

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - CYCLE A: - 20/08/17

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.

Parish Broadcast Mass last Sun 13th Aug.

Thanks to you all who were involved in this event last Sunday. Many people praised the Liturgy. The Choir were excellent. Leca Vunibobo Video Recorded the hymns which may be broadcast on Mai TV today at 11.00am Vinaka Vakalevu to everyone again.

The Catholic Dharam Sammelán: Will take place next Sunday 27th August in St Joseph's Secondary School. The Celebration of the Eucharist will be at 9.00am. Full Programme to follow. All interested Note

Reflection for the 20th Sunday of the Year:

Crumbs in the Kitchen: Why does Jesus seem to limit himself to “the lost sheep of the house of Israel?” Was he not concerned for people of other nations, like that foreign woman with the loud voice, who pleaded for his help? She didn't give up; that's the first thing. Second, she found the perfect answer: “Even the dogs get the crumbs that fall from the master's table!” Thirdly, her prayer was answered, and her faith warmly praised. But still, what do we make of the initial remark? A popular saying in Israel, used by Jesus to convey that his primary mission was the conversion of his own Jewish people? Historically, that was his way; first to revive the Chosen People, so that these in turn would furnish a “house of prayer for all nations.” However, even during his lifetime He was willing to receive those pagans who came to him; and he predicted that in future “many will come from East and West, and will sit down at table in the Kingdom of God.” Notice too the world-wide mission of the disciples, after the Resurrection (Mat. 28:18.)

Expanding the circle: That's how Christian faith should spread, like the rippling circles expanding on the surface when a stone drops into a still pond. First to the Jews, then to the Gentiles. Always handed on by direct contact, the sharing of trust, the witness of peaceful conviction, the bearing of one another's burdens. But will our path of faith be smooth? Or will there be setbacks and obstacles, objections from people cleverer than ourselves, a contrary wind of current opinion hostile to religious belief? In such circumstances, the Canaanite woman offers inspiration, with her iron resolve coupled with good humour and ready wit. We Christians need to rejoice that even today Jesus keeps drawing so many people who live outside of the Church. Our Jesus is bigger than our institutions. He keeps doing much good, even for those who have apparently left off attending church.

In loving memory: Mary Lou Tafilagi (61) Now living in CEPAC apartments - Former Columban and Marist Housekeeper who died on the 17th Aug. Her Requiem Mass will be here during the week. May she rest in Peace.

Congratulation on your Wedding: Samuela Kaivei, 76 Browning Street, Raiwaqa and Mereani Tuibua, Sevusevu who were married here on Sat. 19th Aug. We wish them God's Blessings and a long and happy married life together.

Welcome to Fiji - two New Philippine Lay Missionaries: Lily Faunillan and Jennifer Lunor who arrived on Thursday 17th Aug. They are wished well with us on Mission. While Mona Liza and Liezl (2nd Term LMs) returned home to the PIs on the same day after terminating their Contract with the Columbans. Thanks & we wish you well.

Program for Launching of Jubilee Year Tomorrow Monday 21st Aug. Feast of St Pius X

1. Mass at 7.00pm/ Unfurling of Anniversary Banner and the distribution of anniversary prayer.
2. We encourage as many people as possible to attend this Launching Mass.
3. Offertory & Prayers of the Faithful – representative of different ethnic backgrounds.
4. 8.00pm. Dedication of Archbishop Petero Mataca Hall (Rev. J. McEvoy, Fr Kolodisi, Helen Mow).
5. 8.15pm Sevusevu – followed by Power Point presentations of Parish Projects & Anniversary Programme.

8.45pm Refreshments and Contributions by Communities as follows: - (1B) – Indian savouries; (2) – Sandwiches -Tuna, cheese, tomatoes; (3) – Fruits; (4a) – Sandwiches - Eggs, chicken, eggplant; (4b) – Cakes; (4c) – Fruits; (5a) – Pies; (5b) –Pies; (6) –Cakes; (7a) – Sandwiches - Chicken, cheese, tomatoes; (7b) Sandwiches-Tuna, Ham.

Our Lady of Knock, Ireland 21st Aug. 18 1879: On the evening of 21st August, 1879, people from the village of Knock in Co. Mayo, Ireland, witnessed an Apparition of Our Lady, St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist, a Lamb and cross on an altar at the gable wall of the Parish Church. There were fifteen official witnesses to the Apparition, who ranged in age from 5 years to 74 years old. Each gave testimony to a commission of enquiry in October of that year. The findings of the Commission were that the testimonies were both trustworthy and satisfactory. Since then, the great Marian shrine has hosted pilgrims from all over the world who make their way to Knock, seeking the motherly intercession of Mary and her inspiration to live the Christian life more fully.

