



HOLY, FORMED AND SENT FOR MISSION



BISHOPS MARCH MESSAGE

CELEBRATING LENT WITH CHRISTIAN FAITH AND COURAGE



The seriousness of our Lenten penance depends on the seriousness of our faith
 The Lenten season is a journey deeper into our consciences, to become more aware of the identity and our mission as baptized Catholics
God asking us to go back to Him with Jesus in a new Heart "come back to me"
 Either we are serious about it or take it as a joke. Our Muslim brothers can teach us a lot about seriousness by the way they live their 'Ramadam' days of fasting; they do it seriously... because they strongly believe in it. Do we believe in Fasting, abstinence, sacrificing during lent? Fast and abstinence are now obligatory only on ash Wednesday and good Friday, however, Our catholic tradition was forbidding us from taking meat on all Fridays first and later only during Lent. Now we can replace this during the Fridays of Lent with other acts of penance

POPE FRANCIS ASKS US TO FAST FROM DISORDERS OF PRIDE AND SELFISHNESS

Fast from hurting words, say Kind words
 Fast from sadness, be filled with gratitude
 Fast from anger, be filled with patience
 Fast from pessimism, be filled with hope
 Fast from worries, trust in God
 Fast from complains and pressure, be more prayerful

Fast from pride, be humble
 Fast from selfishness, be compassionate,
 Fast from hatred by words of forgiveness
 Fast from grudges, be reconciled
 Fast from words, be silent and listen

IN ORDER TO SHOW COMPASSION I AM ENCOURAGING YOU TO

give the money you save to the poor: to the **'compassion fund'**
 giving up (gambling, betel nut, whisky and kola, beer, home brew... smoke):
 add the cost ex I save 10\$ x day, I give 300 x month for solidarity fund for the emergencies of my neighbor
 Collecting fire wood for our 'olo' who cannot go to the bush...
 Build sanitation facility in the village for our 'olo' including
 all who have serious needs: (not for school fee... but... ex fire, big house damage... no fishing because of husband sick of big rain, need kai-kai for the day
 see your Parish Priest give to the compassion fund what you save from your fasting for the emergency of your neighbor

3 practical recommendations for lent in all our 8 parishes:

Let us keep a prayerful atmosphere during all Lenten season most especially **during all Fridays of lent, let us avoid any noisy activity** such as fund raising or sports activities, dances and the like let us do all noisy activities during other days of the week (preferably after Easter to celebrate the Resurrection)
 Keep our private homes and parish campuses **rub-bish, smoke and betel nut free** during the all Lenten season? If we do this, we might wish to continue and keep mother nature, our common home, a healthier and more beautiful place to live in
 With our fasting and sacrificing things we can do away with, **let us contribute to a 'compassion fund'** which the PP will use at his discretion to help emergency cases in the parish

FAITH AND COURAGE VICTORY WILL BE OURS AFTER THE STRUGGLE

At the end of the road, there is no more road, there is the arriving point
 At the end of the struggles there is no more struggle, there is Victory
 At the end of winter there is no more winter, there is the spring time
 At the end of lent there is no more lent, there is the Passion Week
 At the end of the Passion Week there is no more Passion, there is the victory of the Resurrection

BLESSINGS FOR A HAPPY LENTEN STRUGLE AND A JOYFUL EASTER VICTORY

Bp Luciano Capelli, sdb Gizo Diocese
For you a bishop with you a brother who loves you with a 'solo heart' made in Italy 73 years ago

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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

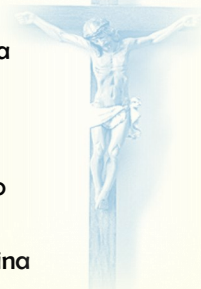
• **November** 4–6 Media Training northern deanery, Moli

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



Special day dedication for the disables

We along with Guanella Lay Movement namely Good Samaritan Group and parish community are very happy to celebrate world special people day on 6th of December 2020. This is the second time celebration of special people day in Noro Solomon Islands. Today's program started with Holy Mass by starting second Advent Sunday by lighting the candle with our special people Martin. Fr. Anil celebrated Holy Mass and Fr Visu gave homily about the readings reflection with the value and dignity of the humanity. We need to love and respect everyone as our brother and sister. No One has To Be Lost In The World. We should accept them as our brothers and sisters without any unfairness. The theme was **We are God's Family**. In this program 48 special people participated in different villages namely Munda, Rawaki, Canaan and Noro

The chief guest was Mrs. Bella who is the manager of human resource department of the sol tuna. She gave talk about the background of celebration how to accept and love the special people in all levels. It is pleasant to celebrate world special people day in Noro town. She is very happy to give awareness of the special people. Mr. John Bella who is the elder of the parish community and the head of the engineering staff in the sol tuna has been also invited as guest. He also acknowledged the goodness of the guanellian presence in this celebration of special people day. He also thanked Frs. Luigi, Visu and Anil for their service in this parish community. Mrs. Mary who is in charge of the Community Based Rehabilitation in the Goldie hospital also present in this celebration with her colleagues. She gave talk about how to assist the physically challenged and also gave some orientation to the community about this Covid 19.



We also gave T. shirt and grocery items for all the special people. Our Good Samaritan group collected funds for this celebration. Our Divine Mercy group prepared the garland for all the special people and prepared food partially for this celebration. We also shared the food for everyone those who participated in this program. Fr. Anil thanked everyone mean while the pastor from the church of Assembly of God closed the program with prayer.

LAY FORMATION AWARENESS AT ST. EUSEBIUS PARISH, NORO.

Lay formation awareness training held at St. Eusebius Parish Noro on February 20, 2021. Forty - (40) leaders of various sectors in the parish attended the training. The participants were coming all the way from Rinqi, Rarumana, Canaan, and Solumuni, in, and around Noro itself.

The presentation based on the pastoral letter of our bishop's conference of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands and laity roles derived from their baptism.

Mr. Moses Poqeava the lay coordinator for this diocese gave this awareness talk with the help of Mr. Jerome Kuibatu.

The leaders who were participated voiced out that this awareness had really helped them to see their responsibilities that derived from their baptism. The letter of the bishops they said, encouraged them to stand firm in their faith and work in partnership with the clergy to build the church. All have a part to play in building the church of God.

After the Mass on Sunday, we had a privilege to talk to the congregation about the importance of Mass as a baptized catholic. Because every Eucharistic celebration as Catholic must understand first as the work of God – through, with and in Jesus Christ, it is saving work for us and in us, and only then can we understand it as our work or responding with praise, thanks giving, petition and fidelity. The congregation were so happy and thankful for the presentation and they were hungry for more.

After the presentation, we had a chance to show them the Holy land pictures, which encouraged them to own a bible. However, they will continue to share and meditate on the word of God in their SCC groups.

In the afternoon, we went across to Canaan for the Holy Eucharistic Celebration. After the Mass, we also shared in brief the pastoral letter of our bishop, and the roles and responsibilities that derived from their Baptism.

They exclaimed that they felt weak in their Christian responsibilities but by listening to the presentation they were empower again to stand firm in their faith as they were holy consecrated and sent for service to their own families and communities for a better Christian Catholics.

Gizo, DPTA

"With the heart of a father: so Joseph loved Jesus "

A year dedicated to Saint Joseph which will last until 8 December 2021. The Pope highlights a particular characteristic of Saint Joseph

1. "he took care of Mary and the Child

- The theme of "taking care" of each other,
- From the Pope's New Year's Day to Peace and Saint Joseph is a splendid example of this.

2. importance of ordinary people, those patients, sowers of co-responsibility.

- "the man who goes unnoticed,
- 'man of the daily presence, discreet and hidden "
- «our lives are woven and sustained by ordinary people
- They do not appear in the headlines of newspapers and magazines o the decisive events of our history are writing today: doctors, nurses and all those who have understood that we cannot save ourselves

3. To Saint Joseph, silent holy God the Father has entrusted the care and responsibility of Jesus and Mary,

«Get up, take his child and mother with you, flee to Egypt.
Get up, take his child and mother with you and go to the land of Israel.
He arose, took the child and his mother and entered the land of Israel.

4. Jesus and Mary his Mother are the most precious treasure of our faith.

Are we protecting and loving Jesus and Mary with all our strength?
We implore his intercession and imitate his love, his courage,
his tenderness and his enthusiasm for Jesus and Mary.

5. We are in the middle of Lent

Let's turn it into an opportunity to meditate on His Word and to pray.
"The network of people who pray of all of you who join spiritually
We keep alive the family prayer of the Holy Rosary;
in particular, on the feast day of St. Joseph, Thursday 19 March,

6. Prayer to St. Joseph with which Pope Francis concludes his document

*We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace
of graces: our conversion
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Franciscus



“THIS IS THE TIME OF FULLFILLMENT. THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND.REPENT, AND BELIVE IN THE GOSPEL” MARK 1:15

Today 21/02/21, I would like to share a beautiful experience in the health ministry.



About two weeks ago came to our clinic a woman client with a terminal illness, and sad to say she must be already suffering for long time but she never mind the suffering, and continue with her life, I used to visit her daily and give the best service I could especially being a health worker of Jesus, day by day her condition was deteriorating, so besides the health service I started to prepare her to face Jesus, yesterday, I talk to her that if Jesus want her to go don't be fear go.... because you are just but going ahead and we will follow you someday, I asked to the family to get the Parish priest to give her the Sacrament of the anointing of the sick and she was given in the evening, during my Rosary, Vespers it was all dedicated for her, asking God to do what He wills of her. Today, her daughter in law came to our place and asked some medicine for her and we agreed that I will come the to visit immediately after the Sunday Mass for at that moment I was busy teaching the First communion Class. After the Mass, I decided to go there but she went already to her son's house so I decided to visit her after our Lectio Divina with women's group in one home near the Maniaba of Nusabaruka, after the Lectio Divina, I looked for a transport to bring us to her place, but the boat we asked was really busy, and luckily one boat brought us to

reach the place. When we arrived there, she was with the husband, talking faintly to him and that moment I saw a real love and faithfulness of these two couple, indeed I measured her vital signs but it was low, when she saw me, she recognized me and called me... sister... koraba... then I touched her but then she was calling the husband so, I let him hold her hand and I started to remind her again...don't fear If Jesus is calling you to go, don't fear Him, hold on to him and you know Mother Mary is here too with us... so I started to pray the Holy Rosary together with the women, while we were praying, her breath was going slowly, until we finish our Rosary then she stopped to breath and followed the blood coming out from the nose. She is now with God in Heaven and Mother Mary surely accompanied her. I was just speechless at that moment and thank Jesus for this opportunity to experience again to prepare a soul to meet Him and her mother Mary.

Through this experience I would like to encourage all the health workers, our mission in front of the sick is so important, we should never be tired of giving all our heart in our service, we may not heal their physical illness but, let us think of their spiritual illness. Let's remember that our care, our love our concern for them will remind them of God's love for them, and will help them realized through our service that our real home is heaven.

Sometimes, we are so happy in this world and we forget that we are just but a pilgrims here on earth, and often times I ask myself these questions? why sometimes we forget that heaven is our final destiny? When shall we realized to change our life and tract the way of conversion?

I would like to thank God for every opportunity He gave me to help the people who knocks at our heart asking for help spiritually and physically, they are sent by God help me to be generous, to be merciful and compassionate and the help me so much to be a real Servant of the Visitation whose charisma is to renew the Visit of the Lord to the humanity through the Spirit of Joy.

Sr. Alice Salas

AVAILABLE!!!

NOW IN THE DIOCESE OF GIZO WE HAVE HYMN BOOKS ON SALE AT \$50-00

Easter Triduum IS COMMING UP YOU MIGHT NEED SOME FOR A WELL PREPARED LITURGY

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS FOR LENT 2021

“BEHOLD, WE ARE GOING UP TO JERUSALEM” (MT 20:18)

LENT: A TIME FOR RENEWING FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father’s will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world.

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who “humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross” (Phil 2:8). During this season of conversion, *let us renew our faith, draw from the “living water” of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ.* At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. Mt 6:1-18), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (*fasting*), concern and loving care for the poor (*almsgiving*), and childlike dialogue with the Father (*prayer*) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

1. ***Faith calls us to accept the truth and testify to it before God and all our brothers and sisters.***

In this Lenten season, *accepting and living the truth revealed in Christ* means, first of all, opening our hearts to God’s word, which the Church passes on from generation to generation. This truth is not an abstract concept reserved for a chosen intelligent few. Instead, it is a message that all of us can receive and understand thanks to the wisdom of a heart open to the grandeur of God, who loves us even before we are aware of it. Christ himself is this truth. By taking on our humanity, even to its very limits, he has made himself the way – demanding, yet open to all – that leads to the fullness of life.

Fasting, experienced as a form of self-denial, helps those who undertake it in simplicity of heart to rediscover God’s gift and to recognize that, created in his image and likeness, we find our fulfilment in him. In embracing the experience of poverty, those who fast make themselves poor with the poor and accumulate the treasure of a love both received and shared. In this way, *fasting helps us to love God and our neighbor*, inasmuch as love, as Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches, is a movement outwards that focuses our attention on others and considers them as one with ourselves (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 93).

Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to “make his dwelling” among us (cf. *Jn* 14:23). *Fasting involves being freed from all that weighs us down – like consumerism or an excess of information*, whether true or false – in order to open the doors of our hearts to the One who comes to us, poor in all things, yet “full of grace and truth” (*Jn* 1:14): the Son of God our Saviour.

HOLY FORMED AND SENT FOR SERVICE

2. Hope as “living water” for our Journey

The Samaritan woman at the well, whom Jesus asks for a drink, does not understand what he means when he says that he can offer her “living water” (Jn

4:10). Naturally, she thinks that he is referring to material water, but Jesus is

speaking of the Holy Spirit whom he will give in abundance through the paschal mystery, bestowing a hope that does not disappoint. Jesus had already spoken of this hope when, in telling of his passion and death, he said that he would “be raised on the third day” (Mt 20:19). Jesus was speaking of the future opened up by the

Father’s mercy. Hoping with him and because of him means believing that history

does not end with our mistakes, our violence and injustice, or the sin that crucifies

Love. It means receiving from his open heart the Father’s forgiveness.

*In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated (cf. *Laudato Si’*, 32-33; 43-44). Saint Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: “Be reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5:20). By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others. Having received forgiveness ourselves, we can offer it through our willingness to enter into attentive dialogue with others and to give comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain. God’s forgiveness, offered also through our words and actions, enables us to experience an Easter of fraternity.*

*In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with “speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn” (Fratelli Tutti, 223). In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind, to be “**willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile**”, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference” (ibid., 224).*

Through recollection and silent prayer, hope is given to us as inspiration and interior light, illuminating the challenges and choices we

face in our mission. Hence the need to pray (cf. Mt 6:6) and, in secret, to encounter the Father of tender love.

To experience Lent in hope entails growing in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is “making all things new” (cf. Rev 21:1-6). It means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day, and always being “prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls [us] to account for the hope that is in [us]” (1 Pet 3:15).

3. ***Love, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope.***

Love rejoices in seeing others grow. Hence it suffers when others are anguished, lonely, sick, homeless, despised or in need. Love is a leap of the heart; it brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion.

*“Social love’ makes it possible to advance towards **a civilization of love**, to which all of us can feel called. **With its impulse to universality, love is capable of building a new world.** No mere sentiment, it is the best means of discovering effective paths of development for everyone” (Fratelli Tutti, 183).*

Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. It enables us to view those in need as members of our own family, as friends, brothers or sisters. A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness. Such was the case with the jar of meal and jug of oil of the widow of Zarephath, who offered a cake of bread to the prophet Elijah (cf. 1 Kings 17:7-16); it was also the case with the loaves blessed, broken and given by Jesus to the disciples to distribute to the crowd (cf. Mk 6:30-44). Such is the case too with our almsgiving, whether small or large, when offered with joy and simplicity.

To experience Lent with love **means caring** for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord's word to his Servant, "**Fear not**, for I have redeemed you" (Is 43:1). In our charity, may we **speak words of reassurance** and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters.

"Only a gaze transformed by charity can enable the dignity of others to be recognized and, as a consequence, **the poor** to be acknowledged and valued in their dignity, respected in their identity and culture, and thus truly integrated into society" (Fratelli Tutti, 187).



Dear brothers and sisters, every moment of our lives is a time for

believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent **as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods**, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.

May Mary, Mother of the Saviour, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence. May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 11 November 2020, the Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours

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<h1 style="text-align: center;">Paschal Triduum</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">The Easter Triduum or Holy Triduum is the three-day celebration of the Paschal Mystery: the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ</p>	<p>PASCHAL: associated with the Hebrew Passover; referring to Jesus as the Lamb of God</p> <p>TRIDUUM: derived from the Latin for three days</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Paschal mystery has two aspects: by his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Paschal Triduum bridges the seasons of Lent to Easter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried, and risen.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>The Roman Missal</small></p>
<p>DAY 1: sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Good Friday</p> <p>DAY 2: sundown on Good Friday to sundown on Holy Saturday</p> <p>DAY 3: sundown on Holy Saturday to sundown on Easter Sunday</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">HOLY THURSDAY: "Jesus gives himself to us as food and, in the washing of feet, teaches us the need to serve others."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GOOD FRIDAY: "In the mystery of Christ's death on the cross, we contemplate that undying divine love which embraces all mankind and summons us in turn to love one another in the power of the Spirit."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOLY SATURDAY: "The day of God's silence - invites us not only to solidarity with all who are abandoned and alone, but also to trust in that faithful love which turns death into life."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>SOURCE: POPE FRANCIS, GENERAL AUDIENCE, MARCH 23, 2016</small></p>	
 <p style="text-align: center;">Archdiocese of Toronto www.archtoronto.org f archtoronto</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">"These, then, are days which speak to us powerfully of God's love and mercy." - Pope Francis</p>	