

**PRIEST'S MEETING WITH THE PASTORAL TEAM
28th–29th March**

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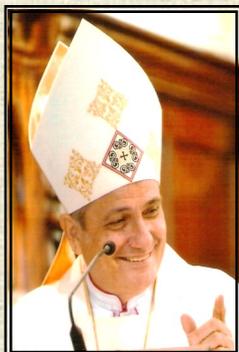
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April 1st Week



Christ Death and Resurrection



COMPASSION

COMPASSION in English, *compassione* in Italian, *compassion* in Spanish and in French are

coming from the two Latin words **CUM-PATIOR**. **PATIOR** means 'suffer' and **CUM** it means "with". Compassion therefore is the attitude of support and understanding that we show to those who suffer. We do this by our presence and concern in times of deep personal physical, moral, spiritual or emotional pain. This makes them feel that we understand their pain and we feel close to them. In a certain way their pain becomes our pain. Their pain will always be there but they will not feel alone, abandoned or forgotten, they fell and become stronger and their burden thus becomes much lighten and bearable.

The greatest compassion was shown to us by Christ when He became a Man to help us heal from the pains of our sins. Our God is a God of compassion, he came to stay with us in our pain... he came to heal the wounded...He invited those with pain to go to Him and their burden would be lightened.

Dad and mom are the two persons who can feel and experience the pain of each other and of their children... they can make each one in the family feel secure and at peace... this is especially the

ministry of a father in the family: to make the whole family feel they are not alone in their pain... His presence gives security

When we do not care about the family or community members who are in need and in pain then we show a selfish attitude which makes the whole family, church and society suffer much more... Everyone will feel insecure

Cum-Passion also means **TO BE WITH SOMEONE TO GIVE COURAGE AND A FIRE INSIDE THAT INSPIRES PEOPLE....** Nothing great has ever been done without **PASSION**

The opposite of compassion is: *"me lez nao... tomorrow...mi no save....wari blong iu"*

God save our communities from people who are lazy, non motivated... or worst still who are violent. Let us pray that each of us and our families may be the sign of God's love and compassion to the whole community... that each person may feel secure and committed to their mission in the church and society as prophets, servant leaders and members of the common priesthood of Christ

From your bishop who loves you with a Solo heart made in Italy



"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"



Relysdam A Malakana
(Coordinator, Catholic Gizo Media)

Yes!! To deepen our commitment to a way of promoting true acts of Justice and Peace with each other in our diocese, let us bring forward this Lenten season a very special opportunity to grow close with our Heavenly Father.

Our Diocese is carrying out its Evaluations and Planning to Parishes, and this lent provides us with an opportunity to bring forward our failures and reflect deeply, and experience sorrow for what we've done and failed, and to be generous to our pastoral programs of activities.

The first paragraph of Pope Benedict VII Lenten message was an opportunity to reflect upon the very heart of Christian life, that is charity. ... "This is a favourable time to renew our journey of faith, both as individuals and as a community, with the help of the word of God and the sacraments...". The Pope said that this journey is marked by prayer and sharing, silence and fasting, in anticipation of the joy of Easter.



Next of this page are the 10 interesting facts about the Lenten season.

Here are some interesting facts about the Lenten season:

1. Lent is the period of 40 days before Easter in the Christian calendar. Sundays are not included in the count. It falls on a different date each year because it is dependent on the date of Easter Sunday.
2. Why 40 days? The number is significant in Jewish-Christian scripture: in Genesis, it took 40 days and nights of rain to cause a flood which destroyed the earth; the Hebrews spent 40 years in the wilderness before reaching the Promised Land; Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai; Jesus spent 40 days of fasting in preparation for his ministry.
3. Lent is derived from an Old English word which means "lengthen." The last week of Lent is called Holy Week.
4. Violet is the symbolic colour for Lent, with altars, statues and other religious paraphernalia veiled in violet fabric.
5. Why violet? The colour is associated with mourning, which anticipates Christ's pain and suffering on the cross; and royalty, which celebrates Christ's resurrection.
6. In most Christian denominations, Lent starts with Ash Wednesday, which is derived from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance to God. The ashes are made by burning the blessed palms that were distributed the previous year on Palm Sunday.
7. Ash Wednesday is observed by fasting, abstinence from meat, prayer, and repentance. Other days of abstinence from meat include all Fridays during Lent.
8. During Lent, the faithful are encouraged to surrender a particular vice, such as smoking or favourite food items, as a reflection of Jesus' deprivation in the wilderness and test of self-discipline.
9. It is wise to abstain from mobile or electronic games, movies, as a form of sacrifice during the Lenten season. It is wise to watch videos of the Seven Last Words and the station of the Cross rather than watching fighting videos.

__ Happenings in Our Diocese __

Two Italian volunteer friends again acknowledged



Two famous Italian volunteers to the Diocese of Gizo again acknowledged for the good work they did in the past three months.

