



MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2022



Joy and commitment always go together, hand in hand. Without hard

work there is no joy of accomplishment nor sense of achievement. We are happy when we see the result of our hard work.

We have been working together as a diocese for the past 15 years... are we happy of our commitment in the proclamation of the gospel? Do we have a sense of 'holy pride?... can we say we gave it our best try?

Independently from the fruits which will be harvested by God Himself?

Have we worked well, together, giving our best shots in spreading and planting the good seed of the Gospel?

As we journey as a Church and evaluate our synodal approach can we be happy and proud of the efforts we put into our task as missionaries of the Gospel of Jesus, moved and supported by the Holy Spirit?

Let these five short quotes from the "Joy of the Gospel" of pope Francis help us in our discernment as a diocese as we plan to organize a new Assembly.

We are all called to be missionaries: "In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL IS THE FRUIT OF COMMUNITY COMMITMENT. No commitment... no joy...

disciples (cf. Mt 28:19). All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization" (#120).

The Evangelizing mission is the very task of the community of the Church In all its activities the church encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach. We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented" (#28)

In some people we see a lot of preoccupation for the liturgy, for doctrine and for the Church's prestige, but without any concern that the Gospel have a real impact on God's faithful people and the concrete needs of the present time" (#95).

It has been said that the best school of atheism is a bad catechesis, an irrelevant proclamation of the gospel

The outgoing church... relevant to the poor: "God's heart has a special place for the poor, so much so that he himself 'became poor' (2 Cor 8:9). The entire history of our redemption is marked by the presence of the

poor. Salvation came to us from the 'yes' uttered by a lowly maiden from a small town on the fringes of a great empire." (#197)

The building of communion in the main mission of the Bishops: "The bishop must always foster this missionary communion in his diocesan Church, following the ideal of the first Christian communities, in which the believers were of one heart and one soul (cf. Acts 4:32). To do so, he will sometimes go before his people, pointing the way and keeping their hope vibrant. At other times, he will simply be in their midst with his unassuming and merciful presence" (#31)

The young: "Even if it is not always easy to approach young people, progress has been made in two areas: the awareness the entire community is called to evangelize and educate the young, and the urgent need for the young to exercise greater leadership."

Let us not worry for the lack of fruits...it is planting time... let us worry more on listening to the word and proclaiming it by practicing it in our daily lives... the more is the effort the more will the joy of the gospel be. Let us not wait for others, let each one of us start right now and flourish in the garden where God has planted us

Best regards and blessings from someone who loves you with a *Solo heart made in Italy*

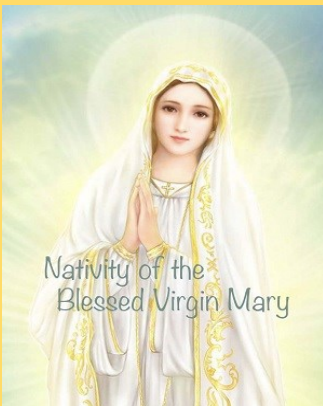
For you a bishop with you a Brother Luciano Capelli, sdb

DIOCESAN PROGRAM COMING UP FOR PARISHES

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NATIVITY Blessed Virgin of Mary



8th September
(Mi 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30
Mt 1:1-16.18-23)

TRIUMPH of the Cross



14th of September
(Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11 / Jn 3:13-17)

ARCHANGELS



29th Of September
(Dn 7:9-10.13-14 or
Rev 12:7-12a / Jn 1:47-51)

DIOCESE OF GIZO

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PROGRAMS FOR PARISHES

(August to December 2022)

August

23rd to 26th— SD (Wagina)

September 19th to 22nd—
Media training / Hey Dad
Seminar for ND (Nila).

25th to 30th— 2nd Priest
Meeting (Gizo)

October 7th—Bishops pastoral
visit to Holy Rosary parish (Nila)

13th to 15th—Family Life

Apostolate (FLA) seminar
Southern deanery (Wagina)

21st—Episcopal Ordination
Anniversary of BP Luciano
Capelli sdb

30th—Bishop pastoral visit to
Eusebius parish (Noro)

November —Bishops pastoral
visit scheduled the month.

13th— Pastoral visit to St. Don
Bosco parish (Taro).

