



**All Saints
Solemnity**
(1st November)
&
All Souls Day
(2nd November)

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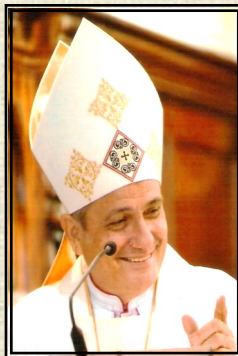
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Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,
The challenge of the Christmas celebrations is not that of remembering what happened

2000 years ago in Bethlehem... but that of making that reality present here today by allowing Christ:

- to be born again in our hearts, family and communities.
- To become present and alive, to become part of the life of those who live next to us, of those who are alone, and to become for them a sign that God is alive, he was born and he is here for them, though us.
- These are two deep mysteries of Christmas: Humility and generosity
- God is with Us, Emmanuel, a **mystery of incomprehensible Humility** (He is God and born as a man)
- He is here for you and me and for everyone: **a Mystery of generosity** (he is born to serve you through me and others through us)

How will we make Christ to be alive?

- Unless we can love more, Christ will not be born for us...
- If we close our hearts to love, Christ was born in vain

Love: this is what Christ came to bring on earth

Love: this is what this frail child features on straw speak about

Love: this is what the humble stable speaks about

Love: this is the great message of the

angels to all men of good will and good heart

Love: which does not put on airs, does not take up positions

Love: which makes itself available, at the same level, for service to the beloved in need

Love: which forgets itself for the happiness of the beloved

Love: which searches for, finds and serves those who suffer, cry or are lonely

Love: which gives without demanding a pay back

Love: which cannot be shut by ingratitude nor indifference

Love: which becomes availability and generosity

Love: which keeps the doors of one's heart open, no one excluded

Love: which understands, comforts and reaches out in total sharing

Love: which irradiates brightness, serenity, joy and peace

True joy, including Christmas Joy, Consists in making someone happy.

Then this Christmas will be a bright reference point in the night of our lives (Venerable Fr Giuseppe Quadrio sdb)

Only loving Him and our brothers and sisters with the intensity and purity of love with which he loved us

We will experience the true meaning of Advent and Christmas...

Let's do away with the useless Christmases... let us lift up our renewed hearts, let us really love as He loved... then everything will be meaningful and OK... and our lives will have the impact of true prophecy

With the love of your bishop with a Solo heart made in Italy

*Bishop Luciano Capelli, SDB,
Gizo Diocese*



"We Give & Re-give ALL the sense of the value of SOLIDARITY by doing Actions of RECONCILIATION with our brothers and sisters and with the nature around us"



Life Is an Advent Season .

"Life is a constant Advent season: we are continually waiting to become, to discover, to complete, to fulfil. Hope, struggle, fear, expectation and fulfilment are all part of our Advent experience.

"The world is not as just, not as loving, not as whole as we know it can and should be. But the coming of Christ and his presence among us—as one of us—give us reason to live in hope: that light will shatter the darkness, that we can be liberated from our fears and prejudices, that we are never alone or abandoned.

OUR SPECIAL PRAYERS

For **Sr. Rita Pitavavene op** and **Sr. Joana Tebitara op**



Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us.

Amen.



Rev Fr. John Tiroko op **Rest In Peace**

Our Heartfelt Sympathy of Love and Goodbye to our Brother, Friend and most dearly our beloved PRIEST — **Late FR. JOHN TIROKO OP.**

To the Dominican Family in the Solomon Island and PNG, Provincial, Vicar Provincial, Dominican Friars and Sisters, Late Fr. Tiroko's relatives and friends in Wagina and the

Diocese of Gizo—SI.

ON Behalf of the Bishop of Gizo — MOST Rev, Bishop Luciano Capelli sdb and the faithful of the Diocese of Gizo: the Diocesan Pastoral Team and Staff, **sincerely with great sadness shares with you all the passing from this life of our brother, friend and beloved Priest — Late Fr. John Tiroko OP. We all join and journey with you at this time in prayer, sadness and joy in the Lord for His Peaceful eternal rest.**

Our Late Fr. John Tiroko OP is a son of the Diocese of Gizo, who willingly and faithfully gave himself to the Lord till the end. His service to the people of the diocese of Gizo is enormous as a Dominican and Priest who sacrificed a lot in availing himself and reaching out to the most needed people in this diocese. As a Dominican and a Priest, he has served in most of our parishes and he's loved and known to by our people. He will be remembered for his courage to remained amongst the people of Moli parish at the height of the spill-over affect of the Bougainville crisis.

YES, A PERSON OF SMILES & LAUGHTER!

May our journey together in sorrow, pain and the joy of the Lord with Fr. John Tiroko bring healing, forgiveness and PEACE to our families, communities, parishes and the diocese.

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACEFUL HAND OF GOD.

Joseph Lalaubatu, Pastoral Coordinator, Diocese of Gizo



Ryan A. Turallo

From Philippine will be teaching at St. Donbosco, Nila School 2012.

The purpose why I am here is not just to experience what Solomon Island has. But it is for a mission. A mission which I'm not use to and I am asking why me? I am not a Priest nor even entered the seminary which in somehow I wish to but never happened for some inevitable reasons.

I have so much desperation in life. When I was a child I dreamt of being a Doctor, being a Lawyer, an Architect, a politician and even I dreamt of being a movie actor. But all turns to nothing. Ah! I have maybe one good point. I used to be the President of the Rinconada Youth Council (a religious group, conferred by about 34 different parishes and approximately 50 schools in Camarines sur district) for 7 consecutive years. Leading, planning and directing programs, trainings, recollection and retreats for the young people in our place but I never do it alone without the help of my co-leaders. And in addition, I am just a teacher in our place, teaching Music, Arts, physical Education and Health as my major subject and also I taught English, Mathematics, and Science in some cases.

During my one day stay at Honiara with the daughters of Our Lady of Pieta, I've got a chance of travelling around the city. Seeing young school children walking barefooted, the young adults chewing bilnut and painting the road with red, ladies carrying their small child on her cramping arms, businessman at their white tidy Toyota cars while their poor servant walking nothing on their steps. Upon

seeing these, some inquiries runs inside my playful mind reflecting what will be my purpose here. And it turns out not only here at Solomon Island but to all the places where I will be coming. I was not able to become a popular movie actor and give happenings and inspiration to the spectators or fans nor became a Doctor who could cure sickness and diseases or became an Architect to build beautiful houses, buildings, roads and bridges or good politician who could help my constituent, or a Priest to help people in terms of spiritual directions and bring them nearer to God. But I became "Me" merely a Missionary Teacher in a small island of Nila who could help young men and women shape their dreams to become a good Architect, Doctor, Lawyer, Captains, Pilot, Politicians, Secretaries, Teachers, Priest or anyone they wish to become in the future.

Commemoration of the missionary martyrs in Solomon Island



7th November

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King (Solemnity)



20 December

ALL SAINTS SOLEMNITY
1st November



"Suffering is a great favour. Remember that everything soon comes to an end... and take courage. Think of how our gain is eternal!"

- Saint Teresa of Avila

ALL SOULS DAY *2nd November*

All Souls Day is observed on November 2 in commemoration of the faithful departed, in which our common and pious Mother the Church, immediately after having endeavoured to celebrate by worthy praise all her children who already rejoice in heaven, strives to aid by her powerful intercession with Christ, her Lord and Spouse, all those who still groan in Purgatory, so that they may join as soon as possible the inhabitants of the heavenly city.

Happenings in Our Diocese

Celebrations do tell, its growth

The celebrations which took place on the 19th to 21st of November tell of the growth of the Catholic Church in establishing partnership with the ministry of education as a controlling authority for the Diocese of Gizo as of this year.



Flying Bishop on the arrival at Balalae



St. Anns Vocational graduation, 19th November



St. John Bosco, Tuha graduation, 21st November



About Hundred received Confirmation on the 20th November

The achievement consists in joining the three levels of education in Nila into a single school: Primary, Junior and secondary school united to make strength to achieve better goals. The primary has an enrollment of 102 students, the junior secondary 192, the senior secondary counted 76 students for form 4, to double in 2012 form 5 and triple in 2013 with form 6 (Both with Academic and TVET streams). 22 teachers have assisted our students for this past year. The 4 schools at Nila have merged into one administration marking the way to our common success. We will continue to be one, feel one to build unity. Only in this way we can give the right direction and make a difference with our youth.

The school proudly achieved the following: Upgrading of the old concrete building in the primary department. Completion of the dining hall at Tuha New staff house and 2 classrooms for Tuha and a new hall being completed In the senior secondary, three new buildings for administration, library, science lab and 12 classrooms has been completed. The shops are being furnished and equipped. Donors and families have worked together in providing the necessary means to bring the school at this happy conclusion. Our great appreciation and gratitude goes to Bishop Luciano Capelli, for his sacri-

fices and endless support in seeing that the schools be well built, well maintained, and to strive for better quality education, this has been our dream and our vision. STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE, is what we intend to do and achieve together.

However we are all called to share responsibility: parents, teachers, students, and community members by journeying with our young and forming them to the true spirit of Love and holistic approach in our families. Let us all value ourselves in order to value

our education; education is for life, for knowledge. Born for greater things is our motto, it means a lot to us individually.

Thanks to all who contributed to bring us to this great common Graduation day.

May god bless us as we struggle to build the leaders of tomorrow.

May I conclude saying: LONG LIVE ST JOHN BOSCO SCHOOL; "BORN FOR GREATER THINGS"

Mary Laore

Saint John Bosco Nila / Primary School Head Mistress

Happenings Around our Parishes

A Establish Church Building Gather Scattering Catholic Members.

