



## ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF YEAR - ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B: 23.09.18.

#### **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. Missing Communities please collect yours at the office.

**Special Blessings** will be administered upon our Year 8s and Year 6s in the Parish who sit for their External Exams next week 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> October. This will be done at Sunday's

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**Sunday's Reflection:** Mark portrays Jesus as a strange and disconcerting Messiah. That is how Jesus was experienced by Peter and Mark reflects the stages of Peter's gradual discovery of the Messiah. The life of Jesus unfolds as an enigma at the centre of which lