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Grand Master's Message

Dear Confreres and Friends of the Confraternity,
Blessing of the Lord Jesus.

Now that the season of Easter is with us, we reflect on the sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Images and statues in the church remind us of the passion of our Lord.

As Christians, we prepare ourselves for the Holy Week.

Palm Sunday is Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The crowd greeted Jesus as he entered the city by waving the palm branches and then the crucifixion on Good Friday.

On Good Friday, many of us attend the church service and procession with statues depicting the Passion of our Lord Jesus.



I wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter.

*Picture: The Redeemer
venerated in the Basilica of St.
Peter and Paul in Nadur, Gozo.
Malta*

STORIES OF CATHOLIC SAINTS

By Chevalier Rev. Fr. Frank Buhagiar PE

Chaplain of the Confraternity

Melbourne. Australia.



Dear Members and Friends of the Confraternity of St. Peter and St. Paul,

March is dedicated to two Great New Testament Icons: 19th March 2025: St. Joseph and 25th March 2025: Mary the Mother of the Lord Jesus and The Universal Church [Mater Ecclesiae]

The Annunciation of the Lord Jesus (Lunzjata).

Feast of St. Joseph

19th March : St Joseph played a significant and essential role in the Birth and life of the Lord Jesus.

Mary was found to be with child while they were still betrothed.

Joseph pondered on the meaning

Of his dream, of this unexpected occurrence. Joseph felt the

confirmation of what was happening.

To Mary, it was due to divine intervention. Dear Friends, if we stop and reflect on our own complex

lives and the many ways that the ordinary and extraordinary events in our daily lives are woven

often in surprising ways. I am sure that we can receive inspiration from the humble and faithful life of St Joseph.

25th March : The Annunciation of the Lord (Lunzjata)

This important event of the Archangel Gabriel's message to Mary. Jesus' Incarnation in our World is portrayed to us with surprise, ordinariness, and simplicity. The scene is set in a humble, remote town in Galilee. Mary creates the new. She represents the us sanctuaries of prayer that respond to God's inspiring Spirit, wherever there are people open to God and willing to listen.

Like Our Mother Mary, when we hear God's calling, a stirring within our hearts, we need to seek clarity. Mary's question is simple and direct. It is a "HOW" Question which brings forth a surprising response : " the Holy Spirit will shine on You; will embrace you and empower you." Although Mary's path was unknown, She surrendered and trusted God. It is easy to trust God when our steps have Some clarity and predictability.

The greatest test for us is to trust God when our steps are unknown, and we are unsure how to move forward, Mary chose to trust God during her uncertainties

and fears. She didn't lean on her own understanding or limited perspective. We give thanks for this extraordinary woman, known as the First amongst The Disciples. (Written by Fr. Patty Andrew OSU)

Fr. Frank PE: Trust and Hope in God's Providence during this Holy Season of Lent 2025.

Grand Chapter of Malta

Nadur Gozo
28 March 2025.

By Chevalier Carmel Saliba
Secretary.



On Friday, the Grand Chapter of Malta, based in Nadur Gozo, was invited to recite the Rosary to be recorded at the studios of Radio Luminaria.



The recording will be broadcast on Radio Luminaria and Radio Maria.

Rev. Monsignor Joseph Cauchi led the reciting of the Rosary, with Chev. Joseph Meilak, Chev. Carmel Saliba, Jane Saliba and Dame Rita Portelli.

GOZO ARTS WEEKEND

Recently an art exhibition was held in Gozo to honour Chevalier Michael Camilleri Cauchi CKSPP.

Exhibits were held at the Basilica of St. Peter and Paul of Nadur, Basilica of St. George in Victoria and St. Augustine convent where Chevalier Camilleri Cauchi had much of his work was commissioned.



Artists Chevalier Michael Camilleri Cauchi and Dame Veronica Camilleri Cauchi



Artists: Chevalier Adonai Camilleri Cauchi with his father Chevalier Michael Camilleri Cauchi

Luncheon to support the Royal Melbourne Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal

Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul



Luncheon to support the Royal Children's Hospital

Sunday 27 April 2025

At Nancye Kirchner Neighbourhood Center
2 Doyle Street Avondale Heights, VIC. 3034

Time: 12 pm till 5 pm

Music provided by J & C DUO

4-course meal, wine, beer, soft drink and coffee
Tickets: \$45 Adults.

For more details and to book call:

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We are committed to help the poor and the sick

'I am, who am.'

By The Most Reverend Archbishop of Melbourne Peter A Comensoli
Honorary Member of the Confraternity
23 March 2025.



Whenever I'm texting my Rabbi friends, we will usually sign off with a little blessing. For me, it's a simple 'God bless', but they do it a little differently. Rather than spell out the word 'God', they will write it as 'G-d'. There is a good and noble reason my Rabbi friends do this. As God's chosen people, Jews have come to treat God's name with such high honour and reverence that they will not write it down.

Moses, as we heard today, came to know God's personal name on the holy mountain. But we do not know what it was. Instead,

Moses revealed only what God's name meant: 'I am, who am.' He did not record God's name itself in writing, and nor did the ancient Israelites write it down. Instead, what was written when God's name needed to be said, were four letters, YHWH, being the first letters of the words in Hebrew of 'I am, who am.'

This is known as the Tetragrammaton. My Catholic Bible looks to respect this highly honoured Jewish tradition by replacing the Tetragrammaton with the word, LORD (all capitalised). When we say the word LORD, we are honouring the warm and respectful ways of our Jewish brothers and sisters.

God's name is always personal in the knowing; it is for friends to know and use. God's name is always relational; a gift to be given and received. God's name is never a common name; it does not refer to some thing or other. God's name is precious, because in saying it we are acknowledging God to be God-for-us.

Through Mary, at the prompting of the angel Gabriel, we have been given the name of God: Jesus. It has a meaning: God saves. We can say, Jesus is the name of God, who is I AM, the God who saves. With the coming of God among us, the Messiah awaited by the world, we have been highly privileged to have been told his name. Jesus. How, then, do we say his name?

And we know that in knowing his name we are being invited to share in his life. Friends know our names to be personal, not just a point of reference. To say the name of Jesus, that human name of divine meaning, is to make real that which it means. In other words, Jesus' name is efficacious, it brings about what it says. Jesus – God saves. As St Peter said, "There is no other name by which we are saved." (Act 4.12)

The way in which we are saved is by being reconciled to God. (cf. 2 Cor 5.20) Jesus called us all to repentance in the Gospel today. Without repentance, we perish. What is it to repent? It is to reorient our whole life by way of a return to God; it is our conversion to God with all our heart. (cf. CCC.1431) And God helps us in this journey to our salvation. As the parable suggests, in Jesus we have the one who will tend to our unfruitfulness: who will nurture us, who will dig around our unproductive roots, who will water and tend to us. He will save us. So, let us turn towards the one who have given us his name; in the name of Jesus, we are saved. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us sinners.



NEW CANDIDATE TO THE CONFRATERNITY

Grand Chapter of Malta
Office in Nadur, Gozo.



I have the pleasure to announce that Lina Mifsud of Nadur, Gozo, accepted our invitation to join the Confraternity.

She will be invested in the Confraternity on 28 June 2025.

She is very much involved in serving in the parish of St. Peter and Paul, the local elderly group and the Nadur Local Council.

Lina will be an asset to the Confraternity.

Thank you Lina, for accepting our invitation.

Congratulations.

Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli
Grand Master

This is all I have for you this month.

As always, we keep in our prayers, the sick, the poor and the lonely, especially the members of the Confraternity.

With every good wish.



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