

# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-: YEAR C 14/07/19

#### 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.pm

**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 Community Leader and Priests 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:** *The RCIA program, which is specifically for adults, is not only for those who are wanting to be converted to the Catholic Faith. It is also important for everyone to note that, as required by the Catechism of the Catholic Church, there is a preparation period. This period normally begins in June and runs until the Easter the following year. A special invite is directed to those “practicing Catholics” who have yet to receive all 3 or any of the sacraments of Initiation, namely Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. We do have some in our Parish, and it is very important that these people come forward.* Potential candidates can contact Sala Navuku, ph 9457355, Community Leader or the Parish Coordinator for further information.

#### **BAZAAR BAZAAR BAZAAR: 13 Days to go:**

Thirteen days is quite sufficient to ensure we tie up all the loose ends by planning to the final detail what we need to do as a Community on Bazaar day. Tick the boxes for stall decoration, *kalavata*, item, lovo packs, Coke caravan, family levy balance, raffle, foods, BBQ, tea, pastries, cakes, ...etc. All the best in your preparations for our annual parish bazaar.

**Reflection for the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year – The Good Samaritan:** Our news media often paint a rather depressing picture of human nature, incurably bent on war, destruction, social and political injustice, and on all types and forms of immorality. That, of course, is what is seen as making news. But it should blind none of us from being more aware in our daily lives of the basic goodness of human nature, and of noting the many selfless and quite unnoticed acts of love and charity. And by being positive about our human nature and its capabilities for good, we become more aware of our own potential to love selflessly. This is what Jesus tries to help the lawyer to experience. Instead of giving him a dictionary definition of “neighbour,” he presents him with the parable about the Samaritan who acts not out of a sense of duty or of guilt, but out of sheer love and generosity. Though we are not told, we can hope that the lawyer is fired with enthusiasm to live in a similar manner.

To stress the negatives in the parable — the violence of the brigands, the neglect by the Priest and the Levite — would be pessimistic and miss the real point. The Samaritan shows the virtues of humanity — even in people of whom little good was expected. The Jews were meant to take special care of the stranger, the widow, and the orphan. These were the groups most in need of charity, and so whoever came to their help would be helpful to all, without exception.

Note the significant shift between the lawyer’s question “Who is my neighbour?” and Jesus’ question at the end of the parable: “Which of them proved neighbour to the victim?” The lawyer wants a definition that will comfortably limit his duty of helping others. Jesus forbids us to set any such limits: our neighbour is any human being in need.

The present day ‘Samaritans’ was started in 1953 by a London vicar, Chad Farah, in order to help people in trouble and on the verge of despair. It is a very Gospel-based movement.

**Welcome to the Christian Community** Eugene Nabure Ueara of St Paul’s community and Freda Victorius Rigamoto of St Jacob’s who were baptized in the parish last Sunday.

**Archdiocese of Suva Post Synod:** *The Titles of the Nine Synodal Propositions:* 1. God’s Mission as a Church; 2. Sacramental Life: An Encounter with Christ; 3. Clergy: Gifted and Called to Service; 4. Church Leadership and Governance at the service of God’s Kingdom; 5. Church, Society and Integral Human Development; 6. Family: Pastoral Care, Vocation and Mission of the Family; 7. Education: The Catholic Identity of Catholic Schools; 8. Ecology – Care for our Common Home-*Vanua*; 9. Youth: ‘You are the **NOW** of GOD’ (Pope Francis). The Archbishop will establish a Synod Planning Team to help him develop our Diocesan Pastoral Plan and establish the diocesan pastoral norms and policies.

**Parish St Vincent de Paul Central Eastern Street Appeal** (6 July – 14 September) is a 3-month initiative that will be carried within the vicinity of Suva area. Proceeds from the Street Appeal will go towards the financial upkeep of Fr Law Home. Every donation is highly appreciated.

**Women of the Parish:** All members of the Catholic Women's League are reminded to attend an urgent meeting on Saturday, 20 July in the AB Mataca Hall after the 0830 Mass. The Annual General Meeting of the CWL will be held in Natovi next month.

**Parish Website:** This has been updated just a reminder that Newsletter could be sighted or downloaded from the site.

**Columban Kaulotu** magazine will be on sale for \$1 only, after the Masses this morning.

**Grid Security recruitment drive** All unemployed in search of work at the range of age of 25yrs to 35yrs of age, vacancies are available. Call Harold Swann on 775 0111 for further details.