Mr. Franco Motadelli and Mr. Alessandro Locatelli were among the 30 Italian volunteers who helped on construction Projects, especially for Education with the Diocese of Gizo.

During the farewell function on the 27th of this month, The Bishop of Gizo, Most Rev, Bishop Luciano Capelli SDB, handed a recognition document to them for their work as a volunteer with the people of Solomon Island in building centers for young people in

the Western and Choiseul provinces, for having proclaimed the evangelical message of the Gospel of the goodwill for their extraordinary example, as a friend and brother to the young people.

Alessandro (Sandro), who made is military service and have a special kind of motto, a kind of principal that focus much on "To love is to serve". Sandro know his entire job but there is another kind of job he said he doesn't know, that is making enemies. Sandro has been here 3 times.

And Franco, this year he is very happy more than the other years. He said, more work has been done with fewer people but very committed. There are some of his characteristics that may upset his working colleagues but that is not from the heart. It is part of encouraging the boys to try out again with success. Franco has been here 9 times.

Franco and Sandro also help out teaching their colleagues and other students from the training center for international standards. But they said, moreover is learning from each other, these will give proper direction for adequate teaching skills.

RETREAT

**2012-
OUR SPIRITUAL-
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MUNION: RE-
TREAT ONE**

**"Call for a
Mission"**

**"We have been Called to
Serve all our
Brothers & Sisters**

EASTER TRIDUUM

1st April- Palm Sunday

Is 50: 4-7, Phil 2: 6-11, Mk 14: 1-15:47

5th April- Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14 (Longed for Passion)

Ps 115: 12-13, 15- 18 (Call on God's Name)

1Cor 11: 23-26 (Proclaim His death)

Jn 13: 1- 15 (Do as I have done)

6th April- Good Friday (Liturgical serves)

Is 52: 13-53:12 (Held of on account)

Ps 30:2, 6, 12-13, 15-12 ,25. (I call to my God)

Heb 4: 14- 16, 5: 7-9 (Source of Salvation)

Jn 18: 1- 19:42 (It is accomplished)

7th of April- Easter Vigil

Gen 1: 1-2:2 (Let there be light)

Gen 22: 1-18 (Abraham obeys God)

Ex 14: 15-15:1 (The Lord triumphed)

Is 54: 5-14 (God's steadfast love)

Is 55: 1-11 (My Word shall endure)

Bar 3: 1-15 (Listen, learn my Wisdom)

Ez 36: 16-28 (I will be your God)

Rom 6: 3-11 (Alive in Christ)

Mk 16: 1-7 (He as been raised)



The Late Sr. Joanna Tebitara OP

Sr Joanna was born in Hull Island, the Phoenix group in Kiribati on the 30th December 1949. Daughter of Joseph Tebitara and Lemina Aare Ueantabo, Joanna was the fifth child in a family of nine. Her brothers are Henry, Christopher, Benedict Reo, Peter, Lawrence and her three sisters Riria (RIP), Mary and Rosa.

In 1964 Joseph and Lemina left Hull Island in Kiribati and moved to the Solomon Islands, Wagina

Joanna began her education with the Dominican Sisters at St Peter's Loga from grade one to grade seven and was sent to King George VI Secondary School in Honiara for two years. Joanna entered religious life when she was 23 years old. She made her first profession on 25th April 1975 and her final profession on 30th November 1980. She celebrated her Silver Jubilee (25 yrs) as a Religious in 2000,.

In 1969-1970 she went to Villa Maria Teacher's Training College at Visale Guadalcanal and gained her Grade III Teacher's Certificate. In 1976 she studied Home Economics in Fiji. In 1977-1981 she was the Principal of St Anne's Vocational School. In 1982 she helped out in Wagina Primary School and in 1983 she opened St Therese's School. From 1994-1997 she was appointed as Novice Mistress. Joanna's gifts of leadership came to the fore when she was elected the first Solomon Vicareess from July 1988-June 1992. In 1993 she was appointed again to be Novice Mistress until 1994. In 1995-1996 she was sent to Wagina again to work with the Women's Club and serve as a Sunday school teacher while living with her sick mother. In 1997-1999 she was Deputy Principal at St Anne's Rural Training College. In 2000-2002, re-opened St Therese's School for block courses. In 2003 she enjoyed the New Life Renewal Program at Marymount at Castle Hill, NSW. In 2003-2008 she went back to St Therese's School again and in June the same year, she was re-elected as Vicareess for another four years from 2009- June 2012.

Thank you Joanna for your great love and service.

Jewish view on Catholics

Jewish Sam Miller on Catholics

Excerpts of an article written by non-Catholic Sam Miller - a prominent Cleveland Jewish businessman:

"Why would newspapers carry on a vendetta on one of the most important institutions that we have today in the United States, namely the Catholic Church?"

