

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - CYCLE A: - 09/07/17

Sunday and Weekday Mass Schedule

Sundays: 7:00 am & 8:30 am

Weekday 6:30 pm - [Monday to Friday]

Saturday & Public Holidays: - 8.30am.

Wednesday Fijian Mass [Misa Vakaviti]

Thurs Holy Hour, Adoration & Benediction: 5.00pm – 6.p.m

Holy days 7:00 am. & 7:00 pm. except Christmas & New Year.

Confessions: - Friday & Saturdays after Mass.

Baptisms: The 8.30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month is reserved for Baptisms. Parents seeking baptism for their child make arrangements with the Parish Priest before commencing session with Baptism helpers.

Matrimony: Those preparing for marriage must contact a priest at least 3 months before and are required to undertake preparation sessions. Guidelines available at the Parish Office.

RCIA: Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

The Month of July 2017

This year 2017 the Month of July has 5 Saturdays, 5 Sundays and 5 Mondays. This happens only once in every 823 years. The Chines call this “A pocket full of Money”.

Our Bazaar falls within this Weekend.

Pope Francis prayer intention for July: “That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect”.

Reflection for the for the 14th Sunday of the Year: Becoming like children: “Put your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee” we were invited by a popular Gospel song some years back. Putting your hand in somebody else’s is a gesture of intimacy, typical of children with their parents. To a loving father or mother, a child will give its hand unquestioningly, with complete trust. Holding his or her father’s hand there is nowhere the child will not venture. It is not only willing to be led, but positively wants to be brought somewhere. Somewhere in the growing-up process we outgrow our dependency on our parents, and when we no longer need their guidance, even God can become remote for us. Only those who are children at heart can fully understand what Jesus tells us about God — that God reveals Himself to “mere children.”

Growing up means ceasing to be dependent. We exchange a child’s dependence on people for an adult’s dependence on things, like money, alcohol, success and influence. But these props are notoriously fickle and the adult world is often plagued by stress and anxiety. Our props may provide temporary relief but can still leave us — as Jesus puts it — “weary and burdened;” burdened with illusions of grandeur and unrealistic targets. The heaviest load we have to carry is that of our own unfulfilled ambitions, the burden of our bruised egos. Only a return to humility can restore our lost innocence and our lost paradise., that honest humility that accepts our creaturely status, our true status as children before God. To enjoy the peace of Christ we must “put our hand in the hand of the man from Galilee’, who guides us along life’s journey and helps us to find the way home.

‘Come to me’, he says, ‘all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest.’ In spite of all our problems, we trust him when he says, my yoke is easy and my burden light.

In Loving Memory: Burannang Tearawa, (53) Rabi & Naitasari, Brother of Philip Namatan Tearawa (Milverton Road, Community 3) who died Tuesday 4th July and was buried on Saturday – in Naitasari. Survived by his wife and daughter. May he rest in Peace.

Welcome to the Christian Community: Makarita Bernadette Moce Namarua, Lot 6 Ono Street, Samabula; Varasiko Saunivalu, 222 Fletcher Road and Micah Ambrose Asgar, Canberra, Australia – who were baptised here Saturday 8th July during 8.30am Mass.

Bazaar Time Just 4 Weeks Away: All communities are now having their last big fun-raising drives and are working hard towards our special annual event – St Pius X Parish Bazaar. We need a good bazaar this year to continue maintenance work in the parish. A credit to all that are working hard for this event since Easter. Everyone knows how much work and maintenance that still needs to be done for the Celebration of our Golden Jubilee. Thanks for your faith, effort and commitment. It is due to good Sunday Collections and the Envelope Pledge by a number of people in each Community – that enabled us to do so much work this year. Vinaka Vakalevu kece. Let’s do our best and strive for “That Pocket full of Money” on Bazaar Day 29th July. **A reminder the target for each Community is \$4,600.00.**

Congratulations to St Marcellin School and the 3 pupils who won top Prizes and Certificates: Matelita Semocevuga, Vatuwaqa, Lusua Rabonu, Raiwaqa and Celeb Stevens, Tamavua were awarded these Certificates and Trophies for achieving a perfect score in the **National GREEN Olympiad - an online Quiz re the Environment.** Only 17 Students Nationwide received these Awards out of 235 schools that took part. And 3 of them from St Macellin’s. Congratulations again to all involved. Certificates and Trophies were presented to the above students at the 1st Friday Mass at the School on Friday 6th July. (Photos of the Students and event on parish website).

Financial Council and Financial Reps From Communities Meeting every Wed. in Preparation for Parish Bazaar:

On Wednesday night 5th July June members of the Financial Council and a number of Financial Community Reps met again to look at the preparations for our forthcoming Bazaar. Preparations for the 29th July are well on the way. The three Bazaar Committees (pre-bazaar committee, on-the-day committee and post-bazaar committee) all gave their reports of their progress. Suggestions re the outlay of the stalls were discussed. Next meeting on Wed. 12th July. For Communities to know what is going on re preparation all Financial Reps are requested to attend. There has been a poor attendance of Financial Reps at these meetings.

Notes from Last Wednesday night Meeting re running of this year's Bazaar: The theme for the year has been chosen and is:

1. Moving forward in Faith and in Good Health.
2. That the Prizes this year will be \$200.00 for 1st Prize; \$150.00 for 2nd Prize and \$100.00 for 3rd Prize. \$50.00 for the Best Stall and \$50.00 for best entertainment.
3. Stall layout will be somewhat similar to last years with the mainstage with its back to the Church.
4. Note to the Communities there will be no electricity supplied to the stalls.
5. A reminder that each Community provide their own security for their own stall.
6. For safety purposes and ease of counting of Money on the day – Communities are encouraged to deposit money with the parish and provide Bank Cheques on the Bazaar Day.
7. The Committee welcomes any form of donation cash or kind towards the Bazaar.

Renovation for the Golden Jubilee of the Parish Aug in 2018.

1. **The welding of the mesh** to the boundary fence is now complete. Thanks again expressed to Visoni, Amini, Leni, Martin Peniasi & other volunteers who lent a helping hand. Their next project is the **Making and Fixing of the New Gates.**
2. **Parish Sewage Line:** 'Classic Works' who were contracted to replace the old sewage line with a much larger PVC line and to construct 3 new chambers, started this Project on Friday - last the Public Holiday and in a week they had all the digging complete and the new pipe laid. They have the New Line up and running for Monday morning for the Kindergarten.
3. **Building Site:** The entire side of the church is still regarded as a building site as well as the car parking area in front of the Church until all the filling is done and ground levelled once more.

CCD Classes: Are in progress every Sunday now. Classes take place after the 7.00am Mass. There are about 45 candidates in Confirmation Class, 20 in 1st Holy Communion Class while some 9 candidates have registered for the RCIA programme this year. It is of the **utmost importance that all attending CCD classes attend the 7.00am Mass.** Thanks to you, parents for sending your children to these classes and to our Catholic Teachers who sacrifice their time to prepare our children for the Sacraments. Vinaka.

Workshops re Safeguarding Children & Sexual Abuse: Was held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week 3rd, 4th and 5th of July at St Joseph's Hall. The workshops were conducted by the Archbishop and two ladies who work on in the field of Safeguarding in the Archdiocese of Sydney. From these workshops, a Policy for the Archdiocese of Suva will be drawn up. Master Dan and the Parish Priest represented the Parish there on different days.

Adi Mariana Waqa: who is employed by the Columbans on Wednesdays met with a small group of women from the Parish last Wednesday. The women present promised to bring others with them for another session with Mariana on this coming Wednesday from 10.00am to 12.00. We urge that women take the advantage to come and we request the above to come along and meet with and chat with Mariana Waqa about Women's Issues. She and Marj propose Community Visitations in the afternoons.

Meetings Today Sunday 2nd July:

Evangelisation Commission meets today after 8.30am Mass in the hall. Members please take note.

Lectors Meeting: Today after 8.30am Mass in the Fr Hurley Hall. All Lectors are asked to attend.

The Cenacle @ 2.00pm; Divine Mercy @ 3.00pm; Charismatics @ 3.30pm; World Apostolate of Fatima @ 4.30pm.

Meetings during the Week:

1. **Tuesday 11th July:** – Seven Steps Prayer in most Communities
2. **Tuesday 11th July:** Praying the Seven Steps in 4a Community. Children at Master Dan's and adults at Rausuvanu's Res.
3. **Tuesday 11th July:** Seven Steps Prayer Meeting in Community 5b St Columban's at Tikolutu's Residence at 7.30pm
4. **Tuesday 11th July:** **SCC Animators Visitation: Team 1** to Community 4c; **Team 2** to 3; **Team 3** to Community 7a.
5. **Wednesday 12th July:** Men of the Parish Choir Practice for liturgy on 3rd Sunday of July.
6. **Thursday 13th July:** Archdiocese CJD Team to visit & have a talenoa session with Parish JPHD Commission 7.30/9.30.
7. **Friday 14th July:** Youth Seven Steps prayer meeting.

Thanks: To Community (1b) St Cecilia's for animating the Liturgy during the week (beautiful singing all week) and for cleaning of the Church & compound yesterday. We invite Community 2 St Joseph the Worker to start Mon 10th July.

Thanks too for your generous Collection for last week. The following is a summary:

1st Collection \$452.60; 2nd Collection \$76.25 and Envelop \$110.00 = \$638.85

Reading coming week: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time [9/7/17] Zech 9: 9-10; Rom 8: 9-13; Matt 11: 25-30; Mon [10/7/17] Gen 28: 10-22; Matt 9: 18-26; Tue [11/7/17] *St Benedict:* Proverbs 2: 1-10; Matt 19: 27-29; Wed [12/7/17] Gen 41: 55-57, 42: 5-7, 17-24; Matt 10: 1-7; Thurs [13/7/17] Gen 44: 18-21, 23-29; 45: 1-5; Matt 10: 7-15; Fri [14/7/17] Gen 46: 1-7, 28-30; Matt 10: 16-23; Sat [15/7/17] *St Bonaventure:* Gen 49: 29-32; 50: 15-26; Matt 10: 24-33; Sat [16/7/17] **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Is 55: 10-11; Rom 8: 18-23; Matt 13: 1-23.