

EVENT REPORT

Event Title: Wati Catholic Mission Diamond Jubilee Celebration

Venue: Wati Catholic Mission Ground, Wati. Nuku Deanery.

Schedule dates: 13th – 15th December, 2024

The occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration for the establishment of Wati CM that transpired inside Nuku Deanery was regarded as the first Jubilee celebration in the deanery as well as at the diocesan level. The program was scheduled for three (3) days, respectively 13th – 15th of December, 2024.

Even though the proposed event was announced late during the last deanery meeting that was held in Wassisi Parish, the deanery team had no choice but to accept the fact that Wati Parish had already prepared for this milestone celebration and allow the celebration to continue as planned.

Wati Catholic Mission later know as Holy Trinity Parish comprises of five (5) respective KST's; Holy Spirit, Namblo, St John Latren, Mansuku, Sacred Heart, Yimum & Yifkindu, Immaculate Conception, Wilwil and Holy Cross, Teri.

All parishioners came forward and contributed in one way or the other for a successful outcome for this milestone achievement.

Representing the SVD and Franciscan Missionaries, we had local SVD priest from Wewak, East Sepik and Franciscan from Aitape who tend up to witness this historical celebration.

We were blessed to have our shepherd, Rev. Bp. Siby Mathew (HGN), bishop of Aitape Diocese as our Main Celebrant for the opening mass. Assisted by our visiting priest, Fr. Rex Simangi (SVD), Provincial Superior for SVD in Wewak Province and Parish Priest to Boikin Parish in Wewak Diocese, Fr. Philip Pagolu (OFM), Vice President for Franciscan Friars in PNG and Solomon Island. Also presented was the newly appointed Parish Priest for Lumi Parish, Fr. Sandro, Fr. Tommy Makain, Dean of Nuku Deanery & Parish Priest to Wassisi Parish, Fr. Dominic Numbanoko, Dean of Lumi Denary & Parish Priest to Ningil Parish, our Parish Priest, Fr. Brnuno Amanos, Fr. Martin Wein, Parish Priest to Seim Parish and Fr. Thomas (HGN) caretaker Parish Priest for Puang and Yili Parish. We were privilege and blessed to have with us on this special occasion our visiting Missionary Priest from the Society of African Mission. They were on their Pastoral visit to PNG and chooses Aitape Diocese to pledge their first move. Fr. Antonio

Porcellano (SMA), General Superior and Fr. Francisco Houngue (SMA), Provincial Superior. They both accompany Rev. Siby to be part of this historical celebration.

A very special moment that took place during the Eucharistic celebration was the reconciliation between the parishioners of Wati between the SVD and Franciscan Missionaries and then with all our sister parishes in the parishes. Fr. Rex (SVD) was present to represent the SVD's, Fr. Philip (OFM) was there for the Franciscans while Fr. Tommy, Dean of Nuku Deanery represent all sister parishes and Rev. Siby Mathew our bishop came in to accept and affirm our reconciliation.

After the Eucharistic celebration, we proceed further with the program for the first day celebration, speeches came in prior the main highlight of the program which is the presentation of the Historical Booklet for Wati Catholic Mission and the blessing of the Monument Stand and the Monument Plate dedicated to the founding father of Wati Catholic Mission, Fr. Anthony Krajci (SVD) and our Forefathers who were the basis of light that bear fruits in the parish.

Holy Trinity Wati Primary School was privilege to have its Sacred Heart Grotto being blessed by Rev. Bp. Siby (HGN) on this special occasion.

Sister parishes who partake with us on this milestone celebration were; Mukili, Yimut, Nuku, Seim, Wassisi and Monandin Parishes.

Day two (2) proceed as planned, we had Open Day in action, we had action/creative gospel dances, tumbuna singsing and drama play. All parishes who attended actively part take. The atmosphere looks good and everyone enjoyed themselves.

The main highlight of the day was the drama play by Monindin Parish, tittle Early Missionary and the drama play by Wati Parish, tittle; Establishment of Wati Catholic Mission.

Day three (3) was the closing of this historical celebration, we had closing mass led by Fr. Rex (SVD) as main celebrant, assisted by Fr. Philip (ofm), Fr. Tommy, Fr. Sandro, Fr. Dominic, Fr. Thomas and Fr. Bruno our parish priest.

We had Wati Parish who took the entrance procession, Wassisi Parish with gospel procession, Monandin with offertory and Mukili came in final procession to conclude the Santu Misa.

Attendance during the final day celebration was quite huge comparing the opening celebration. Thus parishioners came to realize the importance of this Historical Celebration. Respective parishioners came forward with their own

commitments as part of contribution towards this event which symbolize peace and love physical, spiritually and financially.

The program ends with farewell kaikai and good bye.

This milestone historical event signifies unity and creates a foundation for a new beginning for Wati CM and an eye opener to sister parishes to organized such events were it will have greater spiritual impact and influence on the journey of faith as we are moving forward during this transition of time.