



### The Month Of July.

FLA (Marriage Education & Personal Integration) Training.  
7–10 Nila.  
14–17 Gizo.  
21–24 Wagina.  
28–31 Moli/Kavata.

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### The Month of August

THE BIBLE MONTH  
AND THE WORLD  
YOUTH DAY

"The Word of God is  
the Way to  
forgiveness"

## BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR THE FAMILIES



We go through a lot of efforts in learning things, knowledge and skills about the

important events in life however at times we neglect learning the most important things: how to build a family life where we all

feel welcome, where we can all love and serve each other and experience God's alone and the peace and tranquility of family life.

Nobody can teach us how to love in a better way... we learn it in the intimacy of the family.

Nobody can teach us how to be truthful, honest and faithful to one's vows and commitments... except the parents and elders through their example.

Family Values are not 'thought' they can only be 'caught...' by the examples that are shown. Negative values unfortunately are also caught by the children.

Family violence, dishonesty, gambling,

drinking are vices which the children pick up and spoil the credibility of the parents.

Family life apostolate is the ministry of the diocese at the service of the renewal of our families.

We need renewed families who follow Christ teachings no matter how demanding other families might follow and the community might be renewed.

Failure to form our families will result in the failure of the formation of the domestic church.

**".....Fruitfulness in the ministry will result in a better society and a better church....."**

Fruitfulness in the ministry will result in a better society and a better church where God's Kingdom will triumph and peace, love, truth and justice will prevail....

*For you a Bishop with you a Christian  
Who loves you with 'solo' heart made in Italy  
Bishop Luciano Capelli SDB*



**"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"**



**Rellysdom A Malakana**  
*(Media Coordinator)*

June 24 is the Nativity of John the Baptist

The Nativity of St John the Baptist comes three months after the celebration on March 25 of the Annunciation. The Annunciation is the Christian celebration of the announcement by the archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would become the mother of Jesus Christ the Son of God. Despite being a virgin, Mary would miraculously conceive a child who would be called the Son of God.

Also This month we will celebrate the solemnity of SS Peter and Paul on the 29th of June, not only the feast of the two greatest apostles of the Church, but also our own belonging and fidelity to our Church. We build on Peter, the rock of faith and the rallying point of unity in the Church. With Paul, we are part of a missionary Church which wants to make Christ known to all the world.

The ministry of these Apostles are of great importance. they provide the bridge between what was and what was to be. This remind us to hear them and follow their teachings, to follow the direction they offered in pointing out Jesus as our Saviour.

In our Diocese the theme we want to promote this year is "RECONCILIATION". This reminds us of "To give and re-give all the sense of Solidarity by doing Actions within our brothers and sisters and with the nature around us".

Our Catholic Church treasures the sacrament of reconciliation. When we regret what we've done wrong, we may confess our sins to God through the ministry of a priest.

Reconciliation is worth a thing if the presence of our-self, priest, God and our enemy.



**NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
JUNE 4TH**

The Gospel of Luke includes an account of John's infancy, introducing him as the son of Zachariah, an old man, and his wife Elizabeth, who was barren. The birth of John was foretold by the angel Gabriel to Zachariah, while Zachariah was performing his functions as a priest in the temple of Jerusalem. Since Zachariah is described as a priest of the course of Abijah and his wife, Elizabeth, as one of the daughters of Aaron, this would make John a descendant of Aaron on both his father's and mother's side.

The Gospel of Luke states that Jesus was conceived when Elizabeth was about six months pregnant, and when her cousin Mary came to tell her about her news, Elizabeth's unborn child "jumped for joy" in her womb. The Catholic calendar placed the feast of John the Baptist on June 24, six months before Christmas.



**Solemnity of SS  
Peter and Paul  
June 29th**

Saints Peter and Paul are the principle pillars of the Church founded by Christ. Saint Peter was chosen by Christ to be his first Vicar on earth; he was endowed with powers of the keys of the kingdom of heaven (Mt 16:13-19) and charged with the role of Shepherd of Christ's flock (Jn 21:15-17).

