

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

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First Mass of Sunday (Vigil Mass)  
Sunday Morning Mass

Saturday, 6 p.m.  
10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday, 5 p.m.  
Tuesday to Saturday  
10.15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 9.45 to 10 a.m.  
4 to 4.30 p.m. 6.30 to 6.45

*Wednesday is the Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul; Friday, the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael; Saturday, the Memorial of St. Jerome.*

Next Sunday, we will have the annual missionary appeal. It will be made on behalf of the **Comboni Missionary Sisters**. We know that you will be welcoming and supportive as always.

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember especially **Alice Allan**, buried from St. Mary's on Thursday and laid to rest in Cille Choiril. We give thanks for Alice's warm, caring and welcoming heart, for her courage in illness, and for her loyalty to her Catholic faith. We extend our heartfelt sympathy prayer to her devoted husband, Dave, and to all her loved ones. We pray also for the eternal peace of **Tony MacCuish**, who died peacefully at home, the day after he received with faith his Viaticum, his sacramental food for the final journey. He will be buried from St. John's, in Caol. May he rest now in peace, and may the Lord comfort all his loved ones.

We pray for those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Joe McHugh, Helen Strain, Rosemary Haggerty, John MacLellan, Sarah Sedwick, Bridie MacDonald, Cathie MacDonell, Sandy MacFarlane, Margaret Cameron and Peter MacFarlane**. May they all rest in the peace of their compassionate Saviour



St. Daniel Comboni

For 150 years, the Comboni Missionaries have traveled to nearly every corner of the world, sharing the good news of Christ and working to protect the dignity of all people. Founded in 1867 by St. Daniel Comboni, the Comboni Missionaries are dedicated to ministering to the world's poorest and most abandoned people, often working in unstable political climate, in the midst of extreme poverty. Despite these challenges, the Comboni Sister Missionaries are dedicated to their mission of serving God's people

Daniel Comboni, born in Limone, Italy, in 1831, knew at an early age that he would be a priest and missionary. His love was Africa, and in 1854, when God called him there, Daniel answered with all his heart and soul. He devised a plan not just to bring the Gospel to people who never heard it but also to prepare Africans to evangelize their own people – a revolutionary idea for his time. His motto, *Save Africa with Africa*, captures the essence of the trust he had in the African peoples. Named the first Bishop of Central Africa in 1877, St. Daniel continued his faithful ministry until, at the age of 50, worn out and plagued by fever, he died, but not before founding the Comboni Missionaries and Missionary Sisters who today carry out their founder's charism across Africa, Europe, Asia and the Americas. St. Daniel Comboni was canonized in 2003 and remains an inspiration to all who have a heart for mission.

They talk like angels but they live like men.  
(St. Jerome)

Be at peace with your own soul, then heaven and earth will be at peace with you.  
(Attributed to St. Jerome)

Every day we are changing, every day we are dying, and yet we fancy ourselves eternal. (St. Jerome)

O Lord, show Your mercy to me and gladden my heart. I am like the man on the way to Jericho who was overtaken by robbers, wounded and left for dead. O Good Samaritan, come to my aid. I am like the sheep that went astray. O Good Shepherd, seek me out and bring me home in accord with Your will. Let me dwell in Your house all the days of my life and praise You for ever and ever with those who are there. Amen. (A Prayer of St. Jerome)

We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God.  
(St. Vincent de Paul )

God always gives a great blessing to humble beginnings than to those that start with the chiming of bells. (St. Vincent de Paul)

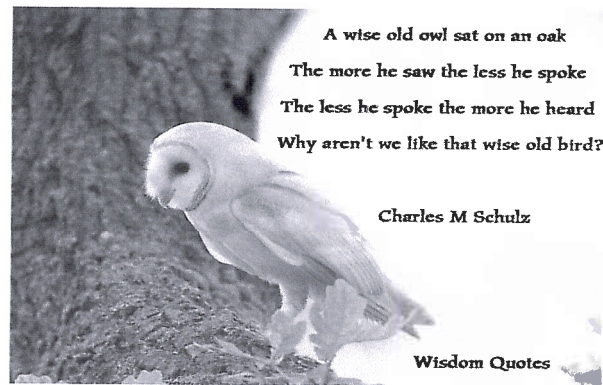
For a small reward, a man will hurry away on a long journey; while for eternal life, many will hardly take a single step. (Thomas à Kempis)

Charity is no substitute for justice withheld.  
(St. Augustine)

A new broom sweeps clean but an old broom knows the corners. (Anon)

A proverb is a short sentence based on long experience. (Anon)

A proverb is one man's wit and all men's wisdom. (Anon)



**Our thanks to Dr. Patrick Byrne for taking his owl, “Spook”, to meet Fr. MacKinnon in the Chapel House. It is a truly beautiful creature, but also very independent, as Fr. MacKinnon soon found out! Owls are among of the most ancient of species known to man. Their most distant ancestors lived millions of year ago. In some cultures they are seen as a symbol of darkness and menace. In others, a symbol of watchful wisdom. This was very much the case in ancient Greece, where the owl was associated with Athena, the protecting goddess of Athens, the goddess of wisdom. That is why we often see the owl depicted on the coins produced within the domain of ancient Greek culture. We see an example above.**