



SEPO Bletchley

25 Year Jubilee

In October 2022, SEPO volunteers visited Mongu and were honoured to join celebrations of the 25 year Jubilee of St Agatha's Church and 150 years of the Comboni Missionary Sisters.

The Jubilee Mass was celebrated by Bishop Evans. The Church looked beautiful since the repairs to the Church roof have been completed, thanks to generous donations from parishioners in Bletchley.

To celebrate the 25 year Jubilee, SEPO alongside St Agatha's Parish were able to provide:

- 25 hampers (rice, vegetables, vaseline and more) to vulnerable families
- 25 beautifully crocheted blankets were distributed to the elderly
- 25 rosaries given to the Legion of Mary

On top of this, we are working towards our hope of sponsoring 25 students this year to attend school through the Comboni Missionary Sister's Dream Project.



A huge thank you to all of those in St Thomas Aquinas & All Saints parish and schools for your support this year.

A special thank you for the continued support of those sponsoring education through the Dream Project. If you wish to sponsor a child or donate in another way, please speak to Fr Christopher.

Mongu Correctional Centre

The volunteers visited Mongu Correctional Centre and can report that the borehole, funded by SEPO, has improved nutrition in the prison by enabling them to plant a thriving vegetable garden. They have now also built a fish farm.

Catechisers visit the centre and are preparing some of the young offenders for baptism. A bike was bought to enable the diocesan Catechiser to travel from his village into Mongu and a generous donation from Bletchley will enable Mongu diocese to build a chapel in the grounds this year.

Women's Skills Centre

We found the Women's Skills Centre to be a hub of activity. 43 women between 17 and 40 years old are learning English, Maths and their local language weekly to enable them to return to government education next year. We gave them school bags and stationery to support their studies.

The rice project continues to be successful as the women work hard to dry the rice, polish, weigh and sell it.

In the sewing room, students were busy learning tailoring skills and the outside kitchen was in use daily as the women catered for various events.



SAVE THE DATE

Friday 3 March, SEPO fundraiser with live music at Milton Keynes Irish Centre.