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## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 10:00am Thomas & Sofia Randall FM

Tuesday 10:00am Elizabeth Hurst FM

### Conversion of St Paul – Feast Day

Wednesday 10:00am Mass

7:00pm RCIA

Thursday 10:00am Thomas Lewis RIP

Friday 10:00am Pray for Peace

Saturday 6:00pm Personal Intention

Sunday 8:30am Intention of Francesca & Jack

10:00am People of the Parish

12:00noon Intention of the Pope

### Comboni Fathers Mission Appeal On the 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> January

For 150 years, the Comboni Missionaries have travelled to nearly every corner of the world, sharing the Good News of Christ, and working to protect the dignity of all people. Founded in 1967 by St. Daniel Comboni the Comboni Missionaries are an international Catholic organisation dedicated to ministering to the world's poorest and most abandoned people, often working in unstable political climates, in the midst of extreme poverty. They work in the fields of education, evangelization, and humanitarian aid. Working in Africa, South America, parts of Asia, Europe and the USA. Despite the many challenges, our missionaries are dedicated to their mission of serving God's people.

### Flame CYMFed 2023

Flame Congress on Saturday 4 March 2023 at OVO Arena, Wembley the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales. This is open to everyone aged school year 9 through to University age. If you're interested see Sophie or Felishia

*Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul.*

*St Teresa of Avila*

### Fr Melaku

Jesus started His public ministry by proclaiming "repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand". This profound message started ringing in the hearts of the people and they began looking for God's forgiveness and mercy. This key announcement of Jesus demonstrates the prophecy of Isaiah "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light" **Jesus is the light of the world**, his mission is reinstate God's Kingdom among us, which was distorted by human disobedience of God's commandments. He enabled each one of us to see the true light out of His infinite love for us. He gave us the freedom to walk through this everlasting light. Now, it's high time for all believers to let God guide and lead us. When the light of Christ shines within us we shall clearly see the presence of God's Kingdom in our midst.

In today's Gospel, while Jesus was preaching by the sea of Galilee he called His first four disciples. They were astonished by his words, they had never heard such powerful preaching, afterwards they left everything and followed him. They recognised their master's voice. Let us drop our vested interests and engage and labour for the kingdom of God, He will reward us.

### Start the day right

What is the first thing you do when you wake up in the morning? Hit the snooze button? Roll over? Complain that you need more sleep? *St. Josemaría Escrivá* wrote about the heroic minute, meaning that once the alarm rings, get up, and say a prayer. Give it a go it makes all the difference.