

TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

We invite you all to attend the following events.

15th May St. Columba's Parish Hall
693 Old Edinburgh Road Viewpark

7.30pm

Comboni, "I die but my work will not die".

His last prophetic words sealed his faith in his lay collaborators, his Sisters Brothers and Priests to carry on his Mission.

By **Sr. Johann V. MacLeod CMS**

28th June Comboni Missionaries House
138 Carmyle Ave Carmyle

11.00am OPEN DAY

Comboni "With eyes fixed upon the crucified Lord"

A missionary spirituality rooted in the heart of Jesus giving fruits of martyrdom.

By **Rev. David K Glenday MCCJ**

4th September St. Paul's Parish Hall
1653 Shettleston Road Shettleston
7.30pm

Comboni "Saving Africa by Africa"

What do the Africans think of Comboni?

By **Sr. Azezet CMS**

18th October St. Andrew's Cathedral Glasgow
11.30am

Eucharistic Celebration presided by His Grace Mario J. Conti
Archbishop of Glasgow (followed by refreshments in the hall)

Finally, we the Comboni Missionaries of the Carmyle community, Fr. Charles, Anthony, Donate, Francis, Sean and Bro. Miguel wish you all a pleasant summer and hope to see you at the forthcoming events of the Comboni year.

"The only thing that matters to me- and this has been the only true passion of my entire life, and it will always be until my death, and nothing will make me ashamed of it- the only thing that a matter to me is that Africa should hear the Gospel".

—Bishop Daniel Comboni, Khartoum: August 1881

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Dear Readers, Friends and Benefactors,

As you will remember from our last newsletter, Blessed Daniel Comboni, our founder, will be canonised by Pope John Paul 2nd on Sunday, October 5th 2003, at St. Peter's Basilica, Rome.

This news came as a most pleasant surprise at the start of the year.

Consequently, we are in top gear preparing a programme of events to celebrate this unique occasion. The programme of events is contained within this newsletter.

All of us, Priests, Brothers, Sisters, Lay Missionaries and supporters are overjoyed at seeing our founder lifted among the Saints in Heaven.

THE SCOTTISH PILGRIMAGE

All the places on the pilgrimage to Rome have already been booked and it is becoming increasingly difficult to accept any more requests as there is a limit to the accommodation in Rome. We thank you for your interest in the Pilgrimage and we pray that this and the other events will bring many graces and help renew our missionary endeavours.

NEW ARRIVAL

Our community welcomes Bro. Miguel from Colombia who has come here to practise his English before starting his missionary work in Uganda. He is a qualified nurse, a profession that is invaluable in the Missions. We are sure he will enjoy his short stay here with us and enjoy the extraordinary good weather.

AROUND THE SCHOOLS

Over the past few months, Sr. Aurora, Fr. Francis and Fr. Donate have been visiting Strathclyde University and some secondary schools around the country with a presentation of their mission experiences, challenging the school communities to take on in earnest their commitment to studying the root causes affecting the so-called third world countries. The students had the chance to interview Sr. Aurora on

the dramatic years she spent in South Sudan as the Head teacher of the only secondary school open in the midst of the war.

"I felt quite vulnerable as we were running for our lives when the Antonov planes came and started bombing us". Sr. Aurora went on to tell the pupils,

"You couldn't believe the appalling conditions in which people were living when we first arrived and nobody cared".

"Apart from the missionaries". Added Fr. Francis

Our British Government can do a lot to force a deal with the authorities of Khartoum in the areas of social justice, quite simply by calling a halt to the bombings. In describing the task of today's church, Fr. Donate spoke of the faith and joy in the small Christian communities in Malawi. He explained how, to put it simply, a true biblical faith, calls us to confront systems of injustice that cause the symptoms of poverty, disease and famine. It is time for the church to work for social justice.

Inspired by Comboni's love for the Africans, he told the students, **"We come to Scotland, to speak up for our people, the poorest people. It is a story we want to tell everyone. We need you to be a voice for us."**

It was amazing to note that here in Scotland, there are so many young people who want to be a voice for the voiceless.



JUNE - THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

Enclosed you will find a Sacred Heart Mass form. Please fill it in with your own intentions and return it as soon as is convenient in time for the month of June. We pray that through the intercession of Blessed Daniel Comboni the Sacred Heart will bless and keep you in His love.

ORDINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Our four Deacons, whom our readers will know well, will be ordained later this year and have already received their appointments.

Rev. Denis Sebuya Kizito, who will be ordained in Kenya, has been appointed to China to study Chinese and begin his pastoral work there. Unbelievably, it takes SEVEN years to learn Chinese and the Chinese alphabet. He will need our support and prayers!

Rev. Victor Kouande Adekoun, will complete his studies in Elstree in December. After ordination, he is to be appointed to his own country of Togo overseeing the young men who apply to enter our congregation.

Rev. Clement George Orango, who will be ordained in Kenya, is appointed to do a course in Islamic Studies in Cairo, Egypt. Arabic is a sister language to the Aramaic that Jesus spoke. It is no easy language.

Rev. Armando Rodriguez Gonzales, after his ordination in Mexico, is appointed to Mexico City to undertake Missionary promotion in his own home province. We have many Comboni Missionaries in Mexico. Apart from the Italian Province, Mexico has the largest number of missionaries in the congregation.

They will be paying us a visit here in Scotland before leaving our Isles. We thank them for their zeal and good work, especially here in Scotland, and pray that they have a fruitful Apostolate in their future work. We also pray that they will return to us one day to work among us again.

GETTING HERE

How to reach Carmyle:

From Glasgow Central Station Train for Whifflet (Carmyle is the first stop)

Bus no. 64 (from Argyle Street under Railway Bridge)

From Motorway

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