

# St. Edward's Church

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## AT ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH

Saturday Reconciliation 3:30-4:30 p.m. (or by appointment)

Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Reconciliation 9:00-9:30 a.m. (or by appointment)

Mass: 10:00 a.m.

## ~NORMAL MASS TIMES~

## AT ST. CLARE'S MONASTERY

2359 Calais Road, Duncan

Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m.

## AT SUNRIDGE PLACE

361 Bundoek Avenue, Duncan

Friday 11:00

# Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## From Fr. Luyen's Desk

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Gospel this weekend tells us about the healing of the blind beggar, named Barthimaeus who receives new light and vision from Jesus and becomes his disciple.

This gospel passage is actually the last miracle story recorded in Mark. It comes at end of a long section where Jesus is forming his disciples. Jesus was already instructing them on the nature of the discipleship and his own identity. Throughout these narratives the disciples appear to be blind as to who Jesus really is and what it means to accept the demands he has made on them. Jesus indeed points out to the necessary abilities of the Christian disciple: to hear and understand the Word of God and to share the message with others. All this now is contrasted with the healing of Bartimaeus. The action of the story is begun by Bartimaeus himself who heard that Jesus was near. He cried out to him using an Christological title, Son of David. The Gospel does not tell us how this blind man got this unique messianic title of Jesus. He must have heard stories about him as a marvelous healer. For him this was a great opportunity, a moment of hope to get healed. The disciples and the crowd thought it was unseemly for a lowly beggar who was also blind, bothering Jesus the Rabbi. Bartimaeus was only a poor beggar. He should not disturb an important person like Jesus who is respected as the rabbi.

But Bartimaeus was a courageous fellow. Not only was he bold enough to call out to Jesus who was passing by, but he also had the guts to keep on calling, even when people were telling him to be quiet. Clearly, this man knew that he needed Jesus and he wasn't about to let popular opinion convince him otherwise. Jesus by now had already heard the shouting of the blind beggar and stopped. He overruled the disciples and called the blind man to him and asked him what exactly he wanted Jesus to do for him. The people would have told the beggar that the master was calling him and he must take courage. So they brought the man to the presence of Jesus.

Even though the people tried to pressure Bartimaeus into giving up, he didn't. And the reward for his steadfastness was priceless:

"Immediately he received his sight." Immediately, that is, after he encountered Christ. But let's not forget that he had to invest all that time and energy earlier in order to arrive at that precious encounter. And we may have to do the same. Our persistence in prayer is often a necessary first step to the gift of God's intervention in our lives. We, like Bartimaeus, may have to call out time and time again, making our requests known to Jesus even when it may seem he isn't looking our way. We too may need to be faithful in the face of doubters and detractors who tell us that our prayers are pointless, that God doesn't really care, or that we deserve to be stuck in our own misery. Let us seek to be like this man who heard Jesus say, "Your faith has saved you."

Last Sunday we began our annual Diocesan/Parish Appeal. You heard Mary Hof tell us that our Appeal parish project this year will be supporting a refugee family from Syria as Pope Francis has requested each Catholic parish to do. We will work with St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria to carry out this project. We cannot do this without your support and prayers.

You may have received a letter from Bishop Gary Gordon with a pledge card attached, asking you to support this year's Appeal.

I ask you to consider making a pledge to our Appeal this year. Our parish appeal goal is \$50,000, and your financial support will assist us in attaining this goal. Every dollar donated is a gift in support of the many ministries of the Church here in the Diocese of Victoria, especially our Refugee Sponsorship Project at St Edward's. Please give a prayerful thought as you return the pledge card received in the Bishop's letter. If you have already responded, thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Also, I'd like to thank Casey Weber who worked so hard to build a beautiful new base for our tabernacle. The design of the base fits right in with the rest of the altar area.

I also would want to express my sincere thanks to John, Lorne, Bud, and Casey for sharing your time and talent in renovating the office.

You guys did a great job. May God bless you all!

