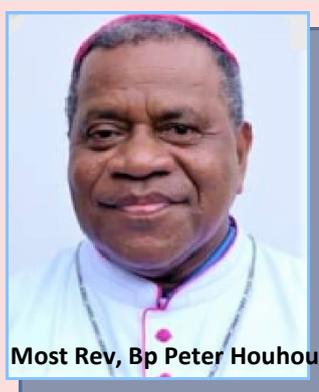




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Most Rev, Bp Peter Houhou

EASTER GREETINGS TO YOU ALL ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! THE LORD HAS TRULY RISEN INDEED ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Dear Beloved Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, and Laity of our beloved Diocese of Gizo. Before moving on into the 4th month of our journey for this year 2024, as the Bishop Shepherding our Diocese, I want to say;

Thank You very much indeed for all your contribution in whatever form of service, Big or Small that you have rendered in serving the people of God in our Diocese.

On Palm Sunday, as a Diocese, together with the Universal Church, we commemorate the Lord's Triumph Entry into Jerusalem. As he entered into Jerusalem, crowd welcome him, shouting at the top of his voices: HOSANA! waving palms and spreading their clothes on the on the road. He rode an animal (donkey) as he began his journey into Jerusalem, to Calvary and to the Cross.

This was the last week of Jesus' life and mission on this planet earth. It is an important week of prayer reflecting on the unconditional love of God for you and me. Within these last days, he had his Passover Meal with his Apostles. During this times, he washed their feet, as an example for them to follow. Above all, Jesus Instituted the Eucharist and he Ordained them as the first Priests in the Church to offer sacrifice of the Mass as he said to them; "Take and eat this is my Body, Take and drink, this is my Blood, do this in memory of Me".

Few days later, the same crowd, who has been shouting HOSANA! turned against him and started shouting at the top of their voices 3 times louder, CRUCIFY him, Crucify him! Crucify him! Why crucify him? Because their expectation was not met. They thought that this is the man who will liberate them from the power of the Romans.

He was led along the rocky road that leads up to Calvary. He fell 3 times, since he hasn't got any strength

left. There on the hill he was stripped of his clothe, mocked and was nailed to a Cross, died, buried, but, three (3) after, some women came from the tomb with the message that He is Alive, He is Alive, He has Risen from the death. Death has no power over him.

After journeying through the Holy Week as from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, celebrating the great mystery of Easter Triduum, what is your story and experience of Jesus eating the Passover Meal with his Apostles; the suffering Jesus carrying his Cross up the road that leads to Calvary, where he was crucified, died and was buried; and the Risen Jesus, where on the 3rd day, the women proclaimed he is Alive, Jesus has Risen from the death?

This Year 2024 is a very important year for our beloved Nation Solomon Islands. Why is it important? It is important because this year we will be having our National Election. It will be a joint election, for Provincial Seat and National Seat. Something that never happened in our Nation before. It will be historical election for our Nation Solomon Islands. It was declared by the Governor General that 17th April as the official Polling Day.

Looking back in history, April was not a good month for our Nation Solomon Islands. We have experienced so many bad things, such as Riots and Natural disasters. Despite of all these bad experiences, never giving up but as a Christian Nation, all our different Churches should put our minds and hearts together in pray that nothing worse will happen this month of April 2024, but something that will build our Nation Solomon Islands to be a better and happy Isles and home for our children.

As Easter People, and as we are journeying through this Easter Season, let us be guided by the Spirit of the Risen Lord in all that we do throughout this month of April, especially as we are preparing our eligible Voters for this upcoming Election. Remember that April 1st is called, FOOL'S DAY. Why fool's day? Why April 1st?

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POPE FRANCIS: PALM SUNDAY MESSAGE 2024



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Pope Francis on Palm Sunday: Jesus Entered Jerusalem as a Humble King.



