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**OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
 SALESIAN MISSIONS IN
 SOUTHERN AFRICA FOR 37 YEARS**

Dear Friends Salesians the world over will be celebrating the Feast of Don Bosco on the 31 January. This is one of the nicest feasts in the calendar of Saints as everyone is happy and joyous and it is as if Don Bosco himself is smiling down and saying: "Yes enjoy yourselves, you deserve it."

John Melchior Bosco, born in 1815, was an Italian priest who dedicated his life to educating and uplifting poor, abandoned, and delinquent youth in Turin. He founded the Salesian Society (Salesians of Don Bosco) and Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (Salesian Sisters), teaching with his preventive educational system of reason, religion, and loving kindness. Facing poverty, opposition, and threats, he used his performing skills, built trade schools, and established oratories, leaving a global legacy for disadvantaged youth. He died on January 31, 1888, and was canonized a saint in 1934, becoming the patron saint of young people, apprentices, and educators.



The three loves of John Bosco were:
 Love of Mary, love of the Eucharist, and love of the Pope.
 And six of his teachings were:
 Never postpone the good you can do today to tomorrow;
 Let us treat others with kindness, with courtesy, with charity;
 Faith opens a path through humble and concrete steps;
 Do good to everyone, harm no one;
 He who is humble and loving will always be loved by all;
 When one is convinced that his cause is just, he will fear nothing.
 Sincere thanks, to everyone reading this, for your loyalty, your prayers, your friendship and your donations. Pray for me as I do for you. Much love. Denise Hards.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
 TO YOU ALL.
 MAY THE LORD
 BLESS YOU AND
 KEEP YOU. MAY HE
 BE GRACIOUS TO
 YOU AND GIVE YOU
 HIS PEACE.

ST JOHN BOSCO 31 JANUARY

SALESIAN FEAST DAYS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY



BL TITUS ZEEMAN
 8 JANUARY



BL LOUIS VARIARA
 15 JANUARY



BL LAURA VICUNA
 22 January



ST FRANCIS DE SALES
 24 January



BL BRONISLAUS MARKIEWICZ
 30 JANUARY



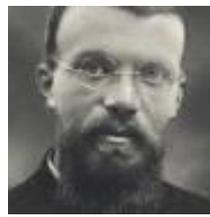
BL PIUS IX
 7 FEBRUARY



BL EUSEBIA PALMINO
 9 FEBRUARY



ST LUIS VERSIGLIA
 25 FEBRUARY



ST CALLIXTUS CARAVARIO
 25 FEBRUARY



GIVE ME
 SOULS
 TAKE
 AWAY
 THE REST
 DON
 BOSCO

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



Congratulations to Father Dino Miotto, SDB on his Golden Anniversary of Priestly Ordination, which was celebrated at Bosco Youth Centre, Walkerville, on 20 December 2025.

Holy Mass was presided by His Eminence Stephen Cardinal Brislin.



AND.. Congratulations to Father Joy Sebastian SDB on his Ruby Anniversary of Priestly Ordination, which was celebrated at All Saints Catholic Church, Ennerdale, on 1 January 2026.

Holy Mass was presided by Father Vaclav Klement, the Salesian Provincial of Southern Africa.



Pope Leo XIV with Rector Major Emeritus, Cardinal Angel Fernandez Artime, during the Extraordinary Consistory of Cardinals at the Vatican.

“Don't be afraid, Our Lady will send us all that is necessary to face life's struggles.”
St John Bosco

THE FOUNDING SALESIANS

Fr Aeneas Tozzi was born in Italy in April 1875. At the age of twelve he met Don Bosco and was drawn to the Salesians. He was ordained in November 1897 at the young age of 22! Newly ordained, he was sent to England as a novice-master and in 1903 to the Salesian Institute in Cape Town, then located at 49 Buitenkant Street, a diocesan property, as Rector of the community. He was to oversee the building of the new Salesian Institute and to the transfer of the Salesians and students in 1910.



In recognition of his work at the Institute with the youngsters of Cape Town and for his dedicated service to the Italian community, he received a Knighthood (with the title ~Cavaliere~) from King Emmanuel III of Italy on

September 10th 1922.

We give thanks for the pioneer Salesians in Southern Africa, since 1896. Father Aeneas Tozzi is among them.

