



Bishop Monthly Message

JULY MESSAGE: A BLOOD PACT



The month of July is dedicated to the adoration of the Blood of Christ.

The soldiers then approached Jesus and saw that he was already dead. Then they did not break his legs, but one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear. Immediately from the wound came blood with water. He who has seen is a witness, and his testimony is true. He knows that he is telling the truth, so that you too may believe. (Jn 19, 34-35)

SIN AND MERCY

The spear that pierces the heart is the image of those who wound the love of the Savior, both with their indifference, as was the case with the soldier, and with their hostility, with their sin. But the Father's response is not punishment or vengeance, but "an extra love", his participation in his divine life, which transforms us into forgiven children. The opening of the side, with the gushing of blood and water, is therefore the sign of a love that has kept nothing for itself and that has given everything. Divine mercy is a love more powerful than sin, stronger than

death. When we realize that the love that God has for us does not stop in the face of our sin, it does not shrink from our offenses, but becomes even more caring and generous; when we realize that this love has come to the point of causing the passion and death of the Word made flesh, who agreed to redeem us by paying with his blood, then we burst into recognition: "Yes, the Lord is rich in mercy", and we even say: The Lord is mercy" (Saint John Paul II, Reconciliation and Penance, n. 22).

The Eucharist renews the covenant pact between us and God, in the blood of the son. When Jesus first announced the Eucharist, he insisted on the reality of the blood offered as a drink, as well as the reality of the flesh offered as food. Truly, truly I say to you: if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you... because my flesh is true food and my blood true drink (Jn 6, 53, 55). Christ is risen, he is alive. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus proposes to us to renew the covenant of love with him: "This is the cup of my blood for the new and eternal covenant". Every time we celebrate a sacrament, the blood of Christ brings us together and unites us in the one bride of Christ, the Church. Blood is a sign of life, of interiority, of deep bonds that intertwine the existence of creatures and make them co-responsible for each other in a communion that transcends the limits of space and time.

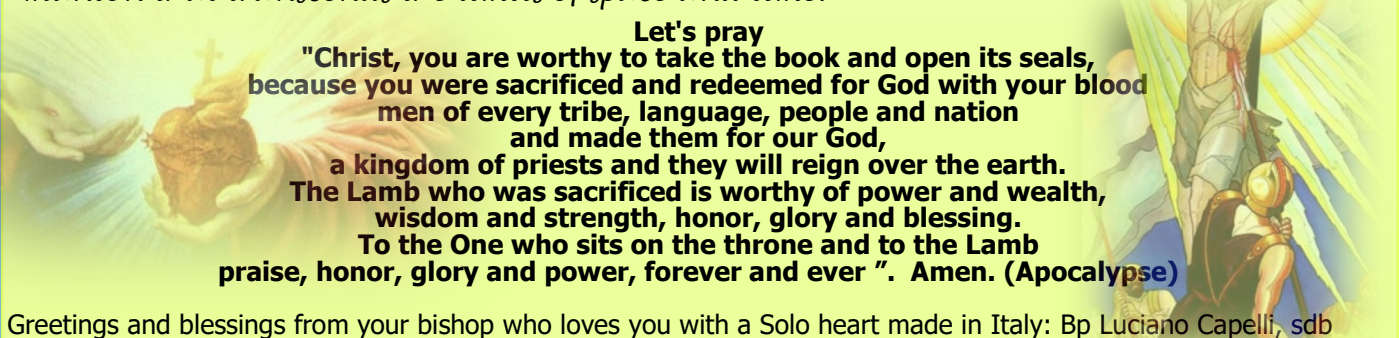
Let's pray

"Christ, you are worthy to take the book and open its seals, because you were sacrificed and redeemed for God with your blood men of every tribe, language, people and nation and made them for our God,

a kingdom of priests and they will reign over the earth.

The Lamb who was sacrificed is worthy of power and wealth, wisdom and strength, honor, glory and blessing.