St. Peter suffered martyrdom under Nero, in about the year 64 AD. He was buried at the hill of the Vatican; recent excavations have revealed his tomb on the very site of St. Peter's Basilica.

Saint Paul was chosen to form part of the apostolic college by Christ himself on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-16). Selected to bring Christ's name to all peoples (Acts 9:15), he is the greatest missionary of all time, the advocate of pagans, the Apostle of the Gentiles.



## \_ Happenings in Our Diocese \_



### Discerning of one's vocation is to listen to God's voice.

**Joseph Lalaubatu**  
*Diocesan Pastoral Coordinator*

The Catholic Diocese of Gizo, once again hosted its yearly "Come & See" program at the Pastoral Centre, Moli from 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2011. A total of fifteen (15) young men from the Diocese joined the program which was facilitated and animated by the Diocesan Vocation Director - Fr. Jacob Qetobacho and was ably assisted by Fr. Gabriel Matotewa, Fr. Stephen Te'e and George Pitatu.

This "Come & See" program was initiated by the Bishop of Gizo - Most. Rev. Luciano Capelli sdb in response to the need of Priests in the Diocese soon after his Episcopal ordination in October 2007. This process is to help the Diocese identify generous young men who feel that God is calling them to the priesthood and who are willing to give themselves to serve the people of God in the diocese of Gizo.

Fr. Stephen Te'e challenged the young men to develop their trust in the Lord and in themselves and they should seek to exercise their trust not only by what they hear from their parents or friends but also by taking notice of the signs and the gifts that surround them that tells them that God is calling generous young men like them to the priesthood.

The program covers the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and re-

flection talks which includes; Pope's message on vocation, what is vocation, discernment of one's vocation, difference between vocation and profession, vocation experiences, what is a Priest and diocesan spirituality. Other activities include work sessions and sporting activities.

The Diocese of Gizo is among other dioceses in the world that is experiencing the shortage of own local priests and for years now we have been fortunate with the continues presence of the Dominican Friars and to get Priests from the Philippines, Myanmar and the Diocese of Auki, Malaita Province. We really admire their work and presence to our young people since their presence here is also helping us to promote vocation in our diocese.

However, we feel that borrowing of priests from outside does not solve our shortage of priests. We need to journey with our young people, experience their life, accompany them in their discernment process and formed them for life.

Since then many young men have responded well to their call and made efforts to discern their vocation to the Priesthood and in life. We appreciated a good number of generous young men who came forward and respond to this call and today many of these young men are now doing their studies at the Holy Name of Mary Seminary - Tenaru. Next Year, we hope to send another group of young men to the pre-seminary to begin their studies.



# \_\_ Happenings Around Our Parishes \_\_

## CHILDREN; BE ACTORS OF KINDNESS AND LOVE.

**Joseph Lalaubatu.**

*(Diocesan Pastoral Coordinator)*

As the month of June unfolds the Catholic Cathedral Sunday School of Gizo Parish gather together for their first Children's Mass on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, together with their teachers, parents and the Dominican Religious Community at Loga Island.

More than eighty children joined in with excitements, to begin the day with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, celebrated by Fr. Stephen Te'e, assistant Parish Priest of Gizo Parish. The lively children's liturgy was led by Sunday school teachers, May Thugea & Fatima Beatrice and assisted by Br. Vincent Ora OP who provides the prayerful music, needed to arouse the children's participation in the celebration.

In his homily, Fr. Te'e challenged the children, together with teachers and parents saying; "do what you think is good for each other and to feel the presence of the love of God in each other. The good works of kindness and love that you are doing and experiencing with your brothers and sisters is the work of Jesus Christ present and living in you"

After the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, children have time to eat their morning refreshments and followed by games organized by their teachers.

Junior ones were guided by couple of teachers doing varieties of games in which the children really enjoyed, while the senior ones played volleyball.

At noon time, they all have their lunch as provided by their parents and followed with a game of futsal for senior boys together

with Fr. Te'e. The day ended with everyone enjoying jumping from the beautiful Loga wharf into the sea for the final fun before returning to Gizo.



## Youth Retreat attracts more youth...



**Walter Pua'ara**

*(Parish Youth Coordinator Gizo).*

This year our youths in Gizo parish were fortunate to reflect on their personal lives when they met together on the 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> of May to have their first ever retreat here in Loga Island. An unexpected number of 39 youth came out from all hidden corners from Gizo town, New Sotiwa, Sitokava and Babanga, and to spent their time with each other by praying and reflecting on their personal lives .

The retreat was facilitated by the assistant parish priest Gizo Fr. Stephen Kamao.

The priest explained to youth about the work of the Holy Spirit in the church and the importance of the Holy Spirit in the trinity. He pointed out that at every time you make the sign of the cross upon entering the church the last person that you will recall his name is the Holy Spirit. He said, that the work of the Holy Spirit was to lead you in truth because only this truth will set you free, he challenged the youth to live now as sons and daughters of the church and to be a living example of this truth.

Finally I would like to convey my special thanks and appreciation to the retreat master Fr. Stephen Kamao Op, Brother Vincent Ora Op and the Dominican sisters at Loga Island for accepting and allowing our youths to be part of their community during their retreat. "You are great"



# — NEWS IN BITS —

## New Boys Training Center Gizo Likely to Commence Soon

The New Boys Training Center is likely to commence class after it was been surveyed by the delegation from the Educations office Honiara.

The Center will provide training only for the boys residing in and around Gizo town. As it is a urban setup and the center will



provide training such as Electrical subjects, Air conditionings/refrigeration, basics on mechanics, computer and carpentry and life skills

The center will allow 12 students between 16 and 20 years of age to register. And the exact date for the center to open is not yet finalize.

## Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand, 3 Days

2 officers from Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand (CANZ) were here from 22–24 this month June. Their visitation was main to enable Caritas CANZ to develop an indirect link with the Diocese of Gizo.

The 3 days visitation program workshop for our diocese and the CANZ are to review and access the needs of the communities and come-up with an outline of a proposal that will be submitted to CANZ in the next months to apply for Sustainable Development Fund.



Christiana and Ireen from Mahitahi New Zealand also here did recap, monitoring, evaluating the diocesan pastoral project activities.

## St. John Bosco J.S.S. Tuha Students Thanked Bishop for Their New Dining Hall.

John Bosco Junior Secondary School student thanked bishop's for the New Dining Hall which is now been used for serving their own meals. On behalf of the student, Malcolm (F4 NSSS) and (Christopher (F3 N.JSS) thanked the Bishop for his concern for the education for the youths.

The hall can accommodate 200 students. They said that they can also convert this into social hall or any activities of the run by the school. They said that this is the development that benefit to the health of the student. They concluded that each student must take responsibility to care for the nice building.



## Opening of the Sport Fest

There was fun and laughter in spite of the bad weather during the Queen's birthday last June 10 because of the opening of the Rector's cup. The parade started from the school down to the Mission station. In the absence of music and sound system we just made our own noise.

There were colorful banners with the fantastic names. We had a good time especially when we were given a special buns and pop drink.







EDUCATION 4 LIFE  
**FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS**



**4 THE FALLOUTS OF SEXUALITY**

► **1.-The alteration of health**

◆ **Sexual abstinence** is not bad. It doesn't make one sick, impotent, doesn't cause headaches nor stomach pains.

◆ **It is of course the contrary:** Those who have sexual relations can **catch diseases:** gonorrhoea, syphilis, hepatitis B, and AIDS...

► **2.-The precariousness of unwanted pregnancies**

◆ The Girls are always in danger (poverty, sterility, academic drop-out), for the child (abortion, death).

◆ The Boys have to ask themselves questions in the same direction to avoid destroying the future of the Girls.

◆ Children need the love of their parents. When the small child is left to the grandmother, because the true father is not known or doesn't want to take up his responsibilities, they are "orphans with living parents".

