



ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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23ND SUNDAY OF YEAR - ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B: 09.09.18.

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: 5.30pm – 6.30pm

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.

Parish Priest on Sabbatical. Fr John left the country on Wednesday for a two month break in Ireland. We wish him a very rewarding and relaxing vacation. He will arrive back in the country in November.

PPC Meeting will be held on Sunday, 23rd September, in the AB Mataca Hall. All members of the Council please take note.

Sunday Reflection: Making distinctions

When it comes to people it is very difficult for us not to make distinctions. We invariably favour some over others. We choose some and not others. A man chooses one woman to be his wife out of several he may have come to know. A woman chooses one man to be her husband. We choose our friends, and some people choose their friends carefully. Parents will favour their own children over other children. It is natural and human to make distinctions. In this morning's 2nd Reading, James calls on church members not to show favour on the basis of wealth or social class, or to defer only to the better off.

This morning's gospel bears that out. A man who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech was brought to Jesus by his friends. In an oral culture where people were largely illiterate, not to be able to hear or speak properly was an enormous liability. Those who could neither hear nor speak were invisible; they could not be communicated with in any meaningful way and they could not communicate. This man was fortunate to have people who cared enough about him to bring him to Jesus who had a reputation for giving new life to the broken. The personal attention that Jesus goes on to give this man is striking. He takes the man away from the crowd, so that the two of them could be alone. Although the man cannot hear or speak, he can experience the sense of touch, and so Jesus touches the man's ears, putting his finger into them, and touches the man's tongue with his own spittle. Jesus also looked up to heaven, in prayer; it was Jesus' relationship with God that would bring new life to this man. This man was a pagan, not a Jew. Jesus favoured the voiceless and the afflicted, no matter whether Jew or Pagan.

The friends of the deaf man in today's gospel can be an inspiration to us. They *brought their friend to Jesus* to see if he could be cured. Their care for him led them to speak on his behalf. If they had not first listened to him, they would not have taken the initiative to speak up for him. In order to do our own share in the Lord's life-giving work, we need to begin by attentive listening to someone else's need, listening to the person and not just to the words they speak.

Lectors for today: 7.00am- 1st Reader -Filo Tuiroro, Psalm - Milika Nabou, 2nd Reader - Barbara Edwards

Lectors for today: 8.30am – 1st Reader – Mariana Sarai, Psalm – Milika Nabou, 2nd Reader – Sera Vira

Sale of Souvenir Booklet: The Jubilee Souvenir Booklet continues to be on sale during the month of Sept. It is not a history of the parish but contains some good stories of the old days. It is beautifully produced in colour. **Cost \$5.00.** There should be one in every home.

Sept. Season of Creation & Family Month – 'A FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER'
Friday, 14th September – Workshop – Role of the Family. Director of Community Police-Role of the Family in the Community; Waqa and Maria Cavulati-Role as Parents in the Family. More Info - Notice Board. In addition, as part of the month's program there will be a blessing for couples who have been married for 10, 15 and 20 plus years. This will be held on the 30th September with the Mass time to be confirmed later. Afterwards the parish would like to present them with certificates. Couples names can be submitted to the parish office after filling in the forms distributed by Pauliasi.

Montfort Boys Town Application Forms for 2019 can be collected from the office for those who meet the qualifying criteria. Those interested can see the parish coordinator for the forms. There are only 5 forms available.

Analysis of our Confirmation and First Holy Communion Programmes: This morning after the 8.30am Mass.

1. SWOT Analysis of Confirmation Programme: Tupou Nawalu and Eta Roseru
2. Progressive Report of the 1st Holy Communion Class: Sera Vira and Emily Tuabua.

As an integral part of our parish programmes it is necessary that monitoring and evaluation is carried out to gauge the effectiveness of such programs and put measures in place for improvement moving forward. CCD Teachers are all kindly requested to attend so that the M & E can be as balanced as possible. Meeting will convene in the Parish Office.