16th—Pastoral visit to St.
Joseph parish (Moli)

19th—Pastoral visit to St.
Dominic (Sirovanga)

20th— Pastoral visit to Christ
the King parish (Voruvoru)

24th to 26th— Justice and
Peace seminar (Wagina)

December 6th to 8th—
Womens Rally (Wagina).

REFLECTION AND ANNIVERSARY



FR JACOB, SJ, Parish, Taro

THE DIOCESAN PRIESTS

Vatican Council II taught that it was the Incardination to a Particular diocese, the local Church, that really made one a diocesan

priest. A diocesan priest is thus of a

diocese, for the diocese, and in the diocese, even if for reasons of study or some other valid reason, he is temporarily out of the diocese.

We read in the Decree on priest, "All priests, who are constituted in the order of priesthood by the sacrament of Orders, are bound together by an intimate sacramental brotherhood, but in a special way they form one priestly body in the diocese to which they are attached under their on Bishop." The words "in the diocese to which they are attached" must be understood correctly.

The mind of the Council seems to stress more that of being of this particular, local Church, in this local Church and for this local Church in the first place, and not of being of this Bishop and for the Bishop. Surely, that of being of and for the Bishop is also important since no local Church is conceivable without Christ whom the Bishop represents here and now.

The idea of the diocesan priests is further and better explained in: "Let all priests, especially, those who by the special title of ordination are called diocesan priests, remember that their faithful union and generous cooperation with their Bishop greatly helps their sanctification."

Sr. Anna Maria FMA Celebrates her Silver Jubilee



Sr. Anna Maria Gervasoni FMA celebrated the 25th of her Religious Profession last Saturday 6th August.

With joy and in Thanksgiving Eucharistic Mass celebration for the gift of her Religious vocation, the FMA community here in Gizo is cordially celebrating her silver jubilee along with the St. Peters parish Gizo community.

An Italian Sister who studied to become a diploma of teaching became a Religious sister in 1997 and taught Theology in the school of the Institution. Her call to the mission was always very strong in her heart and in 2003, she was asked for a year of missionary formation in Rome.

Sr. Anna Maria and others Sisters came to Solomon Island in 2007 and started the first community of Salesian Sisters at Henderson, Honiara.

Her congregation decided to open another community here in Gizo in 2018.

Celebrating her 25th Jubilee with parishioners meant a lot for her even though the absence of her family.

Speaking during her Thanksgiving Mass Sr Anna Maria G FMA has extended her 25th Jubilee Anniversary to her family and friends in Italy and here in the Solomon.

COME AND SEE— MOLI PASTORAL CENTER

Vanga RTC Install New Piggery House.



Vanga Rural Training Center has installed its new piggery house. The upgradation was to enable students to utilize their bits of knowledge and skills acquired to improve their own piggery farms.

Youths Participants Benefits from Liturgy Seminar



Youths who participated in the Liturgy training are seen to benefit from the training. The 3 days of training, which commenced on the 3rd of August at Nila Shortland have given these youths the idea of why we have colors, gestures, etc., and why 4 parts of the Mass celebration. Explanations from the facilitators, Fr. Benedict Qelo, Fr. Thomas Patavolomo, and the

diocesan team have stated clearly that attending the Holy Mass is important for us Catholics. "Jesus is there for us, flesh and blood, in the Eucharist".

They added that, although prayer and Bible study are helping those in need and are great ways to draw closer to the Lord, there is nothing that brings us in direct contact with Him more than the Eucharist.

"The Eucharist, the real body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus is indeed the source and summit of the Christian life".

Participants; 48 attended involving mothers and fathers from Northern deanery parishes, Shortland and Choiseul.

The training ended on day 3.

St. Peters PPY children Received gifts from a Friend.

Greetings to these children every morning were not enough for a Health worker from WHO.

Dr. Yohannes (John) was here with the Provincial Health Service Western was happy to give gifts to the PPY children.

He told the children that his gifts would benefit them during classes and encouraged everyone to learn from his gift.

Dr. Yohannes is from Malawi Africa and resides behind the St. Peters PPY School.



WAGINA & GIZO PARISH NEWS IN BITS

Wagina Assumption of the Blessed Mary, Celebrate as usual *(Matrina Tateisi)*



As usual, Wagina parish has come up with our Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebration from Teageagea to the Chapel.