On Palm Sunday, hundreds of priests, bishops, cardinals, and laypeople solemnly carried large palm branches in procession through St. Peter's Square

to begin the first liturgy of Holy Week. "Dear brothers and sisters, since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works," Pope Francis said in a soft voice at the beginning of Palm Sunday Mass on March 24. "Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery, that is to say, of his passion and resurrection." Speaking in St. Peter's Square adorned with palms and greenery, the pope invited the crowd to follow in Jesus' footsteps as he entered Jerusalem "so that being made by his grace partakers of the cross, we may have a share also in his resurrection and in his life." Pope Francis chose not to read the homily prepared for Palm Sunday Mass at the last minute without explanation. The 87-year-old pope, who arrived at the Mass in a wheelchair, has had aides read some of his speeches for him in recent weeks. The pope did read the prayers for the Mass and spoke at the end of the liturgy, offering an appeal for peace in Ukraine and prayers for the victims of the terrorist attack in Moscow. In his peace appeal, Pope Francis gave a brief reflection

on the Gospel account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey as the Prince of Peace. "Dear brothers and sisters, Jesus entered Jerusalem as a humble and peaceful king. Let us open our hearts to him. Only he can deliver us from enmity, hatred, violence, because he is mercy and the forgiveness of sins," the pope said. Palm Sunday is the only Mass of the year in which two Gospels are proclaimed. The Gospel of Mark's account of Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey was read aloud at the beginning of the Mass and later the Passion of the Lord was solemnly proclaimed with a choir singing the words of the crowd. An estimated 60,000 people were at the papal Mass, according to the Vatican Gendarmes. At the conclusion of the liturgy, Pope Francis rode through St. Peter's Square on the pope-mobile greeting enthusiastic pilgrims who waved flags and cheered. Pope Francis has a busy schedule for Holy Week. He will preside over a chrisem Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on Thursday morning before going to a women's prison in Rome to offer Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper. The pope is also scheduled to preside over a celebration for the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday at the Vatican and lead the Stations of the Cross devotion in Rome's Colosseum. On Holy Saturday, Pope Francis is set to preside over the Easter Vigil liturgy, where he will baptize new Catholics. On the morning of Easter Sunday, Pope Francis will be back in St. Peter's Square for Mass and will give the annual "urbi et orbi" Easter blessing. At the end of Palm Sunday Mass, Pope Francis said: "And now we turn in prayer to the Virgin Mary. Let us learn from her to stay close to Jesus during the days of Holy Week, in order to arrive at the joy of the Resurrection."

Bishops pastoral From page 1

All our beloved Intended Candidates will be moving from one community to another accompanying, expressing themselves as to what is their dreams and vision for the Constituency, if HE/SHE happens to come into power. Listen to them attentively with the ears of your heart to everything they have to say. I encourage you to ask question but respect them.

To answer the above questions: Day is neither Fool or Wise, but human being, especially when making decision and choices, one has to be very careful. Any day of the month can be a Fool's Day or even every day can be a Fool's Day. It all depends on the wise decisions and choices we make. Therefore, as the Polling Day is on the 17th April, 2024, as an eligible Voter for this upcoming election, don't be a Fool but be Wise in who you are going to Vote as your Voice, to represent you in the National House of Parliament.

Do not follow the crowd because of wrong reasons and expectations by shouting louder; Hosana! Hosana! and at the end of the day when things are not happening according to your expectations, again you and your group start shouting at the top of your voices, but this

time, three times louder than first; conman, crucify him, conman, crucify him, conman, crucify him.

Dear beloved Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters and Laity, especially the Catholic eligible Voters of our Diocese of Gizo. You are participating in a very important event of our Nation Solomon Islands, TO CHOOSE NEW LEADERS WHO WILL FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT TO GOVERN AND LEAD OUR NATION FOR THE COMING FOUR YEARS. HOPE THAT YOUR CHOICE WILL ANSWER THE CRY OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR BELOVED NATION SOLOMON ISLANDS FROM SHORE TO SHORE.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Hope that the above thoughts will help you to choose wisely a Leader who will represent you and be your voice in the National House of the Parliament for the next four Years.

HAPPY EASTER SEASON.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

HE IS ALIVE, HE IS ALIVE, HE IS ALIVE

HE HAS TRULY RISEN FROM THE DEATH

May the Peace of the Risen Lord be with you always.

Your Servant Bishop Peter Houhou

BISHOPS MESSAGE

Archbishop Urges Catholics to Vote Wise.

