem meu "

Language: Latin

Size: 7.5 x 6 cm

1 m.

Location: Found at p. 39.

PCW MS 57/e [19th century]  
 Memorandum on the refectory.  
 Size: 5 x 9 cm  
 1 f.

Location: Found at p. 58.

PCW MS 57/f [20th century]  
 Typed memorandum.  
 Size: 4 x 10 cm.  
 1 f.

Location: Found at p.61

PCW MS 58 [late 19th/ early 20th century]  
*Considerations on Jesus weeping over Jerusalem applied to communion.*  
 Size: 16 x 11 cm  
 Binding: Red and blue paper over boards, damaged spine, late 19th/early 20th century  
 Paper book 138 p.

PCW MS 58/a [19th century]  
 Pages from a Latin hymn book. p. 355 - 366.  
 Language: Latin  
 Size: 15 x 10 cm  
 Paper 12 p.  
 Location: Found at the back endpaper.

PCW MS 59 [19th century?]  
*The Spirit of St Leonard of Port Maurice as exemplified by his resolutions. To which is added his method of hearing mass and a novena in his honour.*  
 "Translated from the Italian."  
 Size: 15.5 x 10.5 cm  
 Binding: Blue textured paper, manuscript title label, early 19th century  
 Paper book 180 p.

PCW MS 60 1828?

Book of litanies, prayers, and musical notations.

Label with an inscription on the front pastedown "Christina Weld, given to her by her affectionate companion Teresa on the day she had the happiness of making her first communion. Easter Sunday 1828."

Inscription on the front pastedown "Mary Josephine with leave".

On the front pastedown, a library bookplate with a cross "Library, Convent of Poor Clares Woodchester, Stroud, Glos." obscuring an earlier library label "Library Franciscan Monastery Goodings Woodlands St . Mary Nr. Newbury. Berks."

List of "Sisters" on p.131.

List of familial birthdays and deaths at p.128.

*Language:* LatinFrenchEnglish

*Size:* 15.5 x 10 cm

*Binding:* Goat skin over boards, gold tooling and spine ornaments, early 19th century

Paper book 132 p.

*Ownership history:* Previously numbered: C.II.4

PCW MS 60/a [early 19th century]

Manuscript quotation from St Augustine.

*Language:* French

*Size:* 5.5 x 10.5 cm

Paper 1 f.

*Location:* Found at p. 26

PCW MS 61 [mid-19th century]

*Short meditations on the sacred heart of the infant Jesus. Suitable for a novena before Christmas.*

"Translated from the Italian."

*Size:* 13 x 8.5 cm

*Binding:* Black paper, manuscript title label, early 19th century

Paper book 68 p.

PCW MS 62 [early 20th century]

Book on St John *The disciple whom Jesus loved*

*Size:* 13 x 8.5 cm

*Binding:* Yellow paper, early 20th century

Paper book 74 p.

PCW MS 62/a [early 20th century]

*A little child is born onto us.* Printed image of the Christ child with an inscription on the back "This little picture was just on our sister's alter... "

*Size:* cm

1 f.

*Location:* Found at p.19



PCW MS 62/b [mid-20th century]

Photograph of a queue outside a missionary church. Africa?

Inscription in blue ink "Best wishes to your Jubilee, Palm Sunday at St Joseph's Mission. "May God reward you". To the jubilarian we come to congratulate. Sister Mary Liliosa C.P.S"

Size: 6 x 9 cm

1 f.

Location: Found at p. 47

PCW MS 63 [mid/late 19th century]

Manuscript collection of prayers, litanies, and novenas, with affixed printed litanies.

At least 5 different hands. Changes of hand at p. 55, 56, 64, 70, 76, and 96.

With an affixed sepia image of an angel and child at p. 74.

Size: 13 x 8 cm

Binding: Dark red paper over boards, late 19th century

Paper book 96 p.

PCW MS 63/a 1923

Printed prayer card *Indulged prayer for the conversion of sinners.*

Size: 12 x 8 cm

1 f.

Location: Found at p. 35.

PCW MS 63/b [20th century]

From the calendar "Thursday 12th June" with a quotation from E.M Shapcote.

Size: 10 x 6.5 cm

1 f.

Location: Found at p. 41.

PCW MS 64 [late 18th/early 19th century]

*Of the peace of the soul and the happiness of a heart wh'ch dies to itself in order to live to God.*

"Francesca Joseph" scratched from the title-page.

"S'tr Mary Josephine from Mary Ignatia with leave. Pray for me. 1841" in a later hand, scratched from the front end paper.

Size: 13 x 8.5 cm

Binding: Mottled calf over boards, gold spine ornaments, late 18th/early 19th century

Paper book 66 p.

PCW MS 65 November 1854

Collection of prayers and exercises. On the title-page *St Teresa's instructions on the prayer of recollection methodically arranged from the "Ushaw translation" of the XXVIIIth & XXIXth chapters of the way of perfection.*

Inscription on the front end paper "Str Mary Teresa Gonzaga. November 1854" in the same hand as the manuscript.

Size: 12.5 x 8.5 cm

Binding: Blue cloth, gold fillets, metal fastening, mid 19th century

Paper book 122 p.

PCW MS 66 [late 19th century]  
Collection of prayers and observations.

*Size:* 11 x 7 cm

*Binding:* Pink cloth over boards, late 19th century

Paper book 124 p.

PCW MS 66/a [20th century]

Page from a calendar "Thursday 2nd October" with a quotation from St Alphonsus.

*Size:* 10 x 6.5 cm

1 f.

*Location:* Found at p. 26.

PCW MS 66/b [mid-20th century]

Prayer card "Novena prayer to St. Anne." depicting St Anne reading with a child.

*Size:* 9 x 5 cm

1 f.

*Location:* Found at p. 33.

PCW MS 67 [mid/late 19th century]

*My God and My All.* On St Francis of Assisi.

At p. 51 *perfections of our Holy Father St Francis.*

*Language:* Latin and English

*Size:* 10.5 x 7 cm

*Binding:* Blue cloth over card, late 19th century

Paper book i, 65 p.

PCW MS 68 [mid/late 19th century]

Unfinished, ends at p. 57.

At p. 1- 57 *The soul beloved to Jesus must frequently examine the following points...*

At p. 63 *Omnia pro te cor Jesu*

Each section in different hands, second hand at p. 63

With pasted clippings of psalms in Latin on the front end paper and p. 88-90.

*Size:* 9.5 x 6.5 cm

*Binding:* Blue cloth over card, metal fastening, mid/late 19th century

Paper book 112 p.

PCW MS 69 [17th century?]

Commonplace book containing translations from various doctrines, histories, and bible studies.

In Douai hand.

*Language:* Latin and English

*Size:* 32 x 21 cm

*Binding:* Poor condition. Speckled calf over boards, blind fillets, calf no longer fixed to boards, 17th/18th century

Paper book 354 p. Numbered from both ends 1-161 from [side A], and 1-193 [side B].

*Provenance:* Possibly given to the Poor Clares Woodchester by Katharine M. Longley as indicated by PCW MS 69/a.

*Ownership history:* Previously numbered: paper label "650" on spine.

PCW MS 69/a [mid-20th century]

Note to Sister Francis Agnes O.S.F from Katharine Longley concerning a book collection and PCW MS 69.

*Size:* 16 x 20 cm

*Paper* 1 p.

*Location:* Found at the front pastedown (side A)

PCW MS 69/b [mid-20th century]

Outlines rudimentary contents of PCW MS 69, in a consistent hand.

*Size:* 17 x 13 cm

10 p.

*Location:* Found at (Side A) p.3, 33, 43, 51, 67, 111, 161, 115 (side B), and 189 (Side B).

PCW MS 69/c 6 June 1958

Note by Katharine Longley concerning the provenance of PCW MS 69.

*Size:* 20 x 13 cm

1 p.

*Location:* Found at side A, p. 111

PCW MS 69/d [20th century]

Note in red and black ink asking for opinions on PCW MS 69.

*Size:* 28 x 9 cm

1 p.

*Location:* Found at side A, p. 111