A procession prayer residing the Rosary through 5 decades, where each community has come up with its installation station of Mama Mary; is placed and decorated.

Followed by the believers; after every Mystery; singing led by a choirmaster has kept them to another decade.

A beautiful program allowed people in their house to come out and join in the Rosary procession prayer.

Wagina Parish Welcome Sisters of the SL. *(Cathy Toti Wagina)*



The Sacred Heart of Jesus parish Wagina is happy to receive three sisters of the Servant of the Lord last August 12.

The Nuns are a nurse and two teachers to serve the mission. And they are from Argentina.

St. Peter UTC Celebrate DB Birthday.



Students from the St. Peters Urban Training Center celebrated the birthday of St. Don Bosco here in St. Peters Cathedral Gizo.

A wonderful Thanksgiving Eucharist celebration was prepared by the students, and with the liturgy, the celebration came to alive.

After, these students have their outdoor games with light refreshment.

Gizo St. Dominic family Celebrate Feastday with Parish.

St. Dominic community has an opportunity to celebrate their founder's feastday on August 20.

The actual feastday was on the 8 of August, however, the celebration was postponed to 20 of August to involve communities to join in.

A beautiful celebration with Thanksgiving Mass, speeches, foods, and entertainment.



HOLY ROSARY PARISH NEWS IN BITS NILA

The Solemnity of the Assumption, Shortlands *(Thanks Fr. Thomas and Fr. Aretoka)*



The Solemnity of the Assumption (The Blessed Virgin Mary) was celebrated in a different location within the Holy Rosary parish.

In Toumoa, a beautiful celebration was organized for women around Shortland Island. Along with their blue diocesan uniform, and Mary's Statue they process in by praying the Rosary to the Chapel. A celebration, which has the opportunity for these women for their discussion, dialogue, and planning. Celebrating with that community is Fr. Michael loane (Aretoka).

The Solemnity day was on the 14th Sunday of August was ended successfully with feasting and entertainment.

That same day three other zones were also organized with their programs of activities, they are Fr. Stanis who celebrated at the mission station, and Fr. Thomas for Gaomai area.

DB Date of Birth Mark, Nila Schools

(Fr. Thomas Holy Rosary Parish Nila)

Students from the five schools in Shortland Island



celebrate the 207 birthday of their Patron saint St. John Bosco in Nila Catholic Station on the 16th of August.

Fr. Stanis was the main celebrant assist by Fr. Michael and Fr. Thomas.

The liturgy was prepared and sung by Nila Senior Secondary School and after the Mass, each school within the mission had its own program.

Activities highlights quizzes on the life of Don Bosco, outdoor games, feast and entertainments.

August 8th of 2022

Celebrating 43 years Anniversary of the First Diocesan Priest of Gizo. Fr. Lawrence Isa of Aleang Village Shortland Islands.

A faithful Servant in the Vineyard of the Lord.



ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEWS IN BITS

Year of Family Program Continue for Moli.



Implementing the Year of the family activities has kept alive, the pastoral team their dedication to spreading the Gospel to the parishioners. First, the team spends the night at Vudutaru village preparing the liturgy, giving Holy Eucharist, doing awareness, and having their time with that community and then to Piumadara (Zone 3). The team headed by Fr. Benedictus Qelo and his pastoral team Sr. Rita Op, George, Anthony, and Jenny have a wonderful time with those communities.

A successful visitation again renews the family's role as papa, mama, and children. The team is looking forward to another visitation to another zone. The team thanked the community for their hospitality.

100 women Celebrates the Assumption of the BVM

About 100 women from the St. Joseph Moli parish have the feastday of the Assumption of BVM in style.

Celebration onset on Friday 12, while the coordinators have these 100 women meet for the spiritual talk given by Fr. Qelo and Sr. Rita

Pitavavine OP.

Talks on the morals of marriage and the history of Rosary have continued to nourish these mothers, as they still benefit from the Year of Family activities. Some of the activities that motivated them were spiritual games and choir competitions to keep them alive during the long weekend.

In addition, on Sunday, the women made their spirit alive in the church and led a harmonious liturgy.

And final, their parade was organized, along with a feast with entertainment to commemorate their Mother's day in the church.



