



ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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16TH SUNDAY OF YEAR - ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B: 22.07.18

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: At 8.30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

Parents seeking baptism for their child make arrangements with Community Leader & Priests & Baptismal instructors.

Matrimony: Those preparing for marriage must contact a priest at least 1 month before and are required to undertake preparation sessions. Guidelines available at the Parish Office. **RCIA:** Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

Sunday Reflection Contemplative and Quiet Moments

The first part of today's gospel proclaims the value of coming away from our everyday cares, in order to be present to the Lord, the second part proclaims another value. The lonely place suddenly became a crowded place, even before Jesus and his disciples had reached the place. Jesus and his disciples stepped out of the boat not into quietness and peace but into human need and demand. We are all familiar with that kind of experience. We plan something and it doesn't work out. We go somewhere expecting something and the opposite transpires. We want to be alone and we are inundated with people. Jesus and his disciples experienced a major interruption to what they were intending. Interruptions are part of all our lives, and as one writer put it, God is often to be found in the interruptions. Jesus responded to the interruption by become completely present to it. He did not try to avoid the crowd or to send them away; he became fully present to them. In the words of the gospel, 'he took pity on them', 'he had compassion for them.' That is very much at the heart of our own calling as the Lord's followers, to be present to others, even when they turn up unexpectedly and interrupt what we had carefully planned. It is so easy to get worked up and irritated when something happens that is not part of the script we had in our head. We can be so fixed on that script that we can look on people as nuisances instead of being present to them with the compassion of Jesus. Jesus had the habit of spending time alone with God; it was those times of presence to God in prayer that enabled him to be present to others, no matter who they were or how they turned up. Our own coming away to be with the Lord will help us too to be present to those who come into our lives. Our contemplative moments, our desert times, help us to be contemplative, attentive, in our way of relating to those who cross our path in life.

Wedding Bells: Congratulations Tatiana Antonio and Emmanuel Mikaere- Browning Street, Raiwaqa who were married here on Friday 20th July. They are wished a long, happy and blessed married life together.

Mass of the Angeles: This Tuesday Morning 24th July at 9.00am for Adelene Tavo, Vatuwaqa (twin sister of Angela) whose Mass and burial took place here 13th July 2018. Together again in the arms of the Lord.

New RCIA Programme: It is all our responsibility to find and channel people from our communities into this new Programme. Only one candidate turning up for the last few Sundays. Hopefully the new Programme will be blessed with success. The Archbishop needs the RCIA Programme to be community based. Some mature parishioners have not yet received Confirmation. All Community leaders should notify these parishioners to contact Sala and Eroni Navuku, the Coordinators for the RCIA program. The same applies to anybody in the Communities who wish to join the Church.

Montfort Boys Towns, Lami and Savusavu expect more Catholic students in 2019 a Catholic institution - run by the Montfort Brothers. The minimum qualification is completion of Year 10 which means the students had completed his study in the three Terms at Year 10. Students who have completed Year 11 or Year 12 or Year 13 are most welcome. The Boarding Fees of \$600 can be paid periodically by parents. But the cost of uniforms \$519 must be paid at the time of admission. Job placement is done during the second term of the final year. If some of students or former students are interested; contact Bro. Jim, Director. Mobile 7685274, E- mail: jimmadavana@gmail.com

Needing a JP (Justice and Peace Officer) Fr Mikaele Tikoisuva PP Tamavua is a JP – available on Wednesday – Fridays from 3pm to 5.00pm. or by appointment

Thanks Giving Mass: Sunday 29th Day after Parish Bazaar

There will be only one Mass Next Sunday and it will be at 9.00am.

The Parish will gather in Thanksgiving for Blessings of our Bazaar.

PPC MEETING this Sunday at 10.00am to finalise bazaar programme – Stalls to be allocated.

Catholic Times ready today in the Office.

Financial Rens or Community Leaders please nick

Parish Bazaar: Summary of Bazaar Committee Meeting on Monday night 16th July. Again very poor attendance – only 8 turned up for the meeting: Here is a Summary

