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**Welcome to another week of Catholic Church News on Radio Maria. I am Nigel Akuani, with the news.**

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**News Item 1 – Pope at Regina Coeli: Encountering Christ means finding peace of heart**

“In finding the Risen Christ we discover peace of heart,” said Pope Francis during the Regina Coeli on Easter Monday in St Peter’s Square, as he spoke of the angel's appearance and the proclamation of Christ's Resurrection.

Pope Francis recalled that the day is also known as *Monday of the Angels* because it was a time when we recalled the meeting of the angel with the women who arrived at Jesus' tomb after He had risen.

He told of how Jesus’s tomb was not opened by a physical phenomenon, but by the intervention of God himself, bearer of a new era, of the last times of history.

He reflected on the Easter Season and said that his wish was for everyone to have the same spiritual experience, welcoming into their hearts, into their homes and into their families the joyful proclamation of Easter.

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**News item 2 – PNG Appointed New Apostolic Nuncio**

The Holy Father Pope Francis, has appointed His Excellency Most Reverend Fermín Emilio Sosa Rodriguez, as the new Apostolic Nuncio to Papua New Guinea.

The appointment was announced by the Apostolic Nunciature in Papua New Guinea in a press statement released on Wednesday 31st March, at midday in the Vatican. His appointment is also at the same time an elevation for him to the titular see of Viruno, with the dignity of Archbishop.

Reverend Fermin was ordained a priest on 12th July 1998, and graduated in Canon Law, entering the Holy See Diplomatic Service on 1st January 2003, and served in the pontifical representations in Papua New Guinea, Cote d’Ivoire, Burkina Faso, the United States of America, Canada, and Serbia.

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**News item 3 – Diocese of Kundiawa Appointed New Bishop**

The Apostolic Nunciature in Papua New Guinea has announced the appointment of Reverend Father Paul Sundu, as the new Bishop of Kundiawa.

The announcement made via press release on Saturday 3rd April. Fr Paul ordained in 2006, obtained a Licentiate in Theology from the *Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas-Angelicum* in 2014, before taking up his role as Parish Priest of Koge.

Apart from speaking his native language of *Kuman,* and *Tok Pisin*, Fr Paul also knows English and Italian. Now at the age of 48, he is currently a lecturer at the Good Sheppard Seminary of Mt Hagen.

The Catholic Diocese of Kundiawa is a suffragan diocese of the Catholic Archdiocese of Mt Hagen in Papua New Guinea. It was erected in 1982, after it was separated from the Diocese of Goroka.

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**News item 4 – World Day of Vocations Dedicated to St Joseph**

25th April 2021, marks the World Day of Vocations and of remembrance for the 150th Anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

Although he did not appear special in the eyes of those who met him, he accomplished something extraordinary in the eyes of God, and the year 2021, is a special year devoted to him.

World Vocation Day this year focuses on informing faithful on the role of the Gospel in every day of our lives, by allowing the Lord’s desire to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes.

God looks on the heart (1 Samuel 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day.

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**News Item 5 – Communicating by Encountering**

‘Communicating by Encountering People Where and as They Are’ is the theme for the 2021 World Communication Day to be commemorated on Sunday 16th May 2021.

The theme drawn from (John 1:46) entitled ‘Come and See,’ is the method for all authentic human communication. In order to tell the truth of life that becomes history, it is necessary to move beyond the complacent attitude that we “already know” of.

We need to go and see them for ourselves, to spend time with people, to listen to their stories and to confront reality, which always in some way surprises us. The Gospel as news stories is how our Christian faith begins, and how it is communicated: as direct knowledge, born of experience, and not of hearsay.

“Come and see” is the simplest method to get to know a situation. It is the most honest test of every message, because, in order to know, we need to encounter.

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**News item 6 – Fulfil God's plan in your lives**

John Cardinal Ribat celebrated the Chrism Mass on 30th March at St Joseph’s Parish, Boroko. 38 priests, few religious and lay faithful were present for this unique liturgical celebration.

Maintaining the COVID-19 restrictions of masks, sanitizing and social distancing, the priests and faithful of the Archdiocese of Port Moresby, joined in prayer for their priests as they prayed specially for an alleviation of the critical situation that the country was in.

In his homily, Cardinal Ribat encouraged his priests to take on pastoral ministry, evangelization of people and formation of the faithful with joy and commitment. He prayed for prevention and healing as COVID-19 is surging and that the rollout of the vaccine will bring in prevention and healing.

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**News item 7 - Good Friday: A Moment of Forgiveness, Recovery and Prayer**

As Easter Celebrations were held in joyful memory of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, for the community of Karida located in the remote region of Hela Province, it was a time of recovery, forgiveness and prayer.

This was the sharing of Isaiah Timba during the Easter period, after his walk from the Petatombete Catholic Church to the grave house of where 19 women and children were massacred eight years ago.

He questioned why God did not intervene that day to protect the weak and vulnerable, but confided in the words of Christ during his crucifixion on the cross where he said, “Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.”

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**This ends the Catholic Church news for this week. Join us next week for more.**

**From all of us at here at Catholic Communications, we wish you all an enjoyable week.**