ST. DON BOSCO PARISH TARO NEWS IN BITS

Fuel Prize does not Stop Pastoral Visit



Despite fuel prices being costly in communities

around the parish, Fr. Jacob cannot stop his pastoral visit to his parish communities.

A simple way to keep the church alive during this time is to get in and canoeing, and another route is by foot.

Returning home, walking under the hot deadly Sun to and from Sipokana, Rabakela and SubeSube was really a dedication for Fr. Jacob.

Fr. Jacob Qetobatu is in his first month serving his parish St. Don Bosco.

And in Shortland, Fr. Thomas Patavolomo has to do patrol during his pastoral tour between Nuhu and Maleai.

Assumption Day celebrated at Rabakela (Fr. Jacob Qeto PP)

A total of 50 women of St John Bosco Parish celebrated the feast of the Assumption in Rabakela village. The theme of the Day (Rejoice and be glad our Mother Mary is with God in Heaven. Talk for the day was given by Moses Poqeava on the topic of (Importance of Mother)

In addition, the Assumption celebration was concluded with a Holy Mass by Fr Jacob Qeto PP and followed by feasting.



Sr. Rita Pitavavini OP Celebrates 70th birth Anniversary



Sr. Rita Pitavavini OP has celebrated her 70th birthday Anniversary this Thursday 18th of August.

Sr. Rita thanked God for everyone supporting her, especially her late parents for shaping her from childhood to teenager, and as Dominican Sister.

Speaking during her celebration the Dominican sister thanked her community zone for the preparation for her birthday Anniversary.

Thanking Fr. Qelo for celebrating her Thanksgiving Mass; thanking God for another birthday.

“May you bless today and on all the days of your earthly journey”

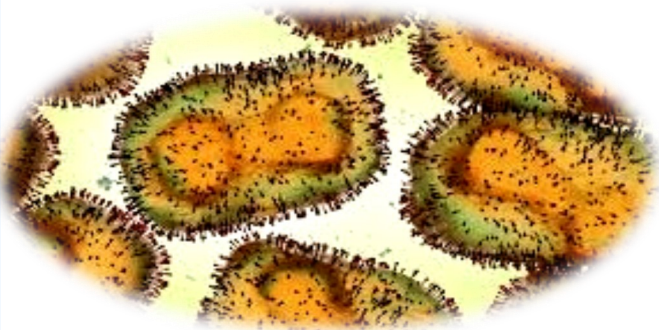
MONKEY POX VIRUS

How to treat Monkeypox virus

Symptoms normally resolve on their own without the need for treatment. If needed, medication for pain and fever (Panadol) can be used to relieve some symptoms. It is important for anyone with monkeypox to stay hydrated (Drink more water), eat well, and get enough sleep.

The rash can be kept clean with sterilised water or antiseptic. Saltwater rinses can be used for lesions in the mouth, and warm baths with baking soda and

Many years of research on therapeutics for smallpox have led to development of products that may also be useful for treating monkeypox. An antiviral that was developed to treat smallpox (tecovirimat) was approved in January 2022 by the European Medicines Agency for the treatment of monkeypox.



Multiple Respiratory Viruses in SI

“Most of the cases presented to health facilities were babies and children. Now we are also seeing an influx of adults also presenting with flu-like illnesses.

“Symptoms include, flue or runny nose, coughing, fever, Nausea or vomiting, headache and shortness of breath or shortwin as commonly known,” Dr Togamana confirmed.

Samples collected from patients by Lab Technicians from NRH were discovered to be multiple respiratory viruses with Rhinovirus and influenza H3 predominating, the main drivers of the outbreak.

The Health Minister warns, there is a high chance or risk that it will spread to all other provinces due to ongoing inter-island travels.

Meanwhile, the public were advised to adhere to public health measures.

To be continue next issue

THE DIOCESE OF GIZO UPCOMING EVENTS 2022

For the Month of October

In promoting a culture of life and addressing the social ills of our time, we draw on the great wealth of the Catholic Church’s social teaching, based as it is on the dignity of the human person, the common good, the universal destination of created goods, care for God’s creation, subsidiarity, community and participation, solidarity, peace and reconciliation, the preferential option for the poor, and the fundamental values of social life—truth, freedom, and justice.

(Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 2004)