

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C: 17/07/16

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 – 6.00pm

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 are available at the Parish Office.

RCIA: Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

Columban Superior General's Visitation

Fr Kevin O'Neill, Superior General Columban – thanked the Parishioners of St Pius X Parish for the great welcome that was accorded to him last weekend. He also thanked the parishioners for looking after & caring for Columban Priests & Lay Missionaries assigned to the parish over the years.

Reflection on Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Tale of Two Sisters

The two sisters symbolize the contemplative and active dimensions of life, at times difficult to balance. What wisdom have we learned through life experiences on how to strike a balance between prayer and action?

Many people misunderstand hospitality. They worry and fret about decorating the house and preparing abundant food. Yet sometimes it is something else that is needed to make people feel at home, namely, to sit with guests and to listen to them speaking.

We can make the same mistake in relation to people who are important to us in life: children, friends, parents, or others. We can worry and fret about doing things for them when perhaps the important thing is to give them time and to listen to them.

When it comes to welcoming God into our lives, one appropriate response is to give time listening to God's word. But sometimes we have so much to do and going to Mass to listen to the Word of God is just another thing in the way of our plans and tasks for the weekend. When Jesus calls us we should make time for his presence in our lives. At Mass, Jesus comes to us in the person of the priest, in the people in the seats, in the readings, and Gospel of the day. Finally, Jesus comes to us himself in the Eucharist. Surely we can make time for Jesus when he comes to us in such a loving and complete way! When have you found time devoted to the word of God enriching for you?

In Loving Memory: Fr Ed Quinn who worked with us here in Fiji from 1973 to 2007, died in Omaha on 12th July 2016. Fr. Ed was Regional Director of the Fiji Region from 1983 to 1987. From 1991 to 1995 he was Coordinator of the Lay Missionaries. It was a time of great sadness for him when Elizabeth Yean Shin, a Korean Lay Missionary died of hepatitis. He worked in many Parishes including Nabala, Ba and Raiwaqa. He also served as Columban Regional Bursar for years. He was chaplain and served the Korean Catholic Community here in Suva with a monthly Mass that still continues. Many will grieve his passing. At the request of the former Lay Missionaries the Columban's had a memorial Mass for Ed yesterday evening July 18 at 1 pm at Nasese in the Central House. We are united in prayer with you all as we mourned the passing of this great missionary - our brother. May he Rest in Peace.

Columban Superior General's Visit: Heartfelt gratitude is in order after last weekend's marathon commitment on the part of parishioners due to Father Kevin O'Neill's visitation to the parish who graced us with his presence on Saturday and Sunday 9th and 10th July 2016.

The culmination of his brief sojourn must surely be the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday morning finishing with the powerful singing of the hymn to St. Columban, "*We belong to Christ, and not to ourselves*" sung with such gusto that the Superior General stayed longer than usual at the foot of the altar before retracing his steps to the sacristy. Morning tea too was excellent and again displayed a great sense of parish unity. Thanks indeed to you all for rising to the challenge to host the Superior General, last weekend albeit an eleventh hour request. Thanks to everyone who were heavily involved in one way or another with the whole weekend operation. (*Master Dan*).

On behalf of the Columbans in the Fiji Region, Fr John also wishes to express heartfelt thanks to all the parishioners of Raiwaqa for the great display of unity and generosity shown to Fr Kevin O'Neill last weekend.

Jubilee for Catholic Men: is being culminated today with a Mass at 8:30 AM animated by the Men of the Parish. They had a gathering on Friday evening (15th July) for the purpose of becoming a force for improvement of our parish under the banner of “The Men of The Parish” towards the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Parish (1968-2018). The Family Life Commission wishes to extend their appreciation to those attended the gathering and sparing a bit of your time for this endeavour.

