



TAMBULI

Monthly Newsletter of the Filipino Chaplaincy- Archdiocese of Wellington

FIRST SUNDAY GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-6

1 He went away from there and came to his own country; and his disciples followed him. 2 And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue; and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get all this? What is the wisdom given to him? What mighty works are wrought by his hands! 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. 4 And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house." 5 And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them. 6 And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.

Meditation: Jesus startled his familiar audience with a seeming rebuke that no prophet or servant of God can receive honor among his own people. The people of Nazareth took offense at Jesus and refused to listen to what he had to say. They despised his preaching because he was a mere workman, a carpenter, and a layman who had no formal training by a scholar or teacher. They also despised him because of his undistinguished family background. How familiarity can breed contempt. Jesus could do no mighty works in their midst because they were closed-minded and unbelieving towards him. If people have come together to hate and to refuse to understand, then they will see no other point of view than their own and they will refuse to love and accept others. How do you treat those who seem disagreeable to you?

"Lord Jesus, you are the fulfillment of all our hopes and desires. Your Spirit brings grace, truth, freedom, and abundant life. Set my heart on fire with your love and truth. Amen"

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FR. DANNY'S CORNER

I would like to share with you the homily of Saint Augustine about our challenge to be witnesses of God's love to all mankind. Christ did not establish religion but built a relationship between God and us as His children. May the thoughts of St. Augustine guide us in the transition from the previous and present works in the Filipino Chaplaincy.

This is our glory: the witness of our conscience. There are men who rashly judge, who slander, whisper and murmur, who are eager to suspect what they do not see, and eager to spread abroad things they have not even a suspicion of. Against men of this sort, what defense in there save the witness of our own conscience?

We do not seek, nor should we seek, our own glory even among those whose approval we desire. What we should seek is their salvation, so that if we walk as we should they will not go astray in following us. They should imitate us if we are imitators of Christ; and if we are not, they still imitate him. He cares for his flock and he alone is to be found with those who care for their flocks, because they are all in him.

And so we seek no advantage for ourselves when we aim to please men. We want to take our joy in men and we rejoice when they take pleasure in what is good. Not because this exalts us, but because it benefits them.

It is clear who is intended by the apostle Paul: If I wanted to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ. And similarly when he says : Be pleasing to all men in all things, even as I in all things please all men. Yet his words are as clear as water, limpid, undisturbed, unclouded. And so you should, as sheep, feed on and drink of his message; do not trample on it or stir it up.

You have listened to our Lord Jesus Christ as he taught his apostles: Let your actions shine before men so that they may see your good deeds, and give glory to your Father who is in heaven, for it is the Father who made you thus. We are the people of his pasture, the sheep of his hands. If then you are good, praise is due to him who made you so; it is no credit to you, for if you were left to yourself, you could only be wicked. Why then do you try to pervert the truth, in wishing to be praised when you do good, and blaming God when you do evil? For though he said: Let your works shine before men, in the same Sermon on the Mount he also said: Do not parade your good deeds before men. So if you think there are contradictions in Saint Paul, you will find the same in the Gospels; but if you refrain from troubling the waters of your heart, you will recognize here the peace of the Scriptures and with it you will have peace.

Our concern should be not only to live as we ought, but also to do so in the sight of men; not only to have a good conscience but also, so far as we can in our weakness, so far as we can govern our frailty, to do nothing which might lead our weak brother into thinking evil of us. Otherwise, as we feed on the good pasture and drink the pure water, we may trample on God's meadow, and weaker sheep will have to feed on trampled grass and drink from troubled waters.

POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL LAUDATO SI'

Last month, Pope Francis issued an encyclical letter *Laudato Si' (Praise Be) On Care for Our Common Home*. In this encyclical, Pope Francis emphasises on care for our environment. He also links care of the natural world with social justice for the poor. For full text of the encyclical visit

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html.

Let us reflect how we can be better stewards of our environment and for each other as we reflect on this prayer, which is a part of the encyclical.

A Christian Prayer In Union With Creation

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.
They came forth from your all-powerful hand;
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender
love.

Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus,

through you all things were made.

You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,
you became part of this earth,
and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.

Today you are alive in every creature
in your risen glory.

Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light
you guide this world towards the Father's love
and accompany creation as it groans in travail.

You also dwell in our hearts
and you inspire us to do what is good.

Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,
teach us to contemplate you
in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.

Awaken our praise and thankfulness
for every being that you have made.

Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined
to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world
as channels of your love

for all the creatures of this earth,

for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,

that they may love the common good, advance the weak,
and care for this world in which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out.

