



ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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24TH SUNDAY OF YEAR - ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B: 16.09.18.

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 Census: Forms will be given out after Mass. Each family is asked to fill in a form. You may return them to the parish office by next Sunday

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

Sunday's Reflection: Today, Jesus tells us “no cross, no crown.” We cannot get to Easter without going through Good Friday. Everything that happened to Jesus was foretold by the prophets long before. He came for a purpose, and as life unfolded it became clearer to him what that purpose was. It may seem strange to put it that way, but, for our own spiritual growth, it is well to recall that Jesus “advanced in wisdom and age and favour with God and others” (Lk 2:52). He understood more about his mission as time went on. He fully took on our humanity, and thus could not know in advance exactly every detail of his future! Our sins of omission are mainly the result of our fear to face up to something, unsure what it will cost us. We may want to reach Easter but bypass Good Friday. However, “No cross no crown.” We must bear short-term pain for long-term gain. There is a cost in Pentecost, and living my Christian vocation involves facing up to the fact that I have to die to myself many times in the service of others. This prospect can cause me to hold back, to delay, to try to avoid. I put off facing up to something I should do, in the hope that it may go away by itself. This includes patterns of behaviour, addictions, compulsions, and injustice to others. I know rightly what I should do, but it seems to be too difficult, so I keep postponing doing anything about it, and then, perhaps, life is over, and I never got around to it. This is something on which to reflect today.

Lectors for 23rd Sept: 7.00am- 1st Reader – Margaret Steiner, Psalm – Tina Poate, 2nd Reader – Maria Chand

Lectors for 23rd Sept: 8.30am - 1st Reader – Vasiti Kaivei, Psalm – Tina Poate, 2nd Reader – Margaret Qalo

Baptism Certificates: are required from all those receiving First Holy Communion this year for verification purposes. Please hand them in to your CCD teachers for the record. It is very important that this document is produced.

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).

Family Life Commission program continues this week with talks on ‘Family in the Church and our Environment’ by Fr Donato Kivi. The talks will be held this Friday (21/09) at 7.30pm in the AB Mataca Hall. Thanks to all those who attended last Friday's talks on ‘The Role of Parents and the Family in the Community.’ You are most welcome to come again this Friday. Further details are provided in the flyer posted on the Parish Notice Board.

Evangelization Commission: Visitation by Animators to St Paul's, SCC, this afternoon. (16/09). Fr Carlo will be accompanying the Animators. Evangelization rep or community leader please advise of venue and time for 7 Steps.

St Joseph the Worker SCC Bible sharing on Tuesday night at Pio and Maria's residence at 7.30pm.

Combined Charismatic Prayer meeting with Laucala Bay group at 3.30pm today. Members please take note and invitation extended to parishioners. **October is month of the Rosary.** Evangelisation Commission meeting agreed that it is mandatory for all communities to recite the Rosary house to house in October. Please note that 7 STEPS continues

on Tuesdays. On 31st October, the Rosary will be said in Church before Mass. Each community is to provide 5 members to participate. There will be a social gathering in the hall after Mass to celebrate the end of the Rosary Month....community are requested to provide refreshments. Men folks as usual, come with 2x\$5 bags.

Children's Mass: The children of the Parish will animate the Liturgy on the 4th Sunday (23rd Sept) for our CLM's last Sunday in the parish. St John Vianney will animate the Liturgy on the 5th Sunday (30th Sept). **Children's choir practice** sessions will be held this afternoon at 4.00pm in the AB Mataca Hall and on Saturday, 22nd, at 3.00pm inside the church.

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.

Funeral Mass: Merewairita Lewaniyago, daughter of Kaliova Delasau, Community 5B, was held last Friday. She was buried in Nasinu Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

Thanks and Appreciation is expressed to parishioners who attended the ordination of Frs. Vakatora and Ulunasobu yesterday. Appreciation for the cooking done by our women volunteers and also thanks to our parishioners who were part of the Archdiocesan choir at the Mass.

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.

Columban Lay Missionary Farewell (Thursday, 20th Sept.) – Food Distribution per community: **Chicken curry and rice/puri/roti** – 1B, 4B, 7A; **Beef/Chicken chop suey with rice/cassava** – 2, 4C, 7B; **Rourou and mutton with cassava** – 3, 5A; **Fish (Sweet 'n' sour/vakalolo and cassava)** 4A, 6, 5B; **Juice/Cake** – Parish. **Chicken in tomato sauce with rice/tavioka-** Youth.

Adoration on Thursday Evenings Continues on 20th Sept **5.30pm to 6.30pm**. Community on Liturgy take charge.

Parish Meetings:

1. **Ushers:** on the 28th September at 7.45pm, at the Fr Dermot Hurley Hall.
2. **Commission for Social and Ecological Justice:** Meeting on Monday (17/09) from 7.30pm – 8.30pm in the parish Board Room. Members please take note. Community leaders please assist in ensuring your reps attend the meeting.
3. **Women of the Parish:** meet this afternoon from 4.00 to 6.00pm in the AB Mataca Hall. Members please bring a plate of refreshments
4. **Catholic Teachers of the Parish** – Following up on an invitation sent during the week, we are calling on all Catholic teachers in the parish to attend an important meeting with Fr Carlo to discuss the parish CCD program for next year. The meeting will be held after at 0945 in the AB Mataca Hall.
5. **Lectors Meeting** after the 8.30am Mass this morning.
6. **Extra ordinary Ministers of Communion** meet after the 8.30am Mass today. Please all those concerned do make an effort to attend this important meeting.

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

Thanks: To Community 5B, St Columban's, for animating the Liturgy during the week and cleaning the church yesterday. We invite Community 6, St Paul's, to take over these responsibilities from tomorrow, Monday 17th Sept.

Thanks for last Sunday's Collection: 1st Collection: **\$998.40**; 2nd Collection: **\$320.50**; Total **\$1318.90**

Reading coming week: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [16/9/18] Is 50: 5-9; James 2: 14-18; Mk 8: 27-35; Mon [17/9/18] St Robert Bellarmine: 1 Cor 11: 17-26, 33; Lk 7: 1-10; Tue [18/9/18] 1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27-31; Lk 7:

11-17; Wed [19/9/18] St Januarius: 1 Cor 12: 31—13:13; Lk 7: 31-35; Thurs [20/9/18] St Andrew Kim & Companions, martyr: 1 Cor 15: 1-11; Lk 7: 36-50; Fri [21/9/18] St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist: Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13; Mt 9: 9-13; Sat [22/9/18] 1 Cor 15: 35-37, 42-49; Lk 8: 4-15; ***Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** [23/9/18] Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20; James 3: 16—4:3; Mk 9: 30-37