

**ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER
TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST
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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -: YEAR C - 15/09/19

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 – 6.00pm

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 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.

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

Caritas Fiji has annual Raffle to raise funds towards works of Charity available after Mass today.

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

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults *Community Discussion Group* continues on Saturday after the 8.30am Mass. Potential candidates can contact Sala Navuku, ph. 9457355, Community Leader or the Parish Coordinator.

Reflection for 24th Sunday of the Year C - Lost and Found: The parable of the prodigal son is a classic of narrative skill that is timelessly relevant. We need to know that a loving Father awaits our return home. We also need the reminder that the same loving God expects us to forgive one another and to keep in touch with one another. The joy of a son's homecoming was spoiled for the father by the sulking of the elder brother.

How sad that the elder brother resented his brother for having been such a waster in the past? God wants us all to be merciful. Leaving people helpless is no part of his plan. Though living under the same roof, the elder son was isolated from his father. Focussed on his own rights and needs, he could not stomach his brother's safe return. Calling him "this son of yours" must have grieved his father. Faithful and dutiful disciples need to be open to welcome home the wild ones, even the apparent wasters, for that is how things are done "up above", according to Jesus.

Summary of the Archbishop Letter; A call to Join Him.

Peace be with you and Greetings This year the Ecumenical Family through the 'Season of Creation Steering Committee' is again guiding us to celebrate the Season of Creation from 1st September to 4th October. This year, the theme for this season is 'Biodiversity, God's web of life.'

During the Season of Creation, we unite as one Earth Family, celebrating the bonds we share with each other and with "every living creature on Earth" (Genesis 9:10). The Christian family together with other religions celebrate the Season by spending time in prayer, considering ways to inhabit our common home more sustainably, and lifting our voices in the public sphere.

The Catholic Church in conjunction with the Pacific Conference of Churches invites you and your community to an Ecumenical and Interfaith Creation Service at 7.00pm Wednesday 18th September at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Pratt Street Suva. We look forward to your participation as we join in prayer for the 'Care of our Common Home'.

Fr. Donato Kivi SM will be our Preacher for the Season of Creation Prayer Service. Fr. Kivi did his *Doctorate in Sacred Theology* at Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Rome. The title of his doctorate thesis is: **Towards a Marian Ecological Spirituality for the Formation and Re-evangelization of the Vanua: The People and the Land of Fiji.**

Prayer Service for Season of Creation: 18th September, Sacred Heart Cathedral Suva 7.00 - 8.00pm.

PRESIDER-Archbishop Peter Chong; **HYMN**-Pacific Theological College; **1st Reading** -St. John's Anglican Seminary; **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** - Pacific Regional Seminary (CANTICLE OF THE SUN); **2nd READING** -Davuilevu Theological College; **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** - Pacific Regional Seminary; **GOSPEL** - Seventh Day Adventist; **SERMON** - Fr. Donato Kivi (PRS); **HYMN** - Davuilevu Theological College; **OFFERTORY PRAYER** - Hindu; Baptist Church and Muslim.

In loving memory: Gasio Valetina of Aidney Road, St Patrick Community, who died on Wednesday, 11th September, at his residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Congratulations to: Rev Sikeli Qelo Tuilevuka, Rev Viliame Peni Baleikoro and Rev Petero Apenisa, on their Ordinations to the Diocesan Priesthood, yesterday 14th Sept. They are wished God's choicest blessings during their priestly lives. Thanks to the Parishioners of St Pius X who helped out in the cooking for the lunch after the ceremony in St Joseph's Hall.

New Kaulotu on Inter Religious Dialogue: Available after Mass. \$2.00 a copy.

Liturgy news: Blessing of School children in Years 6 and 8 will be held on Sunday, 22 September at both masses.

Annual Agape Festival Eucharist Celebration, at Sacred Heart Church Suva 5pm and social gathering in the Crypt at the on Sat 21st Sept. Pacific Island Students and those working in Fiji are kindly invited.

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. Deposit of \$10.00 will would like to confirm going. Or you pay directly to the Columban Office. **Cost \$190.00. \$90.00 before 15th Oct.** So that we can pay for the boat.

Commission for Social and Ecological Justice (CSEJ) NEWS:

September – Month of Creation– *The Web of Life:* The Theme of this Sunday is Pilgrim Sunday.

An Ecumenical Dialogue on Climate Change and Action" For Church Leaders, Raiwaqa Fri 20/09/19.

Parish Community clean Up for this month we are urged to come together and show we care for our Common Home.

Reminder that next Sat. **September 21st Communities 5A,5B, 4C: September 28th – Communities 6,3,2 and 4B.**

Meetings today and during the week:

1. **St Peter Chanel 2nd** Family session with Fr Tino at 7.00pm tonight at Elena Krishnan's residence.
2. **St Michael** 7 steps continues in respective SCC groups every Tuesday at 7. 00pm. See your SCC leaders for venues.
3. **Our Lady of Hope** SCC this Tuesday at Sautu residence and Youth/Children at Ratuyada's residence at 7.30pm.
4. **Altar Servers:** Meeting on Monday 16th Sep at 5pm in the Car Port
5. **PPC meeting** scheduled for next Sunday, 22 September at 1000. Meeting at the AB Mataca Hall.

Evangelization News:

1. Prayer meetings continue this afternoon in Church for Cenacle, Divine Mercy and Charismatic.
2. **Animators visitation** to St Joseph the Worker Community at Pio and Maria Burese's residence; St Joan of Arc Community at Michael and Kelera Johns residence on Tue 17th at 7.30pm.
3. **Coming up in October** Extraordinary Missionary Month & month of the Holy Rosary (*Evangelization*)

Raiwaqa Raiwai Art Club is a legally registered non-profit club, composed and formed by residents of our communities in Raiwaqa and Raiwai. The idea was born out of an initiative to help our youth and the unemployed, alongside with musical and artistic skills towards pursuing music and art as a profession and help to get them away from criminal activities and influences. **On Sat 21st Sept they are putting on a Community Concert** for 5 hours of live music and art display from 11.00am to 4.00 + pm at Eds Court. This will be live streamed to the world. Don't Miss out. **It is absolutely Free.** **In Preparation for this event** there will be a **Talent Quest** for the youth held in the Fr Hurley Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday from 3.00 to 4.00pm. Anyone /group can come along to this T. Quest.

Thanks and Appreciation

1. St Patrick's for animating the Liturgy during the week and the church cleaning yesterday and for the Men of the Parish for the 8.30am mass. We invite St John the Baptist 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: **\$949.95; 2nd Collection: \$77.00; Total Collection: \$1026.95.**

Readings for the week: Today- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15/9: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10; **Mon 16/9:** 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10; **Tue 17/9:** 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17; **Wed 18/9:** 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35; **Thur 19/9:** 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50; **Fri 20/9:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3; **Sat 21/9:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13; **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13.

How Disappointing: Last week's Newsletter carried the following Notice: -

An Ecumenical Dialogue on Climate Change and Action" for Interfaith Youth groups and our Parish Youth in the Mataca Hall on Sept 13 - 7:15 - 8:45 pm. (Columban Students and Lay Missionaries turned up to join the youth).

Alas **No One from the Parish Youth** turned up for a well prepared presentation. Is this how our youth care about the future of our planet?? – I felt so ashamed of our youth. No one from other Faith Groups turned up either!!! *Fr McEvoy*