Last but not least, next Sunday is November 1, when we celebrate All Saints Day. November is the month of remembrance. Let us pray for those who have gone before us into eternal life, and we ask them to pray for us. On Monday November 2nd is All Souls' Day. We will have a special mass, including the memorial ritual to remember those from our parish who passed away this year. Please consult the bulletin for more information.

Thank you everyone and May God Bless you all!

Your brother Priest,

Fr. Luyen, CSSR

**Pray, Read, Discuss for Next Week**

**Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3: 1-3; Matthew 5: 1-12a**

Focus .....

***“Turn to Jesus in faithfulness and prayer.”***

If you wish to become Catholic, the parish of St. Edward’s will offer this coming Fall, a series of meetings called R.C.I.A. which means Rite of Christian initiation for Adults. We have a team who will proceed with this proposal for adults, who would like to know about the Christian experience

*Today’s readings offer reminders that God is faithful to his covenants. We, in turn, must place our trust in him and approach him with faith-filled prayer, so that we may experience the fulfillment of his promises in our lives and hearts.*

***Marriage Preparation***

If you are planning to marry soon please get in touch with Fr. Luyen to get the necessary paperwork done and to register for one of the upcoming Marriage Preparation Courses. The primary goal of the course is to increase your knowledge of the Sacrament of Marriage and deepen your love for each other.



**A JOURNEY IN FAITH**

in the Roman Catholic Rite and eventually, if so desired to become Catholic. This program is also suitable for those who desire the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If anyone is interested in this journey proposed by the RCIA team from Fall to Easter, please register at the Parish office. If you would like more information Fr. Luyen will be most happy to meet with you.

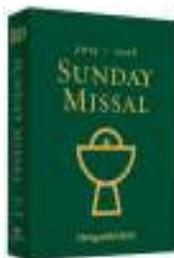


Father Luyen will be anointing the sick in a special mass here at St Edward’s on Saturday, November 7th at 10:00 a.m. The mass is for the intentions of our sick and the anointing of the sick will take place during this mass.



***2015-2016 Sunday Missals***

Living with Christ ***Sunday Missals*** will be available for purchase at the back of the church **next** weekend. They are \$5.00 each.



This weekend we will be celebrating our Children’s Liturgy at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday mass. We welcome all the children who will be participating in this mass. Please join us!

St Edward’s is offering Children’s Faith Formation for children ages Pre-school to Grade 5. Children gather at the Gym every Wednesday evening at 6:15 p.m.

Registration forms are available on the table in the foyer of the church. For more information please contact our Children’s Religious Education Coordinator: Paula Hudson at 250-746-6831.

See you there!



Thank you so very much for all the interest shown by our parish in supporting the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for BIKEWORKS & ARTWORKS last Sunday evening. With your help we were able to raise **\$2,658.27** which has been given to them for the wonderful work they do with local youth. The dinner was delicious and the whole evening was full of fun. Thank you everyone!

**Please pray for the following  
who are in special need of God's healing.**

Maggie Bell	Glen Lowe	Scott Wright
Anne Welch	Bob Benson	Paul Boray
Elizabeth Pickles	Peter Barfield	Ann Waugh
Fred Kelly	Tschi Fellmann	Justin Moore
Thomas Kay	Eileen Martin	Ria Donders
Ruby Zimmer	Fr. Maynard Boomers, omi	Arlene Laughren
Steve Barkanyi	Fr. Bob Kelly, omi	Tom Phillipson
Annetta Anderson	David Russell	Tony Aquino
Jenie Lauzon	Terry Christofferson	Barbara Ganter
Kirby Flegel	Steven Christofferson	Ashley Pifko
Susan Ferguson	Ken Burri	Peggy Mudge
Ray Marquis	Yvonne Gill	Bill Bellvau
Curtis Brimacombe	June Goode	Margaret Fay
Brenda Whelan	Andy Vanderstapp	Andy Slade
Terry Teasdale	Athalie Morgan	Danny Clements
Paulette Nelson	Terry Wlordarczyk	Marianne Leber
Jan Spencer	Margaret Halleux	Roger Larmand

*If you are going into the hospital, or are house bound and you would like Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office.*

# In Our Parish

Sat	Oct 24th	11:00 a.m. Baptism Preparation 4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Andre Potworowski+
Sun	Oct 25th	9:15 a.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Pro Populo K of C serving Pancake Breakfast after Mass
Mon	Oct 26th	~PARISH OFFICE CLOSED~
Tues	Oct 27th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's 5:00 p.m. Adoration, Benediction and Rosary 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Gerry Heywood
		<i>Feast of St Simon &amp; St Jude</i>
Wed	Oct 28th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's 6:15 p.m. Children's Faith Formation 6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation in the Church Hall
Thurs	Oct 29th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's— Ron Martell+ 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Fri	Oct 30th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Muriel Scott+ 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge Place
Sat	Oct 31st	4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Anna Peach+
Sun	Nov 1st	9:15 a.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Pro Populo



*Your Parish Council Members*

Hello Parishioners:

I spoke at Mass last weekend. If you were not able to be at Mass, there is an opportunity to read my message in the bulletin. Thanks so much for your very kind comments to me, it means a lot. Please also support those who will be speaking this weekend and next. The appeal is so important for our diocese and parish.

On another note I know the parish is excited like I am, to have Jackie Brimacombe back as bookkeeper. Jackie thought to retire but we knew she could not stay away. Jackie works once a week taking care of all the financials, and does a great job.

Speaking of Financials we are pleased to welcome Ed Hourihan, Maria Fernau and Greg Matthews to the finance team, we are still looking for one or two more. The Finance team meets 3 or 4 times a year, they get sent the financials monthly by email to go over, and discuss by email if necessary. If you have accounting background we would love to hear from you to join the finance team.

Blessing everyone  
Mary Hof, PPC chair=



## ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2015 Appeal theme - ***i share, we care*** - echoes Pope Francis' call to *care more deeply, to give more generously, and to love more tenderly*. Your pledge to the Appeal will help us reach our parish goal of \$50,000 which will truly benefit our parish by **supporting a refugee family** and also the ministries and programs throughout Vancouver Island and our surrounding islands. By now all households should have received information and a request for support of the Appeal. When you have made your decision, please return your gift to the parish or mail it directly to the Diocese. Please give generous consideration towards our Appeal and know that you can truly make a difference.

**Parish Goal: \$50,000**

**Parish Project: Supporting a Refugee Family**



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA  
ST. EDWARD'S COUNCIL

President  
Leanne Forest  
250-597-4450



Membership  
Lea Langkamer  
250-748-4418

CWL membership fee of \$35.00 is now being accepted for 2016.



**Operation  
Christmas Child Boxes**

**Operation Christmas Child** boxes are available for pickup after Mass. Filled boxes must be returned by the weekend of **November 14/15**. Our boxes are delivered to children in poor and war-torn countries. This year some of the countries are Bolivia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Paraguay & Honduras. To date 103 million children have received boxes since its beginning in 1973. If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Martell 250-748-0176 or Ro de Bree 250-748-5115.



**MASS FOR HOLY SOULS**

**Monday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m.**

You are invited to attend this celebration if you wish to remember a loved one in a special way or to support those who have lost a loved one in the past year.

During Mass names will be sung out of those deceased whose funerals took place at St Edward's in the past year. It is at that time that a representative of their family or a loved one will come up to the sanctuary and light a candle in their memory and/or place a flower in one of the vases provided. Once all the names are sung out, then others will be invited to come forward and light a candle and/or bring up flowers. For more information please call Banca Stead at 250-746-6803.

Refreshments will be served in the parish hall following Mass. Baking would be appreciated. Please call Martha Courchene at 250-748-8346.

**Pro Life**

There will be a Pro Life meeting on Sunday, November 29th in the Resource Room at 1:00 p.m. Mark your calendars. All are welcome. If you need more information, please contact Fr Luyen or Madge Weber (250-746-7475).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

St. Edward the Confessor Council 4253



Jerry Towles 1-250-244-1992,  
Grand Knight

**K. of C. Hall**, Indian Road, Duncan

The K. of C. Hall is available for rent  
If you or a group you belong to is interested  
please call Bernie Langkammer at 250-748-9333.

**Charity Appeal 2015-2016**

Ticket sales for this year have been excellent. We are set up at Canadian Tire—Monday to Saturday. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our brother knights for their generous time manning the ticket booths.

GOD BLESS,  
*Lorne Thickett*  
Charity Appeal (C.A.) Chairman

**Diocesan Invitation**

The Diocese of Victoria is pleased that Father Ronald Knott will facilitate the Clergy Study Days on November 16-18 on the topic of *Intentional Presbyterates and the Spiritual Leadership of a Parish Priest*.

Fr. Knott will also offer two presentations on *The Role of Spiritual Leadership in the Universal Call to Holiness*:

Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
at Church of the Ascension, Parksville  
Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
at St. Patrick's Parish, Victoria

**All are welcome.**

**Victoria 40 Days For Life  
September 23rd—November 1**

**Vigil location:** On the public right of way across the street from View Royal Square. The abortion centre is in the Vancouver Island Women's Health Clinic at #104-284 Helmcken Rd at the Island Highway.

**Vigil Hours:** 6:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. everyday

**Local contact:** Alex Berns 250-508-7839 or at fortydaysvictoria@hotmail.com

Come help, join us  
40daysforlife.com/Victoria/



## Parish and Diocesan Support

The United Nations Refugee Agency states that the Syrian conflict has resulted in the largest humanitarian crisis since the Second World War. After five years of conflict, some four million Syrians have sought refuge in neighbouring countries in the Middle East as well as in parts of Europe. In addition, there are hundreds of thousands of Syrians displaced and homeless within their own country. Calling again on the world and the Church to help these “millions of people... in a distressing state of urgent need,” Pope Francis has described the conflicts in Iraq and Syria “one of the most overwhelming human tragedies of recent decades.”

If you make your donation by cheque please make it payable to St. Edward’s Parish with a notation “Refugee Crisis” and we will issue you a donation receipt in February 2016. If you would rather send your donation directly to Development and Peace, they will issue you a donation receipt. Remember donations will be matched by the Government.

Development and Peace  
1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West 3rd Floor  
Montréal, Quebec—Canada H3G 1T7

*Please continue to pray for the refugees and their safety.  
Many thanks for our support and generosity to assist the many victims of the Refugee Crisis.*

## Diocesan “Faith in Action” Conference

November 14, 2015  
St. Edward’s Parish, 2085 Maple Bay Road,  
Duncan

*Proclaiming Jesus through Communities of  
Shalom and Mercy*

The Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis begins December 8. What is Mercy and what does Mercy look like?

Join us November 14, 2015 at St. Edward’s Parish in Duncan from 8:15 – 3:30 as we explore the profound as well as the practical implications of “Mercy” with Fr. Ray Carey.

Fr. Carey is a priest from the Archdiocese of Oregon who holds Master’s degrees in Theology Counselling, Psychology as well as a doctorate in Clinical Psychology. He has taught at both the secondary and university levels and currently teaches at Mt. Angel Seminary.

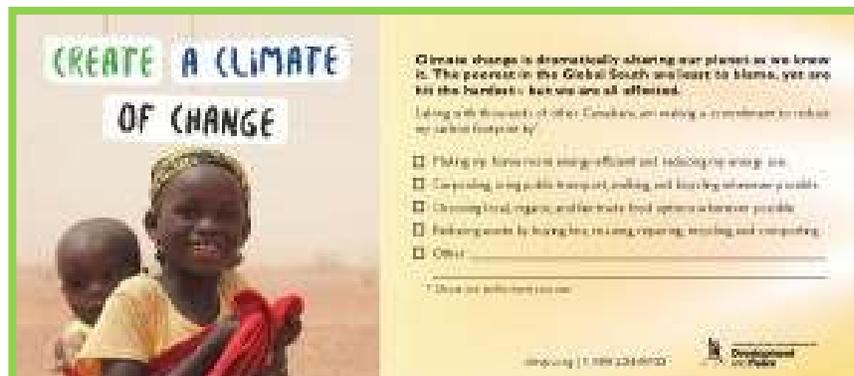
Register and obtain your tickets online by going to: <http://www.rcdvictoria.org/> and following the links. For those without computer access registration forms may be obtained at the parish office.

## DEVELOPMENT & PEACE FALL CAMPAIGN

### *Create A Climate of Change*

“Everything is related and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river, and mother earth,” Pope Francis tells us in Laudato Si.

Let’s make Canada a climate leader at the UN Climate Change Conference to be held in December 2015, by signing the D & P Action Card and making a commitment to reduce our own carbon footprint. Cards will be available on the November 7/8 weekend or you can sign a petition online at <https://www.dev.org/en/education/fall2015/action> (take action on climate change). All resource material can be viewed online, too.



*Diocesan Appeal 2015, by Mary Hof, PPC Chair*

Has it been already a year since the last appeal, has it been already six years from the first appeal? When Father Luyen and the appeal team asked if I would speak the first weekend on the appeal, I didn't hesitate, I said "Yes", (not that I like getting up here and speaking), but I am really excited about this appeal, and I hope I can get you excited also.

The theme this year is "*I share, We care.*" **2015 Journey of Hearts and Hands**. All parishes on the Island are speaking on this topic this weekend. The goal for the diocese is \$750,000. A gift to the Diocesan Appeal will help to ensure that our mission as Church, will have a firm financial foundation to meet the pastoral needs and challenges that are before the diocese. Our parish goal is \$50,000.

80% of funds collected at St. Edward's, goes to the diocese and 20% comes back to the parish. If we reach our goal of \$50,000 then anything above that; 80% will come to us and 20% goes to the diocese.

Back in June your Parish Pastoral Council discussed what our parish project would be. For the last five years we have spent our portion to improve our property and buildings and this included the repairing of the grotto. In September, your council felt it would be great if this year our funds could go out side the parish, namely to help a refugee family. With the support of the Finance team and the Appeal team we made this our parish project.

Pope Francis said "The Gospel calls us to be neighbours to the smallest and most abandoned, to give them concrete hope. In every given situation, our Holy Father keeps before us that we are to seek out the most vulnerable."

Many of the Catholic churches in Syria stand empty, targets for bombardment and desecration. **As Catholics, as Christians, this is our war, these are our brothers and sisters, we share in the blood of Christ that is being spilled everywhere in Syria.** And it is to this end that we at St. Edward's, are committing our 20% of the Diocesan Appeal, to partner with St. Andrew's Cathedral parish in Victoria to sponsor a Christian refugee family from Syria or Iraq.

Bishop Antoine Audo, Bishop of Aleppo, Syria, says "We have everyday bombings, I can have a bomb on my street, my cathedral, on the schools. We don't know why and where, but it happens every day. It's hard to describe how chaotic, terrifying and psychologically difficult it is when you have no idea what will happen next, or where the next rocket will fall." The Diocese of Aleppo used to be home to 150,000 Christians, belonging to various Catholic rites, Orthodox churches and Protestant communities. Bishop Audo informs us that 100,000 have left, or have disappeared, as have his 2 brother Bishops, two months ago who were kidnapped and have not been heard about since.

The budget for the family has been estimated at \$70,000. for one year and this includes covering the airfare for a family of 4 or 5. St. Andrew's Cathedral, as sponsor with a Sponsorship Agreement, agrees to the responsibility of setting up a home, covering rent, utilities etc. for 1 year, assist the main provider in finding work, support them as they integrate into the Canadian culture, pay for medical, literally to provide them with privileges we have as Canadian citizens. Here at St. Edward's, we just did not have the means to take this on alone. By partnering with St. Andrew's, we can help them reach their goal. Once the family is here we may be able to help in other ways and it would be my hope, that we can bring the family here to St Edward's to visit with us. It is our hope we can raise \$10,000 for our partnership with St. Andrew's.

We know over the last few weeks that many have donated to Development and Peace for the refugee crisis.

The money we collect from the diocesan appeal will go to help bring a family to Victoria. We also know money is wanted everywhere and many from our parish are on limited income but we ask you to look within your heart and give within your means.

Bishop, Gary Gordon states. "We must give of ourselves and our treasure, and know that God will take our gifts and return them many times over".

What does it really mean to give from the heart or have a change of heart? I want to share with you a personal experience.

A few weeks ago, I learned of the death of Father Jean Marie, a priest in Africa who I met a couple of days before my climb to Mt. Kilimanjaro. Fr. Jean Marie was young, he had so much energy, and he lived to help the poor. For the last few months he was on a mission in the Congo where he contracted Cerebral Malaria, and he could not get help fast enough.

I went to Africa 12 years ago with one thing on my mind and that was to get to the top of the highest freestanding mountain in the world, but God would also have another plan. While climbing I kept recalling all that Fr. Jean Marie had told me and I knew God was calling me to reach out to help those in need. Fr. Jean Marie really did help change my heart; working with him I was able to build a medical dispensary in a little village that had nothing. This was a huge financial and emotional undertaking and I can tell you it was not easy, but I can tell you also, these last 12 years since I started that dispensary God has taken my gifts and returned them many times over.

So today I am asking us all; are we willing to change our hearts? Are we willing to support the diocese with this appeal, by giving above what we give for our weekend collections; knowing a portion of that is going to aide a family here on our Island who have no chance of living a life of freedom? Think about it and pray on it, let's allow God to enter into our hearts.

May God bless you all  
Thank you for your time and generosity.

Mary Hoff, PPC Chair

## ***An Astonishingly Beautiful Icon to Remember the 21 Coptic Christians Martyred by ISIS***

Do you remember the date of 13th February 2015? It was on this day that 21 Coptic Christians were martyred for their faith by ISIS? This event has been depicted in a sacred icon by the artist Nikola Sarić . Often, our experience of icons can be synonymous with historic events that seem far removed from our lives today. So it is an important and extremely powerful reminder of the sufferings of our Christian brothers to see an icon that depicts something so prevalent to our world today.

Speaking on the subject, Pope Francis said,

“They were killed simply for the fact they were Christians. The blood of our Christian brothers and sisters is a testimony which cries out to be heard,” said the Pope. It makes no difference whether they be Catholics, Orthodox, Copts or Protestants. They are Christians! Their blood is one and the same. Their blood confesses Christ.”

Their names have also been released by the [Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Los Angeles](#). Let us not forget the power of names, especially when we do not personally know the martyrs. Each name signifies a life that was a gift from God and in turn, they gave their lives back to Him. **Let us pray that we will not let our Christian brothers and sisters down in our own witness of faith, no matter how small the battles may be that we face.** Let us pray for their families, that they will be comforted and strengthened. And finally, let us also pray for our enemies, including ISIS, that they will realise the reality of their violence and repent.

The icon is on display in Germany and it is hoped that money can be raised for the families of those who were killed:

***Milad Makeeen Zaky, Bishoy Adel Khalaf, Samuel Alham Wilson, A worker from Awr village, Ezat Bishri Naseef, Loqa Nagaty, Gaber Munir Adly, Esam Badir Samir, Malak Farag Abram, Sameh Salah Faruq, Hany Abdelmesih Salib, Abanub Ayad Atiya, Maged Solaiman Shehata, Yusuf Shukry Yunan, Kirollos Shokry Fawzy, Bishoy Astafanus Kamel, Somaily Astafanus Kamel, Malak Ibrahim Sinweet, Tawadros Yusuf Tawadros, Girgis Milad Sinweet, Mina Fayez Aziz***