St Augustine's church is located in Nazarene village, Saqigae south Choiseul. However, before it is established, Mr. Castas Ukauka from Nazarene village dreamed about building a small church in his own area, since 2008.

Castas Ukauka, a devoted church member and his family with seven children were faithfully Catholics. They have their Rosaries at home, and Castas was motivated by more Catholics from other villages and from logging company nearby. And he then planned to build a church building.

On the Holy week of Christmas 2008 this was the first Eucharistic Mass celebration by Fr. Jacob, since then the small community at Nazarene village was frequently visited by Church leaders.

At one meeting Castas voiced out is planned for a church building which was agreed by his sons, daughters and church members and the church was built and was consecrated by Fr. Calistus Tavisi-batu op on the 27th of May 2010 which is the feast day of St. Augustine of Canterbury. During the blessing, four children were baptized.

Today the family established a small community involving scattered Catholics around that area.

The family wishes to thank the followings:

- Joseph Vinegolomo and his wife
- Patrick Vaekum
- Jemalyn

- Agnes
- Hellen Petikoti
- Christina
- Thomas Tale
- Serema and Daniel Bose
- Linus Leuku
- Andrew Akisasa
- Samuel Pari
- Gabriel barabola
- Mr. David Jak and Mr. Lebang (Malaysian)
- Eloy (Pilipino) and Tom Baraniko
- For Saqigai community especially;
 - The Chief of Kubogava tribe, chief Daniel Bose
 - Allan Valeke
 - Ishmael Vatomiki and Pastor James Kadukolo of United church
- Especially the parish priests who frequently visiting and for the spiritual supports.

From Christina Kubebatu

Earth Mover Company

Kibi Camp (Choiseul Province)



Grownups never understand anything for themselves, and it is tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things to them.

—NEWS IN BITS—



A Priest Congratulate the Flying Bishop's Operation.

A priest has congratulated the flying bishop's operation to parishes.

Fr. Albert Kalu who once served the diocese for more than 5 years, said that such operation may allow the bishop to observe the entire diocese and to witness the living standard of the isolated communities from time to time. Such operation may also alert parishes that bishop is coming at anytime without notification. This operation may prepared parishes at all time.



As the parishes are so isolated and have to cross rough oceans, such as operation make touring easier, said Fr. Albert Kalu.

Best Student, Thanked, Encourage during Graduation, Nila.

A valedictorian, honor student at the Tuha Don Bosco Junior secondary school Mr. Tapera Teriki, thanked the teachers/staffs for bringing the students for their efforts, their time, their knowledge and hard work. He said, it's a time now they will bring with them the good memories of the teachers advices and good words.

Especially to bishop Luciano Capelli sdb for bringing them a new home, for their education, the beginning of their hope, for the youth of the Shortlands, instead of going far away from home and family, the bishop provide them a better school.

Tapera Teriki then challenged that this is not their end but just the beginning for their journey, and demand them to soar high to reach their goal. He also encouraged lower classes, to study hard, and struggle in order to succeed for a better education. He said, do not give up easily; make use of the opportunity of gaining knowledge and skills.

"Let us make a new history on this land, by studying hard, to gain a good self image and identity, proud of being the youth of Shortland..."

Let us soar up high for a better future and stop saying: "Mi lez nao"... "tomorrow... ok"... "no wari..."... "traim no moa.."

More Children Receive 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation.

More Children from St. Peters Parish received confirmation while others received their first Holy Communion as the church begins its advent session on the 27th this month. The occasion was made special for these children by Bishop Bernard O'Grady OP who assisted Bishop Luciano Capelli SDB, both giving inspiring messages to children, parents and sponsors.

With preparation for the consecration of the St. Peters new cathedral church, more parishioners become involved and participated in the preparation. Especially, the seminarians they gave their best to this preparation both in physically and spiritually.



From October

EDUCATION 4 LIFE

FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS



SELF AFFIRMATION

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MATURE ATTITUDES TOWARDS LOVE

As a young person, you encounter difficulties in mastering/controlling your drives. You will have difficult moments to overcome.

Always remain open to share, to question yourself to overcome the doubtful moments. An educator friend shall be a very precious friend for you. The best will be to see your father, mother or your educator, and ask pertinent questions on sexuality.

Concrete situations:

Fornication:

- Sexual relationships between unmarried persons.
- The mutual attraction towards persons of the opposite sex risks deceiving us through out heart and desires of our body.
- To grow in love, requires reflection, self-control, and time to mature.

Know how to discipline:

- What you look/watch,
- Your fantasy,
- Your conversations
- What you read,
- What you touch.

■ You are called to control the instincts:

And you CAN have to control the instinct of reproduction

- by your conscience,
- by your reason
- by your will

- The mature person has all the instincts under control.