Jubilee for the Youth: is to be celebrated on 26th July on the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the loving parents of Our Lady. They will animate the 6:30pm Mass; followed by a program at 7:30- 9:00pm, in the Parish Hall. The celebration will be under the same theme with that of the WYD 2016 held in Krakow, “*Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.*” **ALL Parish Youth** are invited to come join this celebration.

Parish Bazaar: is on 30th July, 2016 at Swann Park. Many thanks to all the communities who have put so much effort in their fundraisings and community nights and to the Committee who have been working tirelessly preparing for this important annual parish event. We are all looking forward to another successful Parish Bazaar and Family Fun Day.

RCIA Classes: Classes have begun. For inquiries, please contact Mrs Sala Navuku.

Commission on Evangelisation and Bible: Meeting today after the 8:30 AM Mass

Commission on Youth:

- (a) **Visitation** to St Michael Community (5A); 4:00 pm, **TODAY**, meet up in front of the church; please be on time;
- (b) **Choir Practice:** 1) **TODAY**, 17th July, during/after the visitation to St Michael; 2) Monday, 25th July, 7:00 PM at the Parish hall.

Commission on Social Justice and Human Development: Meeting **TODAY**, 17th July. **ALL SJHD Community Reps**, please attend.

Parish Lectors: kind reminder regarding your regular meeting on Monday, 18th July, 7:30 PM, at the Meeting Room.

St Michael Community (5A): a) **Prayer Meeting** continues every Wednesdays at 7:00 PM;

St Peter Chanel Community (4A):

- (a) **Prayer Meeting (Women)** at the Parish Hall, 7:30 PM every Tuesday;
- (b) All are invited to a **Family Meeting** on Wednesday 20th July, 7:30 PM at the Parish Hall.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting: at 3:00pm in the church. Invitation is extended to interested parishioners as well.

Faith Formation Commission News: CCD continues after the 8:30 am Mass.

- (a) **First Holy Communion** classes in the hall (10:00-10:45)
- (b) **Pre-Confirmation** classes in the church

Application Forms from St Marcellin Vatuwaqa: (Entry to Class 1-2017) are now available at the school office. It is of the utmost importance to pick up and return this form to the school office immediately if you need a place for your children in Marist Vatuwaqa in 2017.

Chevalier Hostel and Training Centre Mini Bazaar: An invitation is being extended to this mini bazaar happening on Saturday, 23rd July, 9:00 AM at Chevalier Hostel Lot 17 Rewa St Suva.

From the Ministry of Health: Parishioners are informed that the ministry is preparing to send a nurse or two to the parish offering the following services: a) **Mondays and Fridays** (every week) – Pap smear and baby clinic; b) **Quarterly** – Talks on different topics regarding health, Pre-Screening, and Kindergarten visitation.

‘**Misericordiae Vultus**’ **Pope Francis Encyclical on God’s Mercy** It is for sale at \$2.00 per copy. It is a great document on God Mercy for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Let us all make an attempt to read it.

For your Generous Contributions: Thanks to members of St Patrick Community (4b) for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of St John the Baptist Community (4c) to continue from tomorrow 11th July, 2016.

Details of last Sunday’s Collections published here: **First Collection - \$ 577.35; Second Collection - \$39.30 = \$; 616.65; Envelope Pledge \$ 192.00. Thank You so much.**

Readings for the coming Week:

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time [17/07/16] Gen 18: 1-10; Col 1:24-28; Luke 10: 38-42; **MON [18/07/16]** Micah 6: 1-4, 6-8; Matt 12: 38-42; **TUE [19/07/16]** Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20; Matt 12: 46-50; **WED [20/07/16]** Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matt 13: 1-9; **THUR [21/07/16]** Jeremiah 2: 1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matt 13:10-17; **FRI [22/07/16]** **St Mary Magdalene:** Song of Songs 3:1-4; John 20: 1-2, 11-18; **SAT [23/07/16]** Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matt 13: 24-30; **17th Sunday of the Ordinary Time [24/07/16]** Genesis 18: 20-32; Col 2:12-14; Luke 11: 1-13.