**Lectors for Sunday 21 July:** 0700 Mass- Clara Jone (first), St Columban (Response), Alison Steiner (second), 0830 Mass - Salome Waqailiti (first), Men of the Parish (Response), Miri (second)

**Family Life:** Combined Original weekend with Nadera has been postponed to September. Two couples have confirmed participation. We are still looking out for another couple to attend this Original Marriage Encounter weekend. Confirm with office.

**Faith Formation:** Catechism classes continue this morning after both Masses. Confirmation and post-Confirmation classes to be held inside the church after the 0830 Mass.

**Evangelization News:** Prayer meetings continues as usual this afternoon in Church.

**New Office Bearers of Our Parish Youth:** President – Chris Wali (4B) / Vice-President Tavite Saula (5B) / Liturgy Rep. Bruce Vute (5B) / Liturgy Sub. – Bridget Tavutonivalu (4B) / Evangelization Rep. – Pipiana Mua (1B) / Evangelization Sub. – Meli Vakatale Jr. (5A) / Treasurer – Talei Burese (2) / Treasurer Sub. – Regina Bogi (4B). CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**Vatuwaqa Senior Youth (5A+5B) 7 Steps Bible Sharing Faith & Action (Task):** TODAY at 7pm. Food Drive for the street children in town area. For details, please contact Meli Vakatale Jr. (5A).

**Senior Youth 7 Steps Bible Sharing Prayer Meeting – This Tuesday at 7:30pm:** (Raiwaqa: 1B+2+3+4A+4B+4C+6+7A+7B at the Parish Hall) / (Vatuwaqa 5A+5B at Meli Vakatale Jr.'s house)

**Inter-Religious Dialogue Youth Clean Up Campaign:** All parish Youth are invited for the Clean Up on THIS SATURDAY at 12:30pm. This invitation is extended to all community members. We will meet at My Suva Park (Bure). ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED to fill and bring the CONSENT FORM. Community leaders can collect five copies each from the parish office today. For more information, please contact Chris Wali or Tavite Saula.

**CCIM visit to PRS:** THIS FRIDAY CCIM in Raiwaqa will visit and support Columban seminarians. Invitation is extended to the parish Senior Youth. All will meet and go together at the parish after the Friday evening Mass.

**Presbytery Garage Sale:** Today after the Mass – Please, support the parish Bazaar fundraising.

#### **Meetings Today and During the Week**

**Evangelisation Commission** meets this morning after 8.30am Mass in the *AB Mataca Hall*.

**Parish Finance Council/Treasurers** meet after the 0830 Mass in the *Fr Hurley Hall*.

**Liturgy Commission** meets after the 0830 Mass in the *carport*.

**St Patrick Community** -Family Catechism facilitated by Fr.Tino continues this evening at 7pm.Many thanks to the faithful families who have seen active participation and faithfully following the program these past few weeks. Other families in the Community are urged to come along and support this great Family initiative.

**Youth Executive Urgent Meeting:** Tomorrow (Monday) at 7:30pm at AB Hall. Bring brief summaries of your activities

**Our Lady of Hope (4A):** 7 steps will be held at Sera Moku's residence this Tuesday.

**St Gabriel (4A)** 7 Steps will be held at the Fuata and Pauline Kostatino's residence at 7.30pm on Tuesday

**St Francis of Assisi (4A)** Seven Steps on Tuesday night at Mariana Raduna's residence.

**St Peter Chanel Community** meets at Tina Robinson's home at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 17 July.

#### **Meetings coming up later:**

**Lectors** meet after the 0830 Mass on Sunday, 21 July, in the Music Room.

**PPC meeting** held at 1000 next Sunday (21 July) in the AB Mataca Hall. Drawing of Bazaar stalls will be done here.

**Central Eastern Youth** Meeting will be on Saturday, July 20 at Holy Eucharist Parish at 2pm.

#### **Thanks and Appreciation:**

St Michael Community for animating the Liturgy during the week and the church cleaning yesterday. We invite St Columban's Community to take on this important responsibility from tomorrow evening

**For your generous Collections Last Week:** The following is a summary of the collections: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: **\$711.00** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **\$76.00**; Envelopes pledges: **\$193.50**; **Total Collection: \$980.50**

**Readings for the week: Fifteen Sunday Ordinary Time 14/7:** 0:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37; **Mon 15/7:** Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34—11:1; **Tue 16/7:** Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24; **Wed 17/7:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27; **Thur 18/7:** Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30; **Fri 19/7:** Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8; **Sat 20/7:** Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21; **Sun 21/7 Sixteen Sunday In Ordinary Time:** Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42