Do you know - the Catholic Church educates 2.6 million students everyday at the cost to that Church of 10 billion dollars, and a savings on the other hand to the American taxpayer of 18 billion dollars.

The graduates go on to graduate studies at the rate of 92%. The Church has 230 colleges and universities in the U.S. with an enrolment of 700,000 students.

The Catholic Church has a non-profit hospital system of 637 hospitals, which account for hospital treatment of 1 out of every 5 people - not just Catholics - in the United States today

But the press is vindictive and trying to totally denigrate in every way

the Catholic Church in this country.

They have blamed the disease of pedophilia on the Catholic Church, which is as irresponsible as blaming adultery on the institution of marriage.

Let me give you some figures that Catholics should know and remember. For example:

12% of the 300 Protestant clergy surveyed admitted to sexual intercourse with a parishioner;

38% acknowledged other inappropriate sexual contact in a study by the United Methodist Church,

41.8% of clergy women reported unwanted sexual behaviour;

17% of laywomen have been sexually harassed.

Meanwhile, 1.7% of the Catholic clergy has been found guilty of pedophilia.

10% of the Protestant ministers have been found guilty of pedophilia. This is not a Catholic Problem.

A study of American priests showed that most are happy in the

priesthood and find it even better than they had expected, and that most, if given the choice, would choose to be priests again in face of all this obnoxious PR the church has been receiving. The Catholic Church is bleeding from self-inflicted wounds. The agony that Catholics have felt and suffered is not necessarily the fault of the Church. You have been hurt by a small number of wayward priests that have probably been totally weeded out by now.

Walk with your shoulders high and your head higher. Be a proud member of the most important non-governmental agency in the United States.

Then remember what Jeremiah said: 'Stand by the roads, and look and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is and walk in it, and find rest for your souls'.

Be proud to speak up for your faith with pride and reverence and learn what your Church does for all other religions.

"Be proud that you're a Catholic."



**You know that
children are growing up when
they start asking
questions that have answers.**

— NEWS IN BITS —

An Italian Volunteer Helps to Keep Gizo Clean

An Italian volunteer Mr. Sandro praise the old saying "Keep Gizo Clean"

He said that it is everybody's business to keep the town clean.

Mr. Sandro shocked the public on the 6th of March during the installation of the bin stands which everyone share ideas for the proper site for people's access throwing their rubbish.



Mr. Sandro who frequently visits the Catholic diocese of Gizo, helps out in educational programs especially for the youths.

Don Bosco S. S. Students, with New laptops, the School in Progress.

Students from the St. John Bosco Senior Secondary School Nila were privileged to have laptops in their school.

The Laptops were distributed from the Philippines to aid the student to cope up with new technology equipments so that in their future they will have that capacity.

In other information, the St. John Bosco school is being built, extended and improve to host primary, junior and senior secondary with a curriculum designed to respond to the needs of the students of Shortlands and other students.

The schools were believed to be isolated but not cut off from the educational trend of the country.

Rector's Cup, Tournament in Shortland Island

Six schools in Nila St. Don Bosco gathered for the Rectors cup from 11th–12 February at Nila catholic mission station, the Junior, Senior, Primary, Technical and including the St. Anne's vocational.

Purposely to keep alive the spirit of St. Don Bosco, that is to involve students in integrating activities, commonly to motivate them into organizing and participating. This will help them build their self-esteem.

The program includes soccer, netball, and valley ball, and was facilitated by the staffs of the St. Don Bosco Schools



St. Dominic, alive with its programs of activities. (Martin. Tako, Parish Media Coordinator)

St. Dominic Parish Sirovanga alive with its programs of their parish activities for this year 2012.

Since the 1st of January Parish Apostolate team launch the monthly event which focus on the life of the Holy family. Followed by other diocesan monthly events which took them to 11th of March which 15 kids (Boys) were trained as Knights of the Alter. The boys underwent 4 consecutive Saturdays training which was instructed by Parish Priest Fr. Timothy Ahiora OP and Parish liturgy coordinator Carol Vanabatu.

On the 22nd –23rd of March the parish held its 1st council meeting at the Sirovanga mission station and 28 members attend.

These parish activities brought the parishioners to this Lenten session, and on Ash Wednesday awareness to communities lunched and through 5 weeks talks based on what is Lent and the importance of Lent

From October



EDUCATION 4 LIFE

FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS



SELF AFFIRMATION

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

This idea is already emphasized by the last of the 10 commandments.

“you shall not covet your neighbors house.....wife.....”

(Ex. 20:17)

Jesus will deepen it : “Anyone who looks at a woman covetously (=desire to possess her), has already, in him, committed adultery with her.” (Mat. 5:28)

“The will of God, St. Paul writes, is that you live in holiness, that you abstain from debauchery, that each takes a wife in order to live in holiness and honor, without allowing yourself to be carried away by desire as the pagans do who do not know God.” (1 Thes 4:3-5)