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb praise, honor, glory and power, forever and ever ". Amen. (Apocalypse)



Greetings and blessings from your bishop who loves you with a Solo heart made in Italy: Bp Luciano Capelli, sdb

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THE DIOCESE OF GIZO UPCOMING EVENTS 2021

• **Month of February** 8–12 Hey Dad training, northern

deanery at Moli

22–26 Hey Dad training, southern

deanery at Gizo

• **Month of March** 8–12 NFP moral issues training, northern

deanery at Nila

22–26 Priest meeting, Gizo

• **Month of April (pilgrimage with the Candle)**

13–15 Candle to Noro

15–17 Candle to sacred heart, Wagina

17–19 Christ the King, Voruvoru

19–21 St Dominic Parish, Sirovanga

21–23 John Bosco Parish, Taro

23–25 St Joseph, Moli

25–27 Holy Rosary, Nila

27–29 St Peter parish, Gizo



• **Month of May** 3–7 SCC follow up, St Peter parish, Gizo

10–14 SCC follow up, Holy Rosary parish,
Nila

17–21 SCC visitors training, St John Bosco
parish, Taro

24–28 SCC follow up, St Dominic parish,
Sirovanga

31–4 (new month) SCC follow up, Christ the
King, Voruvoru

• **Month of June** 1–4 SCC follow up continue, Christ the

King parish, Voruvoru

7 – 11 SCC follow up, Sacred heart parish,

Wagina

• **June** 14 – 17 Media training at Gizo

18 – 20 FSW Northern Deanery, Moli

21 – 25 Priest retreat, Gizo

25 – 27 FSW for the Southern Deanery, Noro

• **Month of July** 5– 9 come and see (venue depend on
candidates)

12–16 Hey Mum southern deanery at Gizo

26–30 Hey Mum northern deanery at Moli

• **Month of August** 6–8 YE Christ the King, Voruvoru

9–13 Training for new Catechists, Nila

13–15 YE Sirovanga, St Dominic

20–22 YE St John Bosco, Taro

27–29 YE St Joseph Moli

• **September** 3–5 YE Holy Rosary, Nila

13–17 Priest Meeting, Gizo

17–19 YE St Peter, Gizo

24–26 YE St Eusibius, Noro

• **October** 1–3 YE, Sacred Heart, Wagina

11–15 Justice and Peace Workshop, Nila

• **November** 4–6 Media Training northern deanery, Moli

11–13 Media Training southern deanery, Noro

15–19 DTPA evaluation and planning, Gizo

• **December 13–17 Bishops cup northern deanery
parishes, Moli**

**27–31 Bishops cup southern deanery
parishes, Vanga**



DIOCESE OF GIZO **Happy diamond jubilee**

NILA, PARISH

FR. FHIL DUABAN

Feeling grateful at Tomoua after the novena prayer of the children to Divine Mercy for the healing of the world.

Our life has its strength in the power of God's love who has bestowed us His divine life, meaning and purpose. We must be mindful of this truth that brings hope and fortifies courage so as to have a new horizon, definitive direction and great compassion in any relationship to all people whatever their endowments are, whether as: rich or poor, young or old, and healthy or sick. Since, our life comes from God as a gift of being in existence in every breath that it takes, all the more then, that we have to live it charitably to its sublime purpose - to make it radiate with the love of God to people around us. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, manifested this love when He humbled himself and served and healed us as a humanity with the greatest act of His compassion on his passion, death and resurrection. May we follow Him in this love in the plan of God for our vocation. Jesus we trust in you. God bless!



'HEY MUM' TRAINING.

The Hey mum training workshop was held at St Peter Parish Gizo on the 16th – 18th of July 2021. The 'hey mum' training was attended by seventeen (17) women from the southern deanery parishes, ST. Peter, St. Eusebius Noro and Sacred Heart parish wagina.

Sr. Rita Pitavavene OP and Mr. Jerome Kuibatu facilitated the training for women. The main aim of the training was to help mothers to know and understand deeper their roles of parenting in challenging circumstances.

