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**7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024 - 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**CATECHESIS. THE PASSION FOR EVANGELIZATION: THE APOSTOLIC ZEAL OF THE BELIEVER. 21. SAINT DANIEL COMBONI, APOSTOLE FOR AFRICA AND A PROPHET OF MISSION**

He also saw human development in this way, supporting the arts and professions, fostering the role of the family and of women in the transformation of culture and society. And how important it is, even today, to make faith and human development progress within the context of mission, rather than transplanting external models or limiting them to sterile welfarism! Neither external models nor welfarism. Finding the path of evangelization in the people's culture; evangelizing the culture and inculturating the Gospel go hand in hand.

Comboni's great missionary passion, however, was not primarily the fruit of human endeavour. He was not driven by his courage or motivated solely by important values such as freedom, justice and peace. His zeal came from the joy of the Gospel. He drew from Christ's love which then led to love of Christ! Saint Daniel wrote, "Such an arduous and laborious mission as ours cannot be glossed over, lived by crooked-necked people filled with egoism and with themselves, who do not care for their health and the conversion of souls as they should". This is the tragedy of clericalism which leads Christians, laity included, to become clericalized and to transform themselves – as it says here – into people with crooked necks filled with egoism. This is the plague of clericalism. And he added, "It is necessary to inflame them with charity that has its source from God and the love of Christ; when one truly loves Christ, then privations, sufferings and martyrdom become sweet" (Writings, 6656). He wanted to see ardent, joyful, dedicated missionaries, "holy and capable" missionaries – he wrote – "first of all saints, that is, completely free from sin and offence to God and humble. But this is not enough: we need charity that enables our subjects" (Writings, 6655). For Comboni, the source of missionary ability, therefore, is charity, in particular, the zeal by which he made the suffering of others his own. In addition, his passion for evangelization never led him to act as a soloist, but always in communion, in the Church. "I have only one life to consecrate to the salvation of these souls: I wish I had a thousand to spend them all to such a purpose" (Writings, 2271).

Brothers and sisters, Saint Daniel is a witness of the love of the Good Shepherd who goes in search of the one who is lost and gives his life for the flock. His zeal was energetic and prophetic in being opposed to indifference and exclusion. In his letters, he earnestly called out to his beloved Church which had forgotten Africa for too long. Comboni's dream is a Church that makes common cause with those who are crucified in history, so as to experience the resurrection with them. At this time, I would like to offer all of you a suggestion. Think of those who are being crucified in today's history: men, women, children, the elderly, all those who are being crucified by the history of injustice and

domination. Let us think about them and let us pray for them. His witness seems to want to repeat to all of us, men and women of the Church: "Do not forget the poor – love them – for Jesus crucified is present in them, waiting to rise again". Let us not forget the poor. Before I came here, I had a meeting with Brazilian legislators who are working for the poor, who try to promote the poor through assistance and social justice. And then do not forget the poor – they work for the poor. To all of you, I say do not forget the poor, because they will be the ones who will open the door of Heaven for you.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK				
Sunday	14 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:30am	Thanksgiving	SP
		11am	People of the Parish	OL
<i>Tea &amp; Coffee are served after both Sunday Masses.</i>				
Monday	Ferial	9am	Sr Frances Pollard R.I.P.	OL
<i>Access to Our Lady's for weekday Mass is through the entrance to the right side of the church.</i>				
Tuesday	Ferial	9:30am	Kath O'Hagan R.I.P.	OL
<i>Tea &amp; Coffee are served in the Saint Joseph chapel after Mass on Tuesday mornings. Everyone welcome!</i>				
Wednesday	Ferial	9am	Margaret Walsh R.I.P.	OL
Thursday	SAINT BENEDICT			
Friday	Ferial	9:30am	Canon Phil Moor	HC
		11am	Leavers	SP
Saturday	Ferial			
Sunday	15 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:30am	People of the Parish	SP
		11am	Billy Boylan R.I.P.	OL

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

*Those who are sick*

*Irene Fortune, Susan Edwards, Fr Febin Thomas CMI, Canon Philip Moor, Mgr Peter Walton, Fr Bernard Forshaw, Lily Baker, Christopher Browne, Rob Creer, Michael Coughlan, Eileen & Julia Ward, Philip Smith, Clare McElroy & Laurence Barron*

*Those who have died*

*Mary Teresa Gambino, Kathleen O'Hagan, Sue Flanagan*

**OUR PARISH VISION & MISSION**

We are a warm & welcoming community of faith rooted in the love of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Belonging is at the heart of what we do as members of the body of Christ. We believe worship is not just found in prayer, it's something expressed in everything we do.

## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY 2024

For the Pastoral Care of the Sick – that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

## SAINT JOSEPH LAMP

This week the lamp burns for Malcolm Torrie (Healing) at Our Lady's and for Elaine McGunigal at Saint Paul's. Envelopes for intentions are at the back of each church. A £5 donation is requested.

## PARISH

INTRODUCTION TO THE PROPHET ISAIAH – next session, tomorrow 8<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm in Our Lady's. We will be looking at Isaiah 44:24–48:22.