- There was a renewed call for **Community money to be banked with the Parish** to avoid security problems and make for ease of cash counting. Suggestion for deadline for banking by Close of Business on Friday, 27th July. Keep just enough for your float. Important to note that you must produce your receipt on the day of counting. (*Community Finance reps please take note*).
- Request for *Willkie Talkies* for Communications and Security.
- Contact one or two extra parishioners who **are bank tellers** for the day. **Contact Lavinia Smith** for decoration of the main stage. **Sr Kalala and Youth** for Kids' Program – Green Team (**Youth**) for the day.
- ‘*I Vakavinavinaka*’ to the Community leaders during the third count (*Kele/Dan*)
- Merchandize from donors, displayed on Bazaar Day and later Ruffled for Golden Jubilee.
- Due to a **break down of their delivery lorry, Rapid Scaffolding** will not be able to put up our stalls this year but **Nebzville Scaffolding** (Local and from Nabua) will build the stalls for us, The layout same as last year.
- The First Call will be at 11.30am; 2nd Call at 1.00pm and 3rd and Final Call at 3.00pm. Last weekend an Urgent
- Prizes for 1st. 2nd and 3rd Communities that raise the most. There will be a prizes for the best stall and for the best entertainment and for the most improved Community. There will be a bag of chickens for each Community that reaches or surpasses the target of \$4,500.00: Theme for this year's Bazaar “Healthy, Happy and Resilient”.
- There will be no electricity provided in the stalls except on the main Stage for the Music and speaker system.
- Last meeting for Bazaar next Monday after PPC's allocation of stalls. (*All welcome*)

Evangelisation Commission:

1. **Animators will visit communities 3 and 4C** this coming Tuesday 24/07. **Team 1** (Karalo, Mausio and Visoni) to St. Joan of Arc; **Team 2** (Dan, Vero, Maria Q and Vama) to St. John the Baptist Community. Leaders/Evangelisation reps please advise Kele or Vama of venues. Thank you communities 1B and 2 for hosting animators, please continue with sharing of the Word.
2. **7 Steps Workshop for SCC leaders and animators** is planned for 12/08/2018 after 8.30am Mass in the hall. Communities are requested to send in SCC leaders to the workshop. Those interested in becoming an Animator is asked to attend as well.
3. **Nadera Parish is having an 8 weeks Charismatic Renewal** every Sunday starting at 10.30am every Sunday until 12th August. Interested members, please take bible and writing materials.
4. **Cenacle, Divine Mercy, Charismatic prayers** continues today from 2pm till 5pm. All Welcome.

Women of the parish: Meeting on Sunday (22.7.18), 3pm -5pm (Please bring a plate for refreshments.

CWL AGM Meeting & Trip to Taveuni is still on under a new Interim Leadership Team.

Columban Beach/Suva Sea Wall Clean Up has been postponed until Saturday 4th August.

Small Christian Community – Communities come together for the Seven Steps Gospel Sharing every Tues 7.30pm.

Sr Kalala and Children's 7 Steps: Sister is taking our children for SCC sessions every Sat. morning after 8.30am Mass

Altar Server's Meeting: Today after 8:30am Mass. Important meeting for the Golden Jubilee.

Youth Meeting: Today at 5pm at Bridget Tavutonivalu's House (4B). Important meeting for the Bazaar & our G.J.

Youth 7 Steps Bible Sharing Prayer: Tuesday, July 24 at 7:30 - Community 5B (Vatuwaqa)

World Apostolate of Fatima: Organizing a Music Festival for Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Youth on 13th Oct.

Preschool Week: Started yesterday with a march from The Raiwaqa Market to John Welsey Primary School. Our preschool is clustered with preschools from Raiwaqa, Raiwai and Vatuwaqa. A week of activities follows in preschools.

Catechist Bazaar in Lami: Next weekend like our Bazaar: Parish like Raiwaqa with no catechists are levied \$1000.00.

Bishop Foley's Cup to be revised for parish youth – 1st Week in Dec with 3 categories – Rugby Netball and Volley Ball

Jubilee T Shirts Cash orders only one month to go to our Golden Jubilee. It takes 15 working days to sew. Failing that your T Shirt will arrive after the GJ. Cash orders (for both colors) are handed into Merchandize (**Angie**).

Thanks: To 7b St Theresa of the Child Jesus for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church yesterday. We invite Community1b St Cecelia to take over as of tomorrow evening Monday 23rd July.

Thanks for your Collections Last Week: 1st Collection: **\$861.60**; 2nd Collection: **\$129.55**; Envelopes **\$30.00**

Total Collection: **\$1021.15**

Reading coming week: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [22/7/18] Jer 23: 1-6; Eph 2: 13-18; Mk 6: 30-34; Mon [23/7/18] St Bridget of Sweden: Gal 2: 19-20; Jn 15: 1-8; Tue [24/7/18] Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20; Mt 12: 46-50; Wed [25/7/18] St James, Apostle: 2 Cor 4: 7-15; Mt 20: 20-28; Thurs [26/7/18] Sts Joachim and Anne: Jer 2: 1-2; 7-8; 12-13; Mt 13: 10-17; Fri [27/7/18] Jer 3: 14-17; Mt 13: 18-23; Sat [28/7/18] Jer 7: 1-11; Mt 13: 24-30; **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** [29/7/18]: 2 Kings 4: 42-44; Eph 4: 1-6; Jn 6: 1-15.