

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

1924-2024



THE SCHOOL and CHURCH

Below is the second Chapel/Church dedicated to Mary Help of Christians, which was added to the school buildings in 1935. The public entrance to the church on the Lansdowne Road side was under the arches on the left of the picture. The sanctuary was demolished when the school offices and hall were built many years later. The upstairs building was the residence and bedrooms for the Salesian community.



The picture on the right is the inside of the chapel/church, the statues of the Sacred Heart on the left and Mary Help of Christians on the right. It could accommodate 150 people. Sunday masses were often on the hour from 7am to 10am! Obviously, the homilies were shorter!!



The picture on the left shows the front entrance for the boys and the community downstairs, into the chapel and along the stoep into the sacristy.

The three priests on the balcony pictured outside their new rooms, were Frs. Clegg, Dunne (Rector) and Walsh! Today this building is used by LIFECHOICES.

BACK IN TIME

Salesian Agricultural School

The object of this school is to train boys, so that on the completion of their course, they will be capable of managing small farms, on which they will be able to grow vegetables for market, look after poultry, pigs, etc.. and also, if they wish, to open a small dairy.

Boys entering should have passed Std VI and be from 14 to 16 years old, though some may be admitted who have not passed the above standard.

For further particulars apply to the Principal - Lansdowne Road, Lansdowne

This was the advert used to attract pupils, which summarised the purpose and objectives of the newly opened Agricultural School



To the right is an extract from the first **House Chronicle** with the names of the first 28 boys admitted to the school on **5th June 1924**

The parish records show the first **BAPTISMS** administered by Fr. Eneas M. Tozzi (First Rector and P.P) in the Chapel, were those of:

- ❖ Caroline Magdalena MONGIR-**27th July 1924**
- ❖ Jane Theresa WALDUCK -**4th August 1924**
- ❖ Elizabeth Maria CUDMORE-**19th August 1924**

The first recorded **WEDDINGS** were those of:

- ❖ Antonio Lawrence VANACORE and Elizabeth Rosalina LAFFEY-**25th January 1926**- officiated by Fr. Eneas M. Tozzi
- ❖ George KING and Ellinda Elizabeth HEUGH -**3rd May 1927** and Sydney James GARRETT and Vera May CARNEY-**7th September 1927** – both officiated by Fr. Joseph Dunne (Second Rector and P.P).

“To live according to the spirit is to love according to the spirit”

St Francis de Sales