Our Archbishop Christ Cardone, OP urged every Catholic community throughout the country to vote wise this coming election on April 17th.

He said that this is a very important election that can move our country Solomon Island.

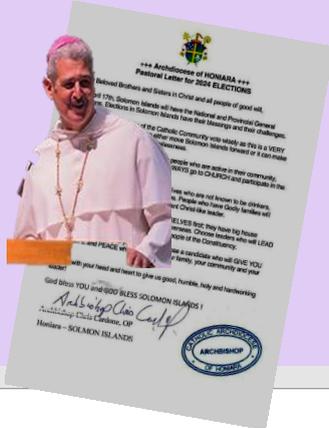
In his pastoral letter for the 2024 election, he urges every Catholic community to choose people who are well educated; people who are active in our communi-

ty, people who are God fearing who always go to church and participate in the faith life of the community.

Archbishop said that choose people who live good and Godly lives who are not known to be drinkers, gamblers, or those who have many spouses. He said that people who have Godly families will have a better chance of being good servants and Christ-like leaders.

He aware us of some politicians who lead and serve themselves first for they have big house compounds and their own families in school overseas, but asked us to choose leaders who will lead and serve others especially all people of the constituency.

Moreover, Archbishop Chris asked everyone to choose a candidate who would give us hope, life, and peace while developing our family, our community, and our nation.



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TO: Bishop Peter, Whennet, children, whole diocese
FROM: Bp. Luciano Capelli, sdb
RE: RIP Jerome

Tirano, Italy, March12, 2024

Dear Bishop Peter, Gizo Diocese Priests, sisters, people of God,

With great sorrow and with great hope in the final reward I join you in prayer for the repose of Rev. Deacon Jerome: a good and faithful servant in the Lord's vineyard at the Gizo diocese as diocesan pastoral coordinator.

He has been faithful and generous to his service ever since the diocese started and developed its renewal program. He leaves a great example for all of us, lay and consecrated persons. The sadness of his departure gives way to the joyful hope of the resurrection. After the struggle there is no more struggle, there is the victory at the arrival point... just like after lent and cross, there are no longer lent and crosses but the joy of the Easter resurrection

Sincerest sympathies to the family, wife, children and all relatives
One with you in prayer and solidarity

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EASTER CELEBRATION AROUND OUR DIOCESE

Priest Meeting 2024 End Successful.



A meeting between fourteen parish priests and their bishop, Bishop Peter Houhou, was successfully concluded here at Bethania, Gizo.

They got together to plan and assess their pastoral initiatives from March 11 to March 15.

And on Thursday, the 14th, Bishop Peter Houhou and his priests convened at St. Peter Cathedral in Gizo to celebrate the Chrism Mass alongside the local community.

On Friday, they had their closing.



Easter Celebration around our Diocese.

Easter Celebration Successful and Peaceful.



WAGINA

Beginning on Palm Sunday on March 24th until Easter Sunday on March 31st, the day of the Resurrection, our diocese had a tranquil and triumphant Easter celebration.

Many parishioners, ranging in age from children to adults, participated in the festivities to help make the Easter celebrations more beautiful.

Many expressed gratitude to one another for



Taro



Moli

the outcome, which was so serene and poignant as it depicted our Lord's suffering and gave everyone a chance to reaffirm their faith.

Youths Act out Magnificent Characters during Easter Celebration.

Our youths around our diocese performed wonderfully during Easter celebrations, especial on the Passion of our Lord.



Noro



Gizo

It was an emotional performance that, at each station, everyone came to witness how our Lord has encountered the suffering he took up during his journey to Calvary.

In the Sacred Heart parish Wagina, the station of the

cross has privileged those who are indoors while the stations are located through the village to have them come out, and witness the magnificent play the youths performed.

While in St. Peter Gizo and St. Eusebius Noro, the youths dramatized publicly, this allowed the public to join in for the celebration.

Their performance uncounted what happened two thousand years ago.



WAGINA

SAINT EUSEBIUS & WAGINA NEWS

St. Eusebius Setups for Ecumenicalism.



