



MONTH OF JULY 2022



The Christian family: SALT AND LIGHT

Our beloved country has reached independence 22 years in the last century 1900 and 22 years in the new century 2000, we have been a Sovereign and independent Nation for the past 44 years, close to half a century.

Like every Nation, we went through our own struggles in the task of Nation Building including the great isolation of our people and the difficulties in communicating and traveling to meet our basic needs for food, education, health, and security. We have been struggling to stay together as a Nation against Ethnic tension between islands and tribal tensions in the same islands. We suffered too from an uncontrollable mob burning our town... more than once. We still depend from neighbors to give a hand in providing security in a time of crisis... Without our knowledge, we woke up with an agreement calling on China to 'help us out with security as if Australia was not enough... there have been efforts of postponing elections just because of the incoming games. Good SICA made a clear statement of this.

This month of July calls our attention to the challenge of the Bishop's conference to the whole countries of PNG and SI: we are asked to strengthen the families, the backbone of our society. Our families too reflect the disunity of the National Situation in these 44 years of independence. The ethnic conflicts at the national level are well reflected in the 'tensions', divisions, and

separations experienced in our families. Broken families are a sad reality in our society, fathers abandoning their children and wife to themselves is a very common sight. Grandparents having to care for their grandchildren is a common sight. Violence against women is an urgent issue, which calls for a common strategy by each committed community, especially the Church community.

We are invited to conduct a serious study of the situation of our families, identify the cause of these issues, and plan a common solution so as to bring the Family to be the Salt of the Earth and the Light Of the world.

In our recently concluded priests' retreat, we shared ideas on how to

- Launch the year of the family on July 3 in every parish of the Gizo Diocese.
- Each parish will study and draw a plan to implement the Bishop's Conference recommendations on the family: children, youth, parents, and grandparents.
- Understanding the call and identity of Christian Marriage will have a privileged place in this plan
- Preparation for marriage must be the first preoccupation so that the foundation of a new family will be set on the 'rock' of a true Christ-like relationship rather than on the sand in an exclusive emotional decision leading to a 'bush marriage'
- Strengthening the youth pastoral so we bring the youth to discover marriage as a vocation
- Strengthening our structure of the SCC (Small Christian Communities) to enable the SCC to assist and encourage families with difficulties
- To involve Couple for Christ in the strengthening program for the existing families
- To engage couples in the community who are a model to all. They can share their knowledge and experience with other families in their growth process

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- To select model Family Men active in community building and propose them for permanent deacons formation and ordination
- To study and execute a plan on how we can assist women, victims of domestic violence

The stability of the whole nation is based on the stability of its families. The best gift we can give our nation in its 44th year of independence is the gift of better families living their God-Given identity and mission in communion with their local community

caring for the environment (God's Creation) and for the common good of every single person (God's masterpiece).

May this Goal unite us in synergy and synodality with the whole Church at the service of our Nation on its 44th birthday, as Salt of the earth and light for the world

For you a Bishop, with you a brother who loves you with a Solo heart made in Italy

DIOCESE OF GIZO DIOCESAN PASTORAL PROGRAMS FOR PARISHES (June to December 2022)

June 20 to 24th — Priest Retreat (Gizo)	25th to 30th — 2nd Priest Meeting (Gizo)	visit scheduled the month.
26th — Bishops Pastoral visit (Wagina).	October 7th —Bishops pastoral visit to Holy Rosary paris (Nila)	13th — Pastoral visit to St. Don Bosco parish (Taro).
July 19th to 22nd —Come and See? / Formation training for youth leaders (Moli).	13th to 15th —Family Life Apostolate (FLA) seminar Southern deanery (Wagina)	16th —Pastoral visit to St. Joseph parish (Moli)
August 2rd to 5th — Liturgy training: ND (Nila/ Moli)	21st —Episcopal Ordination Anniversary of BP Luciano Capelli sdb	19th —Pastoral visit to St. Dominic (Sirovanga)
23rd to 26th — SD (Wagina)	30th —Bishop pastoral visit to Eusebius parish (Noro)	20th — Pastoral visit to Christ the King parish (Voruvoru)
September 19th to 22nd — Media training / Hey Dad Seminar for ND (Nila).	November —Bishops pastoral	24th to 26th — Justice and Peace seminar (Wagina)
		December 6th to 8th — Womens Rally (Wagina).