O Lord, seize us with your power and light,

help us to protect all life,

to prepare for a better future,

for the coming of your Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and beauty.

Praise be to you! Amen.

CHAPLAINCY'S CORNER

THE CHAPLAINCY'S OUTREACH PROGRAM IN ACTION



The chaplaincy, through its outreach ministry (committee on social services), continues to extend support to those who are in need in the community. In the previous months, several furniture items, household appliances, and even a car in mint condition have been passed on for free to our kababayans in need, especially those who have recently arrived here in New Zealand. Our special thanks to our generous donors and to our outreach ministry chairperson, Heni Catalan. If you are new in Wellington and need some household items ring in and we might have them for you.

To continue with this program, we need your support. We welcome volunteers and we are happy to take on any household item in good working condition that you want to dispose of. Your rubbish may be a treasure for someone else. We are happy to pick them up if you are unable to drop them off in our storage place. The outreach ministry also has an ongoing support for people who are sick or bereaved.

Contact Heni Catalan at 0226473090 or email fcpc.welly@gmail.com for more information.

Two faith formation programs were conducted last month to strengthen and enhance our evangelisation work as a chaplaincy. Joel Macaranas and Marissa Jaurigue reports on these programs.

THE KNIGHTS OF GOD'S ALTAR by Joel Macaranas

What does it take to be a Knight of God's Altar? Honour, loyalty, justice, chivalry, respect for all and upright personal life but more than these ideals is a declaration of love for God and the Holy Eucharist!



Fourteen youth, aged 8 to 15, attended the Altar Server training held at Sts Peter and Paul Church on 27 June. The training started with a faith formation based on John 6:1-14 when the services of a young boy allowed Jesus to perform one of His greatest miracles – the feeding of 5000 men from the 5 loaves and 2 fish that this lad offered.

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The formation continued with a reflection on the lives of young saints who have served the Lord on and off the altar. Then Fr Danny enlightened the young minds and hearts of these knights on the beauty of the Holy Mass. The sacred vessels & vestments and duties and conducts of a good altar server were discussed and finally, the participants had a hands-on experience on the practical side of altar serving.

John Macaranas who attended the training summarised his experience this way:

"I learned a lot about serving the Lord on the Altar. The most important of which is knowing that JESUS called us to be an Altar Server. San Pedro Calungsod is an amazing example while St Dominic's four resolutions are inspiring. I hope that I could follow their examples in my life. I am proud to be called a Knight of the Altar!"

FORMATION WORKSHOP & COMMISSIONING FOR SECOND BATCH OF SERVANT LEADERS

by Marissa Jaurigue

"A new ministry begins, bringing with it a sense of cleansing, renewal, and something new to share."

On May 30, 2015, the Filipino Chaplaincy Pastoral Council conducted a second workshop for Barangay Servant Leaders, which was held at St Bernard's College. It was facilitated by Fr Dan Cipriano, our chaplain,

Allan Gierran, and Joel Macaranas. The workshop focused on discipleship, servanthood, and stewardship. It also explored the question "Why Are We Here?"

At the end of the session, participants were divided into groups and were asked to discuss the vision they had and the work they could do in their respective barangays.

The seminar was an occasion for us to remember that we could be like Jesus and do good things in our own way. He has called us to serve him, so let us commit ourselves to serving the Lord!

The new commissioned servant leaders are Pauline bangay, Annelyn Inzon, Marcelo Esparas, Judy Bocacao, Susie alvarez, Christine Botardo, Honorata Mandilag, Billie Searchel Jacobsson, Vangie Ford, and Viluz Gray. They were commissioned at the Filipino Mass on 7 June, 2015 At Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Lower Hutt.

Congratulations and God bless on your ministry!



CONTRIBUTION

KABABAYANG SEAMAN

by Joey Domdom

A cargo vessel has docked. As the crew come in through the doors of the Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) Seafarers' Centre at Wellington Port, you can see mixed emotions on their faces. Many of them *mga kababayan nating seaman*, speaking in *Ilokano, Tagalog, Ilonggo* and *Cebuano*. Their faces brighten up when they learn they are talking to a *kababayan*. They'll take a look around, get a phone card or internet access to contact their families back home. Some would browse the religious items on display, while others hang around, watch TV, play pool or table tennis.

For them, the AOS Centre is a place to pause, to relax, to pray or to talk to someone. It is a short break from the long months at sea. Soon they will be back out there and continue with their journey. The Centre will be silent once again until the next batch of seafarers comes in.

Seafarers are critical to global economy. But behind the goods and commodities society enjoys are the workers, unseen, easily forgotten, who in doing their jobs need to leave families behind and face all sorts of challenges. To understand how they live and work on board, how they earn money for their living, how they nurture their relationship with their spouse and children and how they sustain their Faith, you cannot without looking through their eyes and listening to their stories.

We give them our thoughts especially on Sea Sunday 2015 on the 12th of July. But we can also give them a bit of our time through the Apostleship of the Sea – Wellington. To fulfill its mission of "catering for the spiritual and temporal needs of seafarers, fishing boat crew members," AOS Wellington is seeking financial support and more volunteers. There are just three of us who are Filipinos at the AOS Wellington, and we hope you can join us!

For more information about the Apostleship of the Sea- Wellington or if you would like to join or become a volunteer, visit www.aos.org.nz and /or please contact Fr Jeff Drane SM or phone him at +64 27 492 0250.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Schedule of Community Masses

DATE	VENUE	SPONSOR	CHOIR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
19 July, 12:30pm	Sacred Heart Cathedral, Wellington	Our Lady of Fatima	Community of the Holy Family	Arnel Galvan, Imelda Borlas, Arsenio Borlas, Jane Arimas, Nora de Leon, Zeny Vogt	Miguel Gierran John Macaranas	Ian and Josette Ponce
02 August, 12:00pm	Sts. Peter and Paul, Lower Hutt	Brgy. St. Patrick	St. Patrick Filipino Choir	Jane Arimas, Belen Salandanan, Alex Estuita, Arnie Martinez, Nora De Leon, Zeny Vogt	James Encarnado Alyana Gierran	Gen Macalintal and Juanita Leynes
12 July, 5:00pm	St. Patrick's Church Paraparaumu	Brgy Sta Ma Assumpta	Brgy Sta Ma Assumpta	Susan Morgan, Adelle Sheppard, Candy Young	tba	

Kasagip Charitable Trust invites you to the screening of **Breakup** (Piolo Pascual & Sarah Geronimo) 19 July 2015, Paramount Cinema, Courtenay Place, wellington
Doors open at 2:30 pm
Ticket \$20.00



Congratulations and God bless to Brgy. St. John the Baptist for the successful celebration of their fiesta on 27 June 2015.

CONGRATULATIONS

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Filipino Chaplaincy Pastoral Council-WA	
Income Statement	
For the Month of June 2015	
INCOME	
1st Sunday - Sts. Peter & Paul	\$ 627.10
3rd Sunday - Sacred Heart Cathedral	\$ 303.40
Direct Credit Donation	\$ 410.00
Storage Tawa- Refund	\$ 94.52
Total Income - June 2015	\$ 1,435.02
EXPENSE	
Donations- Church Use	
1st Sunday - Sts. Peter & Paul	\$ 100.00
3rd Sunday - Sacred Heart Cathedral	\$ 100.00
Stipends Filipino Masses	\$ 200.00
Newsletter Printing Fee - Tambuli	\$ 103.50
Annual Returns Fee- Charities Commission	\$ 51.11
Donation to Our Lady of Fatima Church- Use of Room for 3 years	\$ 200.00
Total Expense- June 2015	\$ 754.61
Net Income - June 2015	\$ 680.41
Note: Purchased 1 New Set of Laptop and funds used is from Savings Account amounting to \$ 1,562.57	

FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY'S CONTACT DETAILS

We have a new mailing address and a centralised contact number for the chaplaincy. If you have any suggestions or questions please send your queries to:

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Visit www.filipinochaplaincy-wellington.org.nz or email fcpc.welly@gmail.com.

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Planned Contribution to the Filipino Chaplaincy is encouraged and may be made through regular contribution during the mass (using envelopes with pre-allocated number) or through automatic electronic bank transfer payments. Please feel free to email Finance Committee at finance@filipinochaplaincy-wellington.org.nz or contact our Finance Administrators:

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in order to be issued envelopes with pre-allocated number or to arrange bank transfer auto- payment or visit www.filipinochaplaincy-wellington.org.nz, “Planned Giving” Tab. You may also transfer your donations directly to our new Westpac Bank Account: Filipino Chaplaincy - Wellington Account No: 03 0543 0334365 00

You may also write to: The Finance Committee, Filipino Chaplaincy, P.O. Box 30077 should you wish further information or contact us at + 6 4 2 2 6 4 7 3 0 9 0 .

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May you be ever refreshed and enriched by God's manifold grace!