Following their first meeting on Friday at Noro priest house on March 8, the Saint Eusebius Noro parish has decided to pursue ecumenicalism. Pastors, priests, and mamas from various denominations attended the fraternal meeting and helped plan ecumenical programs. Fr. Charles commented that it was a beautiful sight to see different churches working together to build a true body of Christ.

Saint Eusebius, Fortunate to have Fr. Humberto for Lenten Retreat.



St. Eusebius parish Noro was fortunate to have Fr. Humberto from Wagina parish for two days Lenten retreat at the Noro Parish Mission Station. He was really helpful in leading two retreats on March 2 and 3 at two different locations, Canaan and Noro. Highlights of the one-day retreat included discussions and talks, Eucharistic celebration, adoration, and confession. Fr. Charles from India and other missionary priests who have been serving the Noro parish for a

long time thanked everyone for coming. He asked everyone to bear their crosses by supporting one another, pleading with them not to cut their crosses. "Jesus leads us in this journey"

A Day Retreat for Children.



On Sunday, March 10, the kids from Sacred Heart Parish Wagina had a productive retreat day at Wagina Mission Station.



Thanks to the retreat, overall, they felt much lighter and spiritual as they got ready for Easter. Overseen by Fr. Humberto and other missionaries who dedicated their time to instructing the kids on how to pray and get more involved in the church.

The Annunciation of the Lord

Monday 8th of April

The Annunciation of the Lord is usually celebrated on March 25, but in 2024 it falls on Monday of Holy Week,



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday 7th of April

Jesus told Saint Faustina that He desired an annual solemn Feast of Mercy.



NORTHERN DEANERY NEWS IN BITS

Moli Celebrate their Patron Saint.



St. Joseph Moli parish celebrated their patron saint on Tuesday 19th of March last month. As reported from that parish, the media person for the parish Anthony Telovae said that they had their Thanksgiving Mass officiated by their parish priest Fr. Timothy, and assisted by Fr. Qelo. Their liturgy came alive as the students from St. Joseph Secondary School lift up each other's spirits



as they sang and prayed. To make their feast day alive, they had their parade followed by speeches from Fr. Timothy and the chairman of the organizing committee Mr. Phillip Poqe. Their day's slogan was "Go Sepo Go" (Go, St. Joseph Go). While in Honiara, Members of St. Joseph Moli commemorate the feast day on the 16th of march at weekend as most of them are employed.

St. John Bosco Parish Successes a Day Meeting.



On March 2, St. John Bosco parish Taro held a productive day meeting at one of its neighborhood Chapel in Rabakela.

As reported from Taro, the parish priest, Fr. Jacob, stated that although the gathering usually hosted at Taro Catholic Mission Station, and by now the local community a involving.

He stated that passing the parish's 2024 budget was the top priority.

The parish priest added that everyone feels accountable and takes ownership of the parish overall.

"REACHED OUT INTO THE PERIPHERY" is the theme for the meeting.



Late Rev. Deacon Jerome Kuibatu.

It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to a beloved member of our community, Rev. Deacon Jerome Kuibatu. As the diocesan pastoral coordinator of the Gizo Diocese, Jerome served with unwavering dedication and selflessness, embodying the true spirit of a faithful servant in the Lord's vineyard. His tireless efforts and generous service have left an indelible mark on the Gizo Diocese since its inception.

Throughout his tenure, Jerome exemplified the virtues of faithfulness, compassion, and humility, touching the lives of countless individuals with his boundless love and unwavering commitment to the teachings of the Church. His leadership and guidance have been instrumental in nurturing the spiritual growth of our community, leaving behind a legacy that will continue to inspire and guide us for generations to come.

As we mourn the loss of a dear friend, mentor, and spiritual guide, let us take solace in the profound impact that Jerome has had on our lives and in the knowledge that he now rests in the loving embrace of our Heavenly Father. His passing leaves a void that will be deeply felt, but his memory will forever live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

To his immediate family, especially aunty Gwyneth Kui cousin sisters, brothers and the relatives at home, we (Moli People's Associations (MPA)-Honiara extend our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathies during this difficult time. May the love and support of our community provide comfort and strength in the days ahead.