JESUS TAUGHT US TO CALL GOD, 'OUR FATHER' – We all have questions about our faith, the sessions conclude **TOMORROW** (8<sup>th</sup> July) afternoon at 2pm in Our Lady's give us an hour each week to pause, reflect & share with others, exploring our faith through the Our Father. The theme next week is, "Give us this day our daily bread & forgive us, as we forgive others."

'GO TELL THE PRIESTS TO COME IN PROCESSION' is the theme of this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 26<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August (depending on travel). We are expecting more pilgrims to journey with us this year, and it will be our largest pilgrimage since the pandemic. There are still some places available if you would like to join us. For more information, please see the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or phone the Pilgrimage Office on 07970943940.

PARISH BBQ will be next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July in the presbytery garden starting 12pm after Mass. There will be refreshments as well as a bottle stall and raffle. **Please bring bottles for the bottle stall next Sunday & leave them at the back of either church.** Thank you to everyone who has supported our ongoing fundraising efforts across the two churches in our parish.

SEA SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> July is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Donation collection envelopes will be available after Mass at the back of church.

CARING CONNECTIONS – RAY TAYLOR IN CONCERT: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1pm–3pm in Our Lady's parish centre. The event is free of charge & the bar will be open for the purchase of alcoholic drinks. Hot & Cold drinks & food will be served. Caring connections aims to reduce social isolation in our local community.

CALLED TO THE PRIESTHOOD? – Have you considered a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood in imitation of Jesus the Good Shepherd? For more information see [shrewsburyvocations.org](http://shrewsburyvocations.org) If you would like to explore God's call for your life and learn about other opportunities for discernment, please email the vocations director, Fr Tony McGrath [vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY – the next meeting is at St Mary's Caritas Centre, Delamere St, Crewe, CW1 2JX on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm. All members of the Hospitality are welcome to attend. Please pass details to any interested members. Register your attendance and make any apologies to [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) After the meeting members are invited to attend the 5.30pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's Church, Crewe (adjacent to the centre) to join in prayer for the success of the forthcoming Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

NEW LECTONARIES – Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the cost of them. There will be People’s Sunday Missal’s available for people to buy in October, priced £20 each.

STRONGER TOGETHER COMMUNITY GROUP empowers members to address daily life challenges in a supportive environment. Tuesday mornings (9:30am–12pm) in Saint Joseph’s parish centre, North Road. The group is facilitated by Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury.

THE CHESTER ACROSS GROUP are going to Lourdes by Jumbulance from Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August. We travel overland in an adapted coach, which has seven beds on board. Therefore, we can take some sick or disabled pilgrims and so far, we have a doctor and two nurses and several helpers. However, we need two more helpers and there is a place for someone who is sick or disabled. *The cost is £1,095 but help with costs is available. Current Passport required.* Travel Insurance is available for £65. Visit our website for an example of our care <http://www.across.org.uk/?s=A> For more information, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881 656974 or email [tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk).

PLANNING A PARTY OR A CELEBRATION AFTER A BAPTISM, A WEDDING, OR A FUNERAL?  
Our Lady’s parish centre is available to hire for all family occasions with food available on request. Contact Linda for bookings on 07971501345.

**PARISH FINANCE – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Offertory £429.40 (cash); £17.50 (Standing Orders);  
£20 (card/contactless); Zambia/Eye Fund/Caritas £27**

*Thank you for your continuing generosity.*

To donate online,  
please scan the  
QR code.



STANDING ORDERS – You can set a standing order up through your online banking or via the form which is available from the parish office. If you are a UK taxpayer, please gift aid these payments.

EASY FUNDRAISING – Please support our Parish on Easy Fundraising – you can raise **FREE** donations when you shop online at over 6000 retailers (inc. car & home insurance). Thank you to everyone who supports our parish by using Easy Fundraising. ***Our latest payout was £42.94***

SUNDAY RAFFLE – For the next few weeks, a raffle will be held after Sunday Mass at Our Lady’s Church. All proceeds will go to support the Parish BBQ and other social events. Donations of gifts/bottles etc for prizes will be gratefully received. Last week we raised £16 & the winning ticket was 880.

BONUS BALL SCHEME – Unfortunately no-one had chosen the winning number 6 for 29<sup>th</sup> June draw so it will be rollover to this Saturday’s draw. £5 payment is due for 13<sup>th</sup> July draw so can those who would like to take part please give in your £5 ASAP. Numbers are still available to buy so please see Carol at Saint Paul’s or anyone at the back of Our Lady’s church to join the scheme for the next month.

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**CHARITY**

WIRRAL FOODBANK – Please continue if you are able to support Wirral Foodbank through donations of tins & toiletries. Donations can be left at the back of Saint Paul’s or outside the Saint Joseph chapel in Our Lady’s. ***The foodbank is URGENTLY in need of Tins of fish, meat, vegetables, tomatoes, potatoes, fruit & rice pudding as well as UHT milk, deodorants and shampoo.***

STAMPS - The stamps are sent off to the RNIB to support their work with those suffering sight loss.  
There is a box at the back of church for any used stamps you have.