

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER
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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-: YEAR C 01/09/19

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: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults *Community Discussion Group* continues on Monday from 5-6pm. Potential candidates can contact Sala Navuku, ph. 9457355, Community Leader or the Parish Coordinator.

CCTC forms available in the parish Office for those interested in training to become primary school teachers beginning next year.

Caritas Fiji has organized an annual Raffle to raise funds towards works of Charity.

Vacancy for Parish Watchman and Handyman:
Interested persons please contact parish office.

Reflection 1st Sunday of the Season of Creation – 22nd Sunday of Year C

- The Season of Creation is a new Liturgical Season for the Catholic community globally under the leadership of Pope Francis. The Season of Creation extends from September 1st the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to October 4th the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.
- The Season focuses on God as Creator of the vast cosmic universe, God’s revelation in Creation, and our response to our calling to care for God’s creation and address the urgent need to protect its rich diversity. **This year’s theme is The Web of Life: Biodiversity as God’s Blessing.**
- At this time, the Catholic Church is also preparing for a Synod of Bishops in Rome on the Amazon to address new paths for the Church there and for integral ecology globally. What is happening in the Amazon affects our weather, the availability of water in many regions of the planet, and the very air we breathe, producing more than 20% of the oxygen around Earth. How we live at home affects the health of the Amazon. All is interconnected in the vast Web of Life. The Church is raising a number of important issues for our reflection and prayer during this year’s Season of Creation.
- On this 1st Sunday of the Season of Creation, the scriptures call us to humility: humility before God, humility in our relationships with each other, and humility before God’s gift of creation in all its beauty, goodness, diversity and complexity. They warn us against competing for human respect and honour and remind us of God’s special love and care for the poor.
- What in nature stirs humility and awe in you? A beautiful sunset? A powerful storm? A bird in song? What in nature delights you, makes you want to talk about it, gives you a sense of mystery, evokes your love?
- In the Gospel, Jesus warns against self-promotion and competition for wealth, social recognition and acceptance. These motivations often drive the destructive patterns of production, consumerism, and a culture of waste. Consumerism is a powerful cultural and social force driving ecological destruction and promoting what Pope Francis has called the destructive “throwaway culture.”

Implementing PPC resolutions: Many resolutions brought up at PPC need the input of members in the community in terms of discussions and proposing solutions. Sadly, leaders of the communities do not always get the desired support from its members in terms of meeting attendance, hence nothing concrete forthcoming in relation to where they stand on important issues. PPC most recently has had to rescind an earlier majority decision to give another chance at hearing the voice of the people on the issue of starting time for Mass at the next Easter Vigil. Please make it count.

Constitution review: The parish Constitution will be looked at again in view of the dissatisfaction of certain communities pertaining to ambiguity in parts of the document. Without trying to reinvent the wheel the following people have been mandated to see where such sections can be made more relevant and easier understood by the common person: *Fonorito Josai, Amani Cirkisuva and Rafaele Roqica*. Their first meeting will be held in the carport after the 0830 Mass. Please bring along your copy of the current Constitution.

St Patrick’s Community Drive seeking assistance for family who lost their home in a fire last week. Donations in any form can be received at the residence of Andrew Grey, the Assistant Community leader. Vinaka Vakalevu.

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Parish Child Protection Policy: In adhering to best practices in child protection a committee has also been formed to look at writing a policy to embrace aspects of child safety and protection within the context of the parish. This has also been a hope of the Columban Society, who themselves have devised their own, for the three Columban parishes in the Archdiocese to take the lead in promoting the same. To that end the following persons have been mandated to work on getting a draft policy written up in the near future; *Emā Mua, Kelemete Rausuvanua, Emily Tabua, Dan Burese and a Legal Aid representative.* Your first meeting will be announced once we confirm membership as announced.