In honoring the life and legacy of Rev. Deacon Jerome Kuibatu, let us strive to emulate his example of faith, service, and compassion, ensuring that his spirit continues to shine brightly within our parish and beyond

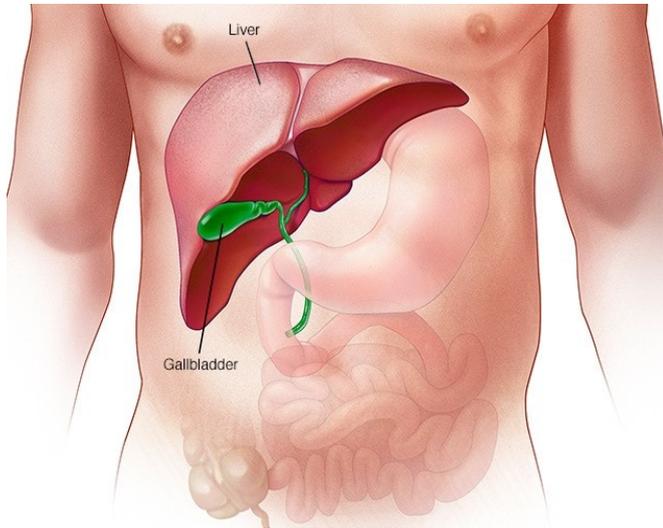
Rest in peace, dear brother, uncle, vava, late Rev. Jerome. Kuibatu, knowing that your good works will forever be cherished and your memory forever treasured.

Moli People's Associations (MPA)-Honiara

HEALTH TIPS & NEXT EVENTS

From previous article (Mayo Clinic Online)

Liver Disease.



The liver is an organ that sits just under the rib cage on the right side of the abdomen. It can weigh up to 4 pounds (1.8 kilograms). The liver is needed to help digest food, rid the body of waste products and make substances, called clotting factors, that keep the blood flowing well, among other tasks. Liver disease can be passed through families, called inherited. Anything that damages the liver also can cause liver problems, including viruses, alcohol use and obesity. Over time, conditions that damage the liver can lead to scarring, called cirrhosis. Cirrhosis can lead to liver failure, a life-threatening condition. But early treatment may give the liver time to heal. Liver disease doesn't always cause symptoms that

can be seen or felt. If there are symptoms of liver disease, they may include:

- Yellowing of the skin and the whites of the eyes, called jaundice. Yellowing of the skin might be harder to see on Black or brown skin.
- Belly pain and swelling.
- Swelling in the legs and ankles.
- Itchy skin.
- Dark urine.
- Pale stool.
- Constant tiredness.
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Loss of appetite.
- Bruising easily.

When to see a doctor

Make an appointment with your healthcare professional if you have any lasting symptoms that worry you. Seek medical help right away if you have belly pain that is so bad that you can't stay still.

Causes

Liver disease has many causes.

Infection

Parasites and viruses can infect the liver, causing swelling and irritation, called inflammation. Inflammation keeps the liver from working as it should. The viruses that cause liver damage can be spread through blood or semen, bad food or water, or close contact with a person who is infected. The most common types of liver infection are hepatitis viruses, including:

- Hepatitis A.
- Hepatitis B.
- Hepatitis C.

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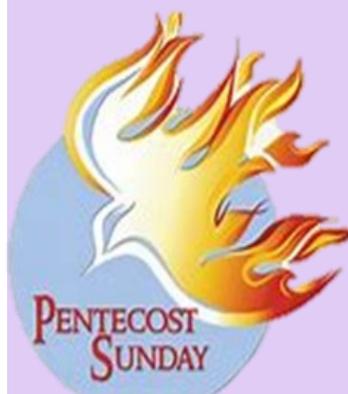
- UPCOMMING EVENTS FOR MAY 2024 -



Ascension of the Lord

Ascension Day for the year 2024 is celebrated on Thursday, May 9th. Ascension Day is held on a Thursday 39 days (40th day of Easter) after Easter Sunday and commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven. It is often called Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ, Ascension Thursday and Holy Thursday.

Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost is a Christian holiday which takes place on the 50th day (the seventh Sunday) after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Virgin Mary and the Apostles of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks.