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**(AUGUST)  
Bishops Visit to Parishes**

Bishop visit to Noro  
Thursday 2nd August

Bishop visit to Sirovanga  
Friday 3rd-4th.

Bishop visit to Nila  
Thursday 16th August

Bishop visit to Moli  
Sunday 19th  
(Program yet to confirm)



**"God's Word is our source of strength to work for the common good of all"**

***·The word of God is something alive and active:*** it cuts more incisively than any two-edged sword: it can seek out the place where soul is divided from spirit, or joints from marrow; it can pass judgment on secret emotions and thoughts. <sup>13</sup> No created thing is hidden from him..." (Hebrews 4, 12-13)

This passage of the Bible tells us that the word of God does not need more power from us humans to make it stronger... It is already strong enough, there is nothing than even a good homily or explanation can add to the power of the word...its power is in its message but most of all in the power of the messenger: God Himself, Christ his son and the Holy Spirit, source of all strength. The passage also says what the bible is for: it passes judgments on our thoughts and life...it shows us that what we do is right or wrong... What we can only do in the Bible month is not to make the word more powerful... but to 'keep quiet deep inside and be ready to receive it' Preparing the ground where the seed of the word will fall must be the effort we all make this month

**We can do that by:**

Avoiding being aggressive and talkative all the time  
Being at peace deep inside...with our conscience keeping quiet especially during those moments during the day we put aside for prayer creating silence all around and inside us so that we can 'listen carefully' by reading his word

*"For, as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and do not return before having watered the earth, fertilizing it and making it germinate to provide seed for the sower and food to eat, so it*

*is with the word that goes from my mouth: it will not return to me unfulfilled or before having carried out my good pleasure and having achieved what it was sent to do" (Isaiah 55, 10,11)*

**Let us make the word of God produce fruits this month in our lives and families:**

**Some practical point for the month of the Bible:**

- Keep the bible well in sight on a prominent place in the house
- Find some time as a family to sit down, keep quite, and ask the Spirit for enlightenment
- Read the passage slowly and aloud...
- Repeat some striking words...
- Pause in silence and ask yourself why these words are striking you
- Share the thoughts with your family, the fruits the word of God is inspiring to you
- End by praying for each other and for your community, village, parish, diocese and the whole church
- Take a good resolution to live the message you received and to proclaim it with your good example

May his word be a "guide to our steps and a light in our path..."  
that Christ may live in us, speak through us, work through us, help others through our help, change the world through us, with his revolution of love that aims at destroying the enemy by changing him into a friend...

I am your bishop who loves you with a Solo heart made in Italy...

With my blessings for you and your dear ones  
**Bishop Luciano Capelli, sdb, Gizo diocese**



**“We give and re-give all a sense of the value of SOLIDARITY as we promote, live and experience in our lives, true acts of JUSTICE & PEACE with our brothers and sisters and the nature around us”**



## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity) 15th Wednesday

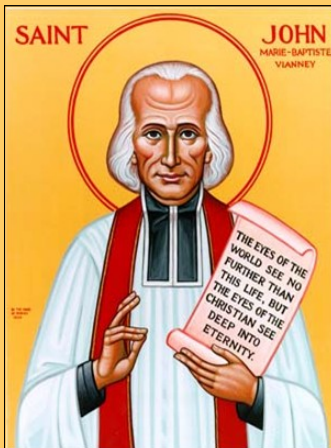


The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life is a defined dogma of the Catholic Church. The Feast of the Assumption, celebrated every year on August 15, is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. It commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay—a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a holy day of obligation.

The feast was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word which means "the falling asleep." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God." The document recounts, in the words of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Tradition places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII, exercising papal infallibility, declared in "Munificentissimus Deus" that it is a dogma of the Church "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." As a dogma, the Assumption is a required belief of all Catholics; anyone who publicly dissents from the dogma, Pope Pius declared, "has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith."

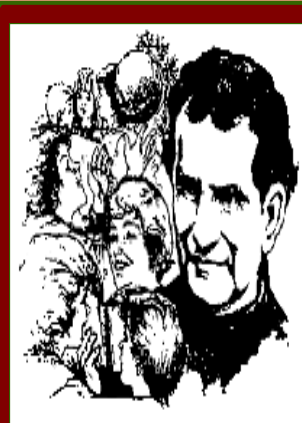
## ST. JOHN VIANNEY



Saturday 4th August

Patron of All Priests

## ST. JOHN BOSCO (DOB)



Thursday 16th August

Patron of Nila Schools

## \_\_ Happenings in Our Diocese \_\_

### Italian 2nd Youth Visit To the Diocese of Gizo.

To make the Church young and alive was one of the principal aim of the Catholic Diocese of Gizo while working closely with the young people of the diocese.