The training was also enables women to discuss their role in the family and to get more ideas about their role. The training was also helping mothers to know how to deal with difficult issues and to explore their ideas that will help mothers to find solutions to their problems Christian mothers were encouraged to model their life on Jesus. This means moving away from their comfort zones and always seek the will of God for their family life.

Pope Francis in his recent exaltation '**Amoris Laetitia**' says that God's plan for the family is a source of hope and Joy. He continued to say that 'putting our trust in God and striving to make Him present in our families is a wonderful opportunity to preserve the essential values of the Christian life'.

Therefore, women of southern deanery parishes we urge you to pray at all times and ask Jesus to help you when you come across challenges in your family life.

To Experience joy in the families is also the joy of the Church. Families are the basic unit of the society. In Christ and in the Church, he made a sacrament by which husbands and wives obtain grace for each other and for their children.

Therefore, the apostolate of the family is uniquely important for the church and for the society. God made the family the basic unit of society. (Quote from "lay Apostolate" pp. 25-27).

In married life, there will be disagreement but we need to communicate well. It will help us to determine in large measures how our marriage will be. As we have learned from the hey mum training that communication is a glue to any Relationship.

Therefore, regular communication is a very important element in establishing harmony in the family. Let us not be tired to desire unity, harmony and peace in our family life's journey. Moreover, this we believe God will reward our effort to establish life giving relationship.

We want to acknowledge our Bishop for his finance and spiritual support and to our parish priests for the three parishes for their support towards the program. Without their hard working looking for the participants, we would not be able to run this workshop. I do believe that they will organize similar workshop at the parish level, do support them.

Thank you and May God richly bless you!

Jerome Kuibatu.



OBSERVERS (Nusa-Baruku & Nusa-Bosco)

Compiled by Rellysdom A Malakana (Catholic Media, Gizo)



Resina Tioko Lire,
Gizo Island

For 2 Decades my role as a mother, I traveled on land and sea for 4 miles with my children for them to attend Gizo Primary and kindergarten.

And as a granny; before Nusa Bosco primary school was established, I travelled with my grannies to Gizo Schools on that same route.

I usually spend about \$100 a week on sea and land fee and foods for the children. Sometimes when the children travel by themselves and when they were late, they have no classes.

And this is really worrying me.

These days the experiences I faced was over.

Now it does not cost me to travel with my grandchildren to Nusabaruku for the Kindy and the Primary schools.



Stallon Gop, Fishing
Village, Gizo Island

I really thanked this establishment, especially the Primary school, its setup and the administration who give us a fare school fees for our children.

I loved this.

I believed this is for a start. But we have to maintain and encourage the habit of doing fundraising so that it may keep us going.

A lot has been improved, the foot bath, the school buildings and

with the teachers where some are sisters from overseas.

Another area the diocese has to look at is the secondary level so our children may directly register for the level.

The Nusabosco schools, the Kindy and the Primary, and along with the clinic; these are really benefiting our areas of Kongulavata, Lembu, Fishing village and as far as Titiana.



Miulyn Berry, Fishing Village,
Gizo Island, Gizo Island

The clinic, which served our areas and some of the islanders who they are frequently visited Gizo township is benefiting.

The school hall where school children have their foods during breaks need to be separated from sick people who they engaged the hall.

And the school environment is nice,

but we have to learn from these setups to build a hygienic environment in each dwelling site.



Lucy Nonouwa
Nusabaruku, Gizo Island

We really felt that we are blessed with these schools and the clinic. We have a hard life before with our children, but now we are free from those burdens we experienced in the past. We really thanked the Bishop and his wantoks from Italy

Now we have to think ownership of these setups and respect these properties.

We have our youths starting to practice respect among our community because the Religious sisters are with us. We love this.

However, we have social lives that cause some disturbances. I believe a committee will react to this.

REFLECTIONS and VIEWS

Send in your Reflections and Views about our Pastoral Programs and Activities, and other Projects established in our parishes/Diocese. We also Accept your written Message which are Pastoral. Your Message will be Publish in this Newsletter.