Commission for Social and Ecological Justice (CSEJ) NEWS:

14.9.19	People's Community Network (PCN) Annual General Meeting in the AB Mataca Hall.
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Fire Appeal: Recently the Naigulevu family of St Patrick (4B) community lost their home and belongings in an early morning fire. It is evident from this incident that one cannot escape the tragedies that arise in one's lives," Losing everything we own is sad, but the things we own do not diminish who we are inside. Sometimes the worst situation brings out the best in us and others. Moreover, no one can go back and change what has happened, but we can all start today and make a new tomorrow, one day at a time by contributing food, clothing or cash in kind to assist family in rebuilding their life again. **Donations can be dropped off at the parish office.**

WOP meeting (1.9.19), 5pm – 6.45pm. Invitation extended to all Women of the Parish to attend meeting, to discuss way forward and hear presentation CLM Marjorie/Sr Kalalala and Emā Mua on opportunity for women to have increased knowledge and access to information and services that enables them to support themselves, others who need assistance and how they can make a difference in society

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.

Violin Class Parish children (10-15 years old) are invited to learn violin every Thursday. Please pick up the form from the parish office. The recommendation from your community leader is required. This invitation is extended to all parishes in Suva (The recommendation letter from your parish priest is also required). Interview will be done after the submission of the application form. **Application due: Friday, 18 October.**

Children's Catechism resumes for Term 3 this morning after both Masses. Teachers meeting after classes to look at the possible reshuffling of the staff, teacher replacement and refreshments. Meeting held in the AB Mataca Hall.

Rev. Teakare Ordination in Rabi: Brianna booked again for this trip. Will leave Suva on the morning of 29th Nov and return on the Sunday of 1st Dec. Please book now at the Parish office or directly to the Columban Office. **Cost \$190.00. \$90.00 before 15th Oct.** (Deposit can be paid by \$30.00 by the end of August and another \$30.00 by the end of September and the last \$30.00 by October 15) The Remainder must be paid in by 15th Nov. So the boat can be paid. **Parish Youth MUST PAY the Deposit of \$30.00 by the end of August at least.** Contact Columban Office 3308290.

Meetings today and during the week:

1. **Constitution Review** committee meets at 1000 in the carport.
2. **Extra Ordinary Ministers of Communion** meet after the 0830 Mass today.
3. **Women of the Parish** meeting today (1.9.19), 5pm, AB Mataca Hall. Invitation to all women of the parish.
4. **Our Lady of Hope SCC**
'Praying with Scripture and Education' talk for children/youth in the St Peter Chanel community will be held at the Rausuvanua's residence at 5pm today, 1st September. Refreshments provided by parents.
5. **WAF** members meeting in the AB Mataca Hall on Wednesday, 4 September, after the evening Mass.
6. **Evangelization News:** Prayer meeting continues this afternoon: Cenacle, Divine Mercy and Charismatic.

The Evangelisation Commission meets next Sunday, 8 September, immediately after 8.30am Mass in the top hall.

2. Animators to visit St. Cecilia SCC on Tuesday 3rd Sept. Evangelisation reps/Community Leader – advise venue.
3. Animators to visit St. Joan of Arc on Tuesday 10th Sept. Evangelisation rep/Community Leader please advise venue
4. St. Gabriel SCC – 7 Steps venue this Tuesday 3rd Sept at Vakanawa's, 9 Vuiyasawa Lane.

Thanks and Appreciation

1. St Joan of Arc Community for animating the Liturgy during the week and the church cleaning yesterday. We invite St Peter Chanel Community to take on this important responsibility from tomorrow evening.
2. For your generous Collections Last Week: The following is a summary of the collections: 1st Collection: **\$844.90;** 2nd Collection: **\$134.95;** Total Collection: **\$979.85**
3. SVDP secret bag collection for August amounting to **\$203.30.** Vinaka Vakalevu Sara.

Father's Day: Congratulations and a happy Father's Day to all our fathers of the parish. **Father's Day** is a celebration honouring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds and the influence of fathers in society. Researchers have proved that when fathers are involved in their child's education, the children perform better in school, learn more, and exhibit healthier behaviour. **Readings for the week Not Supplied.**