Altar Servers meeting today at 9.30 am inside the church. All Altar Servers please take note and attend the meeting.

The Youth Synod: Date: 28/09/2018 – 30/09/2018. Venue: St Joseph's Secondary School Hall. Participants to include 10 per parish (8 Youth members and a Parental Couple. Registration Fee - \$100 per parish. Age Group - 18years and above (participants will return to their respective parishes and present to the remaining parish youths accordingly).

Evangelization: Visitation by Animators to St Peter Chanel SCC this Tuesday (11/09). Fr Carlo will be visiting Ming ting Lane while Animators will visit Davui Lane, Grantham Road and Vuiyasawa Lane. Please inform office of venues.

Charismatic Prayer meeting at 3.30pm inside church. There will be a short meeting after the praise and worship.. **Evangelisation Commission** will meet today 09/09/2018, after 8.30am Mass in the hall.

Columban Lay Missionary Farewell – The parish will have a shared meal with Marjoree on Thursday, 20th September, after the evening Mass. Food distribution per community and the evening's program will be published in next Sunday's Newsletter.

Holy Spirit Parish Veivatuloa Bazaar Raffle – Each community Finance Rep or community leader is asked to collect a Raffle Book from the office and sell them to assist Holy Spirit Parish in their upcoming Bazaar. Each book cost \$20 with 10 tickets selling at \$2 each.

Vincent de Paul News:

- The Society here in Raiwaqa will host the meeting of the Central Eastern Executives on Saturday 22nd Sept.
- Thursday 27th Sept Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul. S.V.d.P members here will visit Fr Law Home, Wailekutu.
- Saturday 29th Sept St Vincent's Parish Nausori will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of their parish. Most of the Conferences of SVDP will celebrate both Golden Jubilee and Feast Day there on that day.

World Apostolate of Fatima: From the 13th Oct until 15th Oct there will be a Retreat in Natovi for all members of the Central Eastern Region. Each parish is expected to bring \$200.00. Raiwaqa Group will have a gathering in AB Peter Mataca Hall at 7.30 next Friday night on 14/9/ 2018 for a Soli and to fix details. All members World Apostolate of Prayer in the parish please attend.

Ordination of Rev Edward Vakatora & Semi Ulunasobu will take place on 15th Sept at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 9.00am. Reception in St Joseph's Hall afterwards. Allocation of Food for St Pius X Parish – Chicken Curry with Rice and Chutney + one KG of yaqona and one item of entertainment per parish.

Seven Steps Prayer Meetings in all Communities on Tuesday 11th Sept.

Adoration on Thursday Evenings Continues on 13th Sept **5.30pm to 6.30pm**. Community on Liturgy take charge.

Thanks: To Community 5a St Michael's for animating the Liturgy during the week and cleaning the church yesterday. We invite Community 5b St Columban's to take over tomorrow Monday 10th Sept.

Thanks for last Sunday's Collection: 1st Collection: **\$721.75**; 2nd Collection: **\$99.65**; Envelopes **\$5.00**: Total **\$826.40**

Reading coming week: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [9/9/18] Is 35: 4-7; James 2: 1-5; Mk 7: 31-37; Mon [10/9/18] 1 Cor 5: 1-8; Lk 6: 6-11; Tue [11/9/18] 1 Cor 6: 1-11; Lk 6: 12-19; Wed [12/9/18] 1 Cor 7: 25-31; Lk 6: 20-26; Thurs [13/9/18] St John Chrysostom: 1 Cor 8: 1-7, 11-13; Lk 6: 27-38; Fri [14/9/18] The Exaltation of the Holy

Cross: Numbers 21: 5-9; Phil 2: 6-11; Jn 3: 13-17; Sat [15/9/18] Our Lady of Sorrows: Heb 5: 7-9; Jn 19: 25-27;
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [16/9/18] Is 50: 5-9; James 2: 14-18; Mk 8: 27-35