Last year on July 2011 youth pastoral team from Pedrengo Parish, Bergamo, Italy were here to set up our youth center, exchange views and experience among the youths around the diocese.



And this week on Wednesday the 25th of July five Italian youths were welcomed and well received by the St. Peter's youth, diocesan staff, and students of St. Peter's urban training center, the parish priest and the Bishop of the Catholic diocese of Gizo.

This will be their second visitation to the diocese of Gizo mainly to train youths to take up leadership and reset youth centers, to bring alive youth activities and to run well the youth program in the diocese.

Their coming really bring excitement to the little ones as more of them were involved much on activities provided by the visiting youths.

Their visitation also brings challenges to youths to take up leadership in their community.

# Happenings in our Parishes

## Join Youth Pastoral Team from Bergamo, Italy



Let's get involve whats happening in Youth Activities

*Join Now, Our Italian Youth Friends*

To motivate each other is something to do with trust, acceptance, encouragement and a little talent in enthusiasm and motivation.

Motivation comes from the Latin word "moving". We must be able to move, we must be moved, we must let ourselves be moved in order to move others.

We must awaken the energy which is inside us.

Nobody will let themselves be pulled into action if we are not motivated.

Our own motivation is therefore of utmost importance.

So why not this 4 weeks with our youth pastoral team from Pedrengo Parish, Bergamo, Italy. .... JOIN NOW!!

**Activities include indoor & outdoor games, songs, dance & paintings**

<p>ST. EUSEBIUS Feast Day of Noro Parish</p>  <p>2nd of August</p>	<p>ST. DOMINIC Feast Day of Sirovanga Parish</p>  <p>5th of August</p>	<p>AUGUST 2012 — BIBLE MONTH.</p>  <p>"God's Word is our Source of Strength to work for the common good of All"</p>
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## —NEWS IN BITS—

### MAST Program 2012 with new Vision for Youth.

This years MAST (Marianist Apostolic Spiritual Training) program was unique for the youths and teachers.

Especially for the youths who were involved much on music and haven't gone through any music lessons.



The 3 days training commenced on the 3rd and ended on the 5th of July was facilitated by the Marianist Brothers Roger and Rob (Robert) from USA. The training was purposely to train the participants on basics on how to read music.

On Sunday the 8th of July the participants had the privilege to lead the Liturgy with their new tunes which made alive the Eucharistic Mass celebration.

Most of the youth commented they were able to pick up on the short time and with their newly acquired talent they may be able to develop themselves to compose their own style of music and putting more flavour (melody) on their songs.

### Human Trafficking is another Concern In The Diocese.

On Friday 20th July, the diocesan staff, and teachers (Training Centre / Kindy), were privileged to have an opportunity to listen to one of the major concerns regarding human trafficking in our country.



The one day survey program, gave way to a lot of questions and comments raised by the diocesan workers and the teachers. Forced child labour or using your child to make income for the family needs, is also categorised as one area of human trafficking, commonly done to young girls.

Human trafficking was not something new in our community, not unique, but a concern which demands a lot of clarification and awareness to family members, and the public as a whole.

The program was facilitated by Mrs. Myra Koto from the Solomon Island Christian Association (SICA).



**It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.**

~unknown Author



## EDUCATION 4 LIFE

FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS

# YOUNGSTERS' DIFFICULTIES



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### JUST GIVING IN TO PLEASURE

#### 1.- Looking for pleasure

♥"When you are a man you always feel like chasing after girls to satisfy your sexual needs and feel pleasure".

They try to have as many affairs as possible because "women are like mangoes, you have to taste a lot before choosing the best one."

♥« I am young and have to make the most of it... if she isn't sick, I don't know why I should do without it, since it gives me pleasure and she is willing..."

♥Some boys visit prostitutes to learn ways of making love. Then to prove their manhood and attraction for girls, they try to get every girl they can.

■ A person and sex are not just something to do with the body but the heart and mind also play a part.

■ The use of vulgar words when talking about sex also cheapens it.

#### 2.-Because of love?

♥"At my age, I need a boyfriend who will look after me..."

♥"If you love me, you must give yourself to me." ... "or take me."

♥"I have to tell him that I love him."

♥"If I don't do what she wants, she will go after someone else."

♥"We are so sure of loving each other that we can already give ourselves to one another. If a child comes along, it will be received by loving parents. Getting married, in church or by custom, will add nothing to our love."

♥" I don't pick up just any girl to have fun with; I go with a girl only when I love her and because I love her"

■ If you love a girl or boy, you will wait till you are both ready to marry, so as not to cause him or her serious trouble.

■ For a sexual union to have genuinely good results, there must first be love for one another, acceptance by society (i.e. marriage), but, above all, the will to stay together and to build a whole life together.