

First Holy  
Communion &  
Confirmation Dates  
2008

First Holy Communion  
Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> 2008  
during the 10 am Mass

Confirmation will be  
celebrated 22nd June  
2008 during the 10 am

**The Visit of His  
Eminence Cardinal  
Adrien Theodore Sarr of  
Dakar to the Gambia.**

**May 23 to 25 2008**

The Catholic Community of the Diocese of Banjul and indeed the Gambian Nation will welcome His Eminence Cardinal Adrien Theodore Sarr to The Gambia from May 23 to May 25 2008.

The Cardinal accepted an invitation from His Lordship Robert P. Ellison, Bishop of Banjul, to visit the country.

Bishop Ellison established a committee under the chairmanship of Rev Fr. Bruno Toupan to prepare for the visit of the Cardinal.

The Cardinal will celebrate Mass at Lamin and the Cathedral, Banjul, during his visit here.

St. Kizito's Parish has been levied to pay D15'000.00 to help with the cost of hosting the cardinal and his entourage. Today all collections taken during Mass will be forwarded to the Organising Committee. Please give generously. Thank You

**Mass Times at St. Kizito's**

Sunday 8 30 and 10 am; Weekdays  
6.45 am; Saturdays and Public  
Holidays 7.30 am

**Please Pray for the Following  
Intentions**

Special intention.  
Special intentions for Children.  
Prayers for those in our community  
who are sick.  
Prayers requested for those doing  
the Grade 12 examinations  
Special intention to Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help

# St. Kizito's Parish Newsletter

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**Readings Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11**

Last Sunday Jesus told the disciples that he would not leave them orphans. *'I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy'*. Today in the passage from John he prays top the Father for the disciples who have been faithful to him during his earthly ministry. *'I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those who have given me, because they belong to you'*. Further on in the passage he prays ;*'and in them I am glorified'*.

A lot of food for thought there if we really want to take this passage and pray with it. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us of what happened after the Ascension of Jesus. They disciples went back to Jerusalem and joined in continuous prayer. What were they praying for? They were praying for the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the short time since the death of Jesus they realized that proclaiming his name was not going to be easy. They would have to suffer when they took to the streets. The scenes of Good Friday were still fresh in their minds. Throughout the ministry of Jesus they physically had him with them. He was able to master even the most verbal opponent.

In the context of all that was happening for the early church this prayer of Jesus given us today from St John is timely. In reflecting on it the follower of Jesus will find courage and strength to live the message even when times are difficult. John makes appoint of stressing the unity of the Father and the Son with the believer. The person who puts trust in Jesus will never be alone because he will with that person as they strive to live the gospel in their daily lives.

John reminds us though the Christian live in the world we strive for something that is beyond the world. We strive to be Christ-like in all that we do. John tells us that in our lives is Jesus glorified in the world. If we are to praise the name of Christ in the world then we need to live lives that are worthy of the Gospel.

The coming week is a good week for us to look at how we make the name of Jesus known in the world. We are preparing for the Feast of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost) The disciples prayed continually for the strength to be witness in their time. We too should pray during the coming week for the strength to be His witness in the world of today.

**May... The Month of Our  
Lady**

Mary, you are the Mother of Jesus  
and my Mother, my guide and inspiration.  
Although I see your life as extraordinary,  
you lived each day as an ordinary person  
in your own time and place.

Help me to live my own ordinary life  
according to God's will.  
Help me to see God's will  
and the connections between the ordinary  
and the extraordinary  
that happen for me each day.  
Give me the commitment  
to ponder and savour life as you did.  
Bless me with insight  
to recognise the Spirit's action in my life  
and reflect the Father's goodness to others.  
I ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son.

**The Hail Mary**

*The 'Hail Mary' is the first prayer most Catholics learn. The first sentence is the archangel Gabriel's greeting to Mary at the Annunciation.*

*The Second is St. Elizabeth's exclamation of joy when Mary came to visit. These two sentences were prayed together for thousands of years.*

*By the 15th century the last half was added, and Pope St Pius V formally approved the complete prayer in 1566.*

**We Remember our Dead**

Louis Seth Gomez, Jacob Faye, Charlie Njie, Mary Jatta, Elizabeth Mendy, Vincent Jatta, Hannah Sock, Harry Llyod Evans (16yrs), Anna Llyod Evans, Edward Llyod Evans, Pauline Colley, Ya Anchur Sowe, Ya Michelle Sylva, Anthony Prom, Vera Josephine Rettew, Mrs Belinda Bidwell (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.), B.B. Njie, Yagu Gabriel Njie, Ya Anchur Sowe, Michael Innis. Emmanuel Fowles, Marie Louise Yahdeh Sarr, Thomas Johnson.

*May they share in the resurrection of Jesus*

## Parish Announcements

Collections: 1<sup>st</sup> D4'200.00 2<sup>nd</sup>  
D1'775.00

**The Parish Pastoral Council** will meet today, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, after the 10 am Mass. All members are asked to attend.

### **May – the month of our Lady**

Rosary and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7 pm. During the month of May you are encouraged to pray the Rosary at home with your family.

### **Sydney 2008 Raffle**

Tickets are available for the Sydney 2008 Raffle organised by the Diocesan Youth Committee. Tickets cost D100. The first prize in the raffle is an air ticket. Tickets are available at the Parish Office.

### **Poponguine Pilgrimage**

The pilgrimage to Poponguine is scheduled for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008. The fare is D1000.00 per pilgrim. All would be pilgrims are asked to pay the sum at St. Kizito's Parish office or St Theresa's Parish Office before May 5<sup>th</sup>. All would be pilgrims are invited to a meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm either at the Cathedral or at St Theresa's

### **St Charles L'wanga Junior Choir**

will stage a concert on May 9<sup>th</sup> 2008 at the Jerma Hotel. Adm. D100. Transport provided (see notice board for details)

### **Engagement Vous – Blessed**

Sacrament Church will stage their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Talent Show and Dance on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Fr. Farrell Memorial Hall, Kanifing. Admission D50.

### **Marie Rivier Association**

The Association will meet today at 5pm in the Sisters Compound, London Corner

## Liturgical Calendar May 5 – May 11 2008

May 5	7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
May 6	7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11
May 7	7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	Acts 20: 28-30; Jn 17-11-19
May 8	7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	Acts 22:30,23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
May 9	7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	Acts 25: 13-21; Jn 21:15-19
May 10	7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	Acts 28:16-20.30-31; Jn 21:20-25
May 11	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-11; 1Cor12:3-7.12-13; Jn20:19-23



### **Time to Pray**

Jesus gave an instruction on prayer: When you pray, go into your room and shut the door. You want to be present to God alone, fully in the Now. Shut the door on the past, and shut it on the future. To be fully alert to the Now is a rare grace and gift, but very occasionally we see glimpses of it, people for whom in prayer, time stands still.

There is a story about Sr. Francis Xavier when he was living in Goa. One day as he retired to his room, he asked his friend Andrew to call him at two o'clock, as he had to visit the Viceroy of Portugal, the highest official in the city. So at town Andrew came to his room, and found Francis sitting in a chair, with his eyes raised to heaven, and his face inflamed: he was in a trance. Andrew tried shuffling his feet noisily, rattled the door, coughed aloud – no use. Xavier was lost to the world, so Andrew left him there. He came back later and got Francis' attention by tugging at his clothes. "What time is it?" asked Xavier. "It's gone four," said Andrew. "Come on," said Francis, "lets go." But he was still deep in prayer, and as they walked through the city he lost his way, and they wandered round till evening, never reaching the viceroy. "Son," said Xavier, "we shall have time for that some other day. God wished this day for himself."

### **First Holy Communion Retreat**

Parents and Guardians of children preparing for First Holy Communion are reminded that the Children are expected to attend a retreat on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The retreat will take place at the Church. During the retreat the children will make their First Confession.

We pray for our children as they approach this special day in their lives. Parents and Guardians are encouraged to pray each day with your children at home. Your example will encourage them to approach this special day in their lives with hearts filled with faith

### **First Holy Communion**

We remember to pray for our children who will make their first Holy Communion on May 18.

We pray that through the Eucharist they will grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ who is their Lord and Saviour