FEASTDAYS AND EVENTS COMING UP



Blessed Peter To Rot (/toʊ roʊt/; **5 March 1912 - 7 July 1945**) was a Papua New Guinea Roman Catholic.

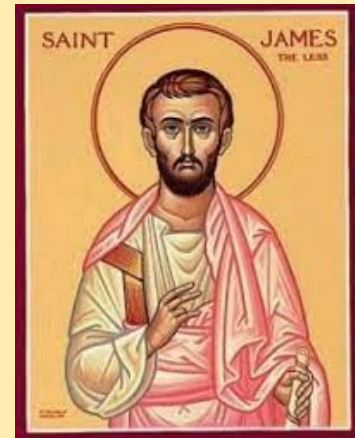
He served as a well-noted and beloved catechist in his village and was entrusted with the local parish during World War II when the Japanese occupied the region.



St. Mary Magdalene was a disciple of Jesus. According to the Gospel accounts, Jesus cleansed her of seven demons, and she financially aided him in Galilee. She was one of the witnesses of the Crucifixion and burial of Jesus and, famously, was the first person to see him after the Resurrection.

July 22nd Friday

**2Cor 5:14-17
Jn 20:1-2.11-18**



James is described as one of the first disciples to join Jesus. The Synoptic Gospels state that James and John were with their father by the seashore when Jesus called them to follow him. James was one of only three apostles whom Jesus selected to bear witness to his Transfiguration.

2Cor 4:7-15 /Mt 20:20-28

Liturgy Notes.



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2022

- Let one of the Masses on Sunday July 24, be dedicated to celebrating the Day with grandparents and the elderly of the parish or community.
- To encourage the presence of the elderly at the Mass, community members can be involved to arrange transportation for those who are unable to move on their own.
- During the celebration, young people from the parish or community can deliver the Holy Father's message to grandparents and the elderly.
- Liturgical celebrations of the Day on July 24 and the days immediately preceding and following can be planned within hospitals and residences for the elderly involving, where possible and in compliance with health regulations, members of the parish so that the masses are appropriately animated.
- The collection from the Day's Masses can be dedicated to support projects in favor of poor elderly people in one's community.

YOUTH ENCOUNTER— DIOCESAN YOUTH OFFICE



Colody kalemama
Diocesan youth coordinator

A look at the world of youth in our diocese, our Catholic Diocese of Gizo.

We find their smiles everywhere, we hear their laughter, their music and their noise. If we stop to listen, we can also hear their tears, fears, and painful stories; unfortunately, a large percentage

of our youths are poor. Young people are “searching for a noble adventure”, a compelling and challenging vision of life, and a cause worth their commitment.

They hunger to hear the Good News that finds a response in discipleship.

As their companions on this spiritual journey. They need someone to teach them and work with them while on the journey; form them, empowered them, make them participate in the work of the church community the root of their faith, and give them chances to make their faith grow. It seems complicated to yield to the youth if we do not understand their situation, difficulties, and possibilities in their live entertainment.

Well! many years ago, the youths of our diocese are undergone a guideline spiritual formation program called (YE) Youth Encounter, which was led by the youth facilitators from Gizo to the parish youths.

The youth Encounter really helps young people to grow; it shows the way to build a better community for the young people and confirms a special way to meet Christ on their journey and to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.

It has many goals for our young people and helps teach them to understand and discern their lives, and now some of our youths who involved are making their way to the (Holy Name of Mary Seminary), which was a wonderful news for us. Those who keep and serve the spirit of YE alive in

their journey; save it.

Moreover, the YE spirit will continue to empower us and journey with us, and they will find a better place for their lives. However, those who formed and never saved it will lose it.

