

# TRINITY NEWS

August 1, 2010

## **Pentecost 10 For Everything There is a Season**

We are farewelling beloved members today, so the memorable passage at Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 comes to mind.

**For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.**

**A time to be born, and a time to die:** Time can be measured, but not defined in its essence. It is like a feather blown on the wind. The days are too short and the nights can be too long; lost in the shadows of sleep. It all passes, but those who “fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds’ worth of distance run” expand its lived content, perhaps a better measure.

**A time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted:** We plant gardens and see the fruit and the flowers. Then one day part or all of it has to be cleared for fresh plants.

**A time to kill and a time to heal:** We go to war and we make war in our minds. But one day the soldier who was commissioned to kill comes home seeking sanity and love. We too want to come home to the residue of healing in our souls and find peace. Those who are wounded in the conflicts of life seek a healer.

**A time to break down and a time to build up:** Brokenness enters every human relationship in some way. Treasured photos and possessions and even lives may be lost in a fire. Then comes a healer to build us up. The healer always comes, but we may miss the moment.

**A time to weep and a time to laugh:** Cry with someone, share their tears, and one day you will have access to their laughter.

**A time to mourn and a time to dance:** “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted”, some of Christ’s most beautiful words. We need that comfort. “You’ll get over it.” “Time heals everything”: blind clichés. We need to be free to mourn, sometimes for a lifetime. A child who loses a loving father at seven years of age freeze-frames that love forever. But mourning is not enough. We also need to dance for joy and “laugh at the time to come”.

**A time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones:** We should throw away stones that weigh us down with dead issues and still-live hurts. We then need to gather or regather stones of memory with fragments of our lives written on them to build a memorial. The epitaph: “I was here. Without apology!”

**A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing:** Being gently or passionately embraced when that is acceptable is life-giving; but we need the space to sit in silence and admire a glowing night star that we can never touch.

**A time to seek and a time to lose:** Searching over and over for the “pearl of great price”; and losing so much that we treasured, hidden in the mists of time and lost loves.

**A time to keep and a time to throw away:** We should hold on to treasures of memory and heart. But one day it falls away and we are startled that we are still ourselves.

**A time to tear and a time to sew:** Sometimes a garment is too old and can only be torn up into strips. Then a dress is sewn for a bride, and new life begins in a garment that is never forgotten.

**A time to love and a time to hate:** We never 'have' love; we only savour its beauty in passing. Hate is forbidden by Christ, but it is a persistent human emotion and it causes huge harm. Perhaps even Christ hated to see others belittled and harmed.

**A time for war and a time for peace:** "War and Peace" is the title of Tolstoy's famous novel. Our outer wars reflect our inner wars. Christ calmed a storm one day because he had Shalom peace within himself. When it connected to the Shalom of Abba, Father, then calm enveloped the raging wind and stilled the foaming waters.

A wonderful passage for some wonderful people! Dedicated to: Cindy, Dil, Anaath and Athaiah Jacob and Delphina Ocquaye.

**Bishop Arthur Jones**

**Next Week's Readings:**

Genesis 15:1-6  
Psalm 33  
Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16  
Luke 12:32-40

**This week:**

Tuesday, August 3  
• Bible Study, 10am  
Thursday, August 5  
• Midweek Eucharist, 9am,  
Chapel

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**Your prayers are asked in our healing ministry for** Diana Croyston, Beryl Tanner, JPeter, Ron Thoburn, Suzanne Jacobson, Cena Quiapos, Benjie Gonzales, Ron Jacob, Bonnie SyCip, Fidelia Matthews, Ema Duhaylongsod, Ted Whale, Jovel Llagas, Loy Solasco, Emerinciana Gatela, Augusto Natividad, Avelina Collado, Amy Gonzales, Carlyn-Fern Manning, Richard Kendall, Johnny Manning Jr, Carrie Angus, Jaqueline Acquiatan, Janet Johnstone, Susan Dalmas, Sunny Cabanang, Gloria Domingo, Richard Biteng, Katsi Araneta.

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	<b>Last Sunday</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>	<b>Proportionate Budget</b>	<b>2010 Budget</b>
<b>Pledge</b>	P75,500.00	P2,366,950.82	P2,250.00	P3,900,000.00
<b>Loose Plate</b>	P13,674.25	P528,144.03	P542,307.69	P940,000.00

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