Launching of the one-year Preparation Programme for the 'World Meeting of Families 21st Aug 2018: This launch of the one-year programme of preparation for World Meeting of Families 2018, will take place at Knock Shrine, County Mayo, on **Monday 21st August 2017 on the Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady in Knock.** This day of celebration will include liturgical events - the celebration of the Eucharist, workshops, as well as faith and fun activities for all the family. The WMOF2018 Icon of the Holy Family will be unveiled in the Basilica at 3pm and then begin its journey around the dioceses of Ireland.

Novena to St Pius X 'New Chapter, New Beginning': Which started last Sunday after 8.30 Mass with intentions for each day. The Novena will end before Mass on Launching Day Mon. 21st Aug. Thank you members of Liturgy Comm

CWL - AGM Namosi: The Members of the Catholic Women's League would like to thank all parishioners who supported them with their fundraising events throughout the year. They were able to reach their target of \$2,000.00 and a little more with it for their AGM in Namosi this weekend. Seven of our ladies left the parish at 10.00am on Thursday – were joined by other on Friday and Saturday. They will return to the parish tomorrow Monday 21st Aug.

The women of the parish meeting (13/08/2017): Chaired by outgoing president Mrs Sala Navuku and was attended by nineteen (19) women. They saw the need to activate the women of the parish group to promote the benefits of spending time together in a relaxed environment as an ideal way to create moments for women to feel loved, encouraged and connected to each other to experience faith life expressed in a different way. Outcome of election of office bearers listed hereunder for 2017 are as follows: President: Veronika Rausuvanua; Vice President: Filomena Lee; Secretary: Patricia Burese; Treasurer: Torika Clark; Assistant Treasurer: Angie Kainamoli. The meeting concluded that their mission is to unite the women of the parish more closely in the family of Christ through a program of prayer, study and good works in the Parish. Next meeting will be published in the newsletter. Membership is open to all baptised women from the age of 18 upwards. (Vero Rausuvanua - President)

Men of the Parish Mass of Thanksgiving, Blessing & Social on completion of boundary Fence & Gate: Took place as arranged on Wed 16th Aug. In spite of the wet day and evening the event was well attended not only by the men but by many from all communities in the parish. A nice social evening was enjoyed by all. The PP and Chairperson of the Men of the Parish, T. Mausio thanked all who contributed and worked on the project to its successful completion.

Visitors to the Parish: Fr Trevor Trotter, Columban from Brisbane will visit the Parish next week (probably Friday 25th Aug. with Julie, a lay person who is a volunteer with the Columbans in Australia helping out with their STM programme (short term mission) where they would hope that some personnel from overseas will come to Fiji to experience Mission Life here and the Work of the Columbans. Fr Trover and Julie will want to know what we are doing parish-wise in area of JPIC, Family life, Liturgy, Faith Formation etc. Key Heads of Commissions be on standby.

Meetings Today Sunday 20th Aug:

1. **Women of the Parish** meeting, after Mass today at 10.15am to plan for refreshments for Monday 21st Aug.
2. **Lectors Meeting** after 8.30 Mass this morning 20th Aug. **Also, Family Life Commission** meeting today.
3. **Divine Mercy @ 3.00pm; Charismatics @ 3.30pm; World Apostolate of Prayer - 4.00.**
4. **Choir Practice:** This evening at 5.00pm in preparation for Celebration tomorrow evening 21st Aug.

Meetings during the Week:

1. **Tuesday 22nd Aug:** Prayer meeting and bible sharing in Community 2 at 7.30pm in Helen Mow's residence.
2. **Tuesday 22nd Aug:** – Seven Steps Prayer in most Communities.
3. **Wednesday 23rd Aug:** Evangelization Meeting in the Parish hall at 7.30pm. Community Reps Please attend.
4. **Thursday 24th Aug.** Youth Seven Steps prayer meeting in a Community. Thank you – Youth members
5. **Saturday 26th Aug:** The FLC - holding a couple's night here. Special Guest Speakers. Event by invite only.

Thanks: To Community 5a St Michael's for animating the Liturgy during the week and for cleaning of the Church & compound. There was a good attendance at evening Masses. We invite 5b St Columban's to start tomorrow Mon 21st.

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

1st Collection \$500.50; 2nd Collection \$48.60 and Envelop \$195.00 = \$744.10

Reading coming week: 20th Sun in Ordinary Time [20/8/17] Is 56: 1, 6-7; Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32; Matt 15: 21-28.

Mari's Contribution – She is on Holidays. Any volunteers to do Next Week's Readings?