YE is like a human being too, because it is Christ himself who speaks to us through the YE sessions and that is the secret of the Youth Encounter “Christ is present”.

During the YE we encountered Christ by doing the YE activities like sharing with each other, sharing with the group, praying together, building a youth community, and many more. Still the YE program has more to say to our young peoples.

Some parishes in our diocese were not able to make YE followup seminar for their youths. However, If you want your youths to experience what encounters these youths, or what YE is all about, you may organize another weekend YE formation seminar, or contact your diocesan team for informations.



SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH WAGINA- NEWS IN BITS

Sacred Heart of Jesus parish activities, getting in little by little. *(Information from Fr. Humberto, Wagina PP)*



Wagina Island has recorded several positive cases during the outbreak since the community outbreak in their province. More have recovered and now they started to focus ahead on their normal parish activities.

The parish priest from the Sacred Heart of Jesus parish Wagina has confirmed that some people who isolated themselves on the islands are coming back.

During an interview with the media office here in the diocese, the parish priest Fr. Humberto said that now the parishioners are thinking to get back to their normal situation as before, if possible.

He thanked God that they are coming up little by little with their church activities like women's groups, youth activities, liturgy, catechism, and classes for confirmation.

He further clarified that having the diocesan programs in our parish may depend mainly on the availability of parishioners as few others are not coming back from the island. However, others are involved and help in small activities for the church.

Since the number of positive cases decreases on their island, though many put off their masks at home and in public gatherings, while attending Mass celebrations control measures are encouraged like wearing masks to protect everyone from covid19 virus, said Father Humberto

He also said that after Easter they resume classes for kindergarten after having a meeting with the key people in the community and the teachers.

The Diocese has information from that parish that most of the parishioners are fishermen and seaweed farmers. However, during an interview, the parish priest said that others have learned a lot during the covid19 outbreak.

Now others started to involve in gardening and motivated others to sustain them if another virus may prevent tradings between their Island.

ST. PETER PARISH GIZO— NEWS IN BITS

Nusa Bosco school appreciates donated school resources.

a purpose for a blessing it received.

On behalf of schoolchildren and staff; she thanked Bishop Luciano Capelli sdb and Madam Paola for their heart for Nusa Bosco School and for



Staff and students from Nusa Bosco primary school have highly appreciated the school resources donated to the school by Bishop Luciana Capelli sdb and Madam Paola.

Madam Brenda (Teacher) said that requests for these kinds of materials were forwarded to parents and guidance to equip their children with books, pencils, or biro but to her surprise donated school materials came in time from the bishop and Paola.

She said that previously and now Ministry of Education has provided nothing for these students. Now everyone has a school basket, books, purses containing rubbers, pens, etc.

“And this is a big difference I compare with other schools”, said Madam Brenda.

She said that even other colleagues from other schools are admiring what happen and the help, which made it possible for this school.

She also said that lunch would provide twice a week for these students, and said that most of these students are hungry at sometimes, and some are without a breakfast when attending classes.

Madam Brenda said that the school is here for



their biggest assistance.

She affirmed them and thanked God for His continuous Blessing on their mission to help these children or else way.

**SIROVANGA PARISH – NEWS IN BITS
FROM MICHAEL KUREBOE MEDIA VOLUNTEER**

25 in First Holy Communion.

25 children received their first Holy Communion on Sunday 19 June 2022 during the celebration of the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).

Preparation began on Saturday, which prepared the children for their confessions, and on Sunday, the parish priest welcomed the 25 candidates to receive Christ through Eucharist.

The parish priest Fr. Simon Suvenava op encouraged the important value of the Eucharist as a true Body and Blood of Christ.

He said that let Eucharist be part of their life.

A big congratulation from the parishioners to those who prepare the children for the occasions.

Hey Dad Workshop and Men’s Fellowship.

A three days program on Hey Dad for Men’s Fellowship group was held in St. Dominic parish at Sirovanga mission station from the 16th to 18th of May.

The gathering was first-ever been organized after the men’s group formed in March of this year.

The workshop starts on Thursday with the theme “Our Unity in Christ is the Strength of our Family”, which was highlighted during evening devotions followed by other Spiritual programs until 9:30 pm.

The workshop was based on three highlighted topics; “The life of St. Joseph” of his good example with Mary and Christ, “Who is Daddy”, the importance of being a father, and “Communication”, the attitudes, approach, and actions, and to keep the participants alive. And night activities are organized like quizzes, group choirs and funny nights.

During the opening, the parish priest Fr. Simon Suvenava op emphasized the importance of daddy in the family. He urged them that they are the light for their family.

He also challenged the daddies to take responsibility for what they have learned from the workshop and urged them to be like St. Joseph so that their family may live life to holiness.

A Miraculous Visitation of Mama Mary

The pilgrimage of Mama Mary’s visitation to zones within the St. Dominic parish at Sirovanga villages happened to be wonderful, Blessed, and touchable for every parishioner, as described by the media volunteer at that parish.

Writing to the media office here in the diocese, Mr. Michael Koreboe stated that the pilgrimage journey was organized to visit all the villages throughout the parish.

He said that her pilgrimage journey began at Sirovanga village on the 1st Sunday of May and traveled by sea, land, along

and across rivers and streams, between valleys, and up the mountains.

The statue of Mama Mary has four destinations; there the zones have the privileged to organize its visit to villages, stated Kureboe.

Michael Kureboe said that Mama Mary has spent 5 to 6 nights and days at each zone.

He said that some of the highlights during the visitation;

- ◇ A journey to the biggest river on Choiseul island the Vachu River. (Vachu River has claimed some lives of people due to crocodile attacks)
- ◇ A colorful ceremony during escort, where groups and organizations are in their uniforms
- ◇ A traditional welcome ceremony in some of the zones
- ◇ A miraculous and emotional visitation of Mama Mary that everyone experienced.
- ◇ A very touchable experience that others are reconciled with one another, some shade tears and share feelings.
- ◇ A offering of \$4,069.20 received during the pilgrimage
- ◇ And great changes have been observed in the parish.

And the theme of the month of Mama Mary is; “Soon afterwards Mary got ready and hurried off to a town in the hill country of Judea And greeted Elizabert” (Luke 1: 39 – 40).

THE COVID 19 (THE OMICRON & DELTA VIRUS)

Caring for Someone Sick at Home

If you are caring for someone with COVID-19 at home or in a non-healthcare setting, follow this advice to protect yourself and others. Learn what to do when someone has symptoms of COVID-19 or when someone has been diagnosed with the virus.

Provide support (Help cover basic needs)

For most people, symptoms last a few days, and people usually feel better after a week.

- ◆ See if over-the-counter (Panadol) medicines for fever help the person feel better.
- ◆ Make sure the person who is sick drinks a lot of fluids and rests.
- ◆ Take care of their pet, and limit contact between the person who is sick and their pet when possible.

Watch for warning signs

- ◆ Seek medical staffs if the person keeps getting sicker
- ◆ Look for emergency warning signs for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

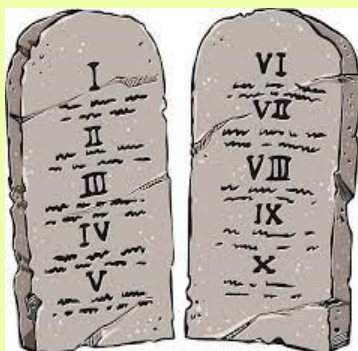
- ◆ Trouble breathing
- ◆ Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- ◆ New confusion
- ◆ Inability to wake or stay awake
- ◆ Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds, depending on skin tone



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THE DIOCESE OF GIZO UPCOMING EVENTS 2022

For the Month of August



We invite all our Catholic people to study the Bible to understand and appreciate the values of the Ten Commandments, love of God the Creator, and our fellow human beings.