SALESIAN SISTERS AT GIZO, BETANIA FOR THEIR RETREAT WITH FR FHIL DUABAN

We sisters had our annual retreat in Gizo, at the Diocesan Retreat Centre called Betania, on the Gizo hills. Our two communities (from Henderson and Gizo, with also one sister of La Pieta' Congregation, based at Tetera Clinic) joined together to have one week of prayer and meditation on the Pope Francis last encyclical "Fratelli tutti" ("we are all brothers and sisters"). Fr Fhil Duaban was the preacher; he is a diocesan priest from the Philippines, but is almost five years that he is a missionary in the Diocese of Gizo.

The style of our retreat is to have one session on the theme a day, in the morning, after the Morning Prayer, followed by time of silence, personal reflection and meditation until noon time, when we have the celebration of the Holy Eucharist followed by silent lunch and again personal prayer and reflection until Evening Prayer together. During dinner we can talk and share our thoughts and inspirations of the day. Every day one sister is in charge of leading the prayers and every day we have a category to pray for: Missions, deceased sisters of our congregations, Vocations, Salesian Family and La Pieta' Congregation. There is also a day focusing on Reconciliation and the last day is the thanksgiving to God and to each other. The catering was done by the three

Life Skills teachers of the Sr Peter Training Centre, Diocesan school administrated by the Salesian Sisters of the community of Gizo. The Betania house of prayer consists in three buildings: one conference room with a kitchen and dining hall, eight small bedrooms and a small apartment, one bungalow for the family who is taking care of the compound. Recently there had been an improvement with the building of a chapel and more bedrooms. The diocesan priests have their annual meetings with Bishop Luciano Capelli in the Centre and various parish groups have one day or overnights prayers and recollections.



Sr Anna.

May our Eucharistic Celebrations transform the world

“The Eucharist is meant to nourish those who are weary and hungry along the way, and that a Church of the pure and perfect is a room with no place for anyone,” said the Holy Father during the Corpus Christi Mass on Sunday 6th June 2021, in Saint Peter’s Basilica.

Pope Francis celebrated Mass on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, reminding us of our need for the Lord’s presence and love, and the Food and Drink of eternal life to sustain us on our journey.

The Pontiff said the procession with the Blessed Sacrament, was the hallmark of the feast of Corpus Christi, that reminded all Christians to go out and bring Jesus to others. He said that the Eucharist heals us because it connects us to Jesus to adapt his way of living and his ability to be broken up and given to brothers and sisters, to respond to evil with good.

Chatroom highlights Environmentally Displaced People

The Chatroom, a program for young people organized by the Catholic Bishops Conference (CBC) and the National Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) kicked-off to a fantastic hype as it brought on stage for its first show for 2021, four vibrant young individuals to tackle the issue of Environmentally Displaced People (EDP).

The dynamic group, who are staff from the Catholic Bishops Conference PNGSI, went live on Wednesday 2nd June, via Radio, Television and Social Media, at the NBC Television studio. The program is a joint initiative of CBC Social Communications Commission and NBC Tribe 92FM studio, Boroko.

Chatroom’s next session on Wednesday 9th June, will be having Grade 12 students from St Charles Lwanga Secondary School take on the topic, ‘Declaration of PNG as a Christian Country’.

Holy Father donates PPE to Catholic Health Services

His Holiness, Pope Francis, has made another donation of Personal Protective Equipment and other essential medical equipment to the Catholic Church Health Services of Papua New Guinea.

The presentation of the gifts took place on Friday 21st May, at the National office of CCHS in Port Moresby, by Fr Jacek Pawel Pinocy, Secretary of the Apostolic Nuncio of Papua New Guinea. Present at the mini ceremony was Bishop of Vanimo and Bishop Deputy of Catholic Health Commission, Francis Meli; CCHS National Secretary Sr Jadwiga Faliszek, and staff of CCHS.

Through his communications with the Holy See in Rome, these donation of PPE, battery operated forehead thermometer and finger pulse oximeters were made possible. The supplies will be distributed to the 19 Dioceses in the country and their health facilities.

Baptised consecrated and sent