Here to stay -

1953 - First foundation in **Scotland**, in Inverness.

1955 - First arrival in **Ireland**, in Sligo.

1965 - Vatican II makes changes

- Older monastic customs no longer followed.
- Change from the old habit to the new Blondieau habit. *(Both can be seen in the Heritage Exhibition in the Archives Office).*





1969 - Name changed to the **Province of Great Britain & Ireland.**

1991 - Centenary in Romsey

2005 - Marie Louise House opened.

2007 - Wisdom House opened in the Junior School building.

2011 - Centenary of the Province

2016 - Name changed to the **Delegation of GBI.**

2016 - 125 years Daughters of Wisdom living and working in Romsey.



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Foundations:

The Filles de la Sagesse (or Daughters of Wisdom in English) were established in France in 1703 by St Louis Marie de Montfort and Blessed Marie-Louise of Jesus.

It has now been 300 years since the death of St Louis Marie in 1716.

(For more information, please see the pamphlet on St Louis Marie de Montfort.)



A New Home:

Arrival and Settling in Great Britain and Ireland.

First Impressions –

1891 The first of the Daughters of Wisdom arrived in Romsey on June 24th 1891. The local bishop invited the Sisters to consider moving to Romsey to care for orphan boys. Initially, they faced difficulties such as language barriers, religious differences with the local lay communities, scarcity of work and other problems. The first Catholic Mass in Romsey since the Reformation was planned in secret and utilized an altar made of packing cases!

In the beginning, living in Abbey House, the Sisters taught French lessons, took in sewing and washing, and housed French boarders to generate their income. The first boys for the orphanage came in October of that year.



Abbey House, Romsey

A Timeline of Events in Romsey / Province

First Impressions continued…

1910 - 100 boys now at the orphanage.

WW1 - Soldiers billeted nearby and attend mass.

1925 - Mill burns down, new building constructed in its place becomes the **Junior School**.

1927 - Miracle cure of Sr Gerard du Calvaire from tuberculosis. *(See miracle pamphlets.)*

WW11 - Other communities seek refuge at Romsey.

1944-1950s - Closure of the orphanage.

1947 - Canonization of Fr. Louis Marie de Montfort by Pope Pius XII.