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASQUERADE PARTY

DON BOSCO CHOIR - OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS LANSDOWNNE



In about Mid May Patty Abrahams and Bev Marajh had what seemed like an absurd Vision at the time. The idea was put forward to the rest of their group The Don Bosco Choir and the idea of hosting a New Year's Eve Masquerade party, to help raise much needed funds for repairs and the upkeep of the church, became a reality. Fast forward to October. All tickets were sold out, donations poured in from sponsors and more tickets had to be printed. All choir members were now involved and there was excitement of note in Lansdownne. Fr Jonathan, Fr Chris and community of Our Lady Help of Christians were amazing at promoting this much anticipated dance.

Well it happened.. the team along with helpers put up a spectacular event. With God's grace it was an overwhelming success. Thank you to all our sponsors, patrons, Priests, and supporters .God bless each and every one of you. Happy New Year. God is good all the time.

The Don Bosco Choir



Beverly Marajh, who kept a strict account of everything, and Patricia Abrahams with the Rector, Father Christopher Sharpe SDB





This lady Robin Petersen won the weekend away for two persons at Club Mykonos donated by Gregory Abrahams



My daughter Dominique was commissioned by Don Bosco Choir to paint something as a prize... however when we saw the painting we decided to have an auction...so her Dad bid R1000 ..then the electrician Ralph Small Who assisted with the decor and lighting bid R1500....well Dad bid again...now R2000...so it was sold to him.....then in the foyer Ralph Small said that he would match Gregory's R2000. So, in total for the painting, called Raven Rose, after Dominique's company, brought in R4 000.



A princely sum was raised and the Don Bosco Choir celebrated afterwards with Father Jonathan Daniels SDB

Article by Patricia Abrahams

“The golden rule of happiness is that “the more you make others happy: the happier you will be”. Try to make at least 3 people smile every day. Make sure you have a hearty laugh, and smile more.” Don Bosco

“The secret of happiness is for each person to live as close to God as possible and they will thereby live closer to their neighbour.” Fulton Sheen



ADORATION ETIQUETTE

(Do's and Don'ts When Before the Blessed Sacrament)

PREPARE YOUR HEART

Come with intention. You are entering the presence of Jesus Himself.

ENTER IN SILENCE

This is not a place for conversation. Silence honors His Real Presence.

GENUFLECT OR KNEEL

Bend the knee toward the monstrance before sitting.

DRESS MODESTLY

Clothing should reflect reverence, humility, and love for God.

NO PHONES

Silence or turn them off. Do not scroll in front of the Eucharist.

BE STILL

Avoid unnecessary movement. Let your body reflect interior prayer.

PRAY OR SIMPLY BE WITH HIM

Speak from the heart, pray Scripture or the Rosary, or sit quietly with Him.

DO NOT RUSH

Adoration is not something to "get through." Remain as long as you can.

RESPECT OTHERS' PRAYER.

Enter and exit quietly. Do not distract those in prayer.

LEAVE REVERENTLY

Genuflect again before leaving. Thank Him for the time spent together.



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PRAYERS PLEASE

For all readers, donors and friends of the Spotlight.
For an increase in reverence for the Blessed Sacrament.
For world peace and an end to corruption.
For starving and abused families, the world over.
For the protection of our Blessed Mother and her Son.
For an end to corruption and crime in our country.
For the lonely, the elderly and all those suffering illnesses.
For world peace.
For all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.
"Almighty, ever-living God, whose love surpasses all that we ask or deserve, open up for us the treasures of your mercy. Forgive us all that weighs on our conscience, and grant us even more than we dare to ask. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."



Remember this game? Children at play in Lesotho



Even the Teachers like to get involved

The work of Salesian Missions is supported by the generosity of benefactors, whose contributions small or large make a difference to the young, especially the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised. This is most effectively manifested through education and evangelisation. Please consider giving us a donation. We would be grateful if you could also send us an email message, so that we can "THANK YOU."

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for believing in the power of education, skills, and hope.

The Salesian Institute Youth Projects Team



Our happiest times are those in which we forget ourselves, usually in being kind to someone else. That tiny moment of self-abdication is an act of true humility: the person who loses himself, finds himself, and thus finds happiness.

Fulton Sheen

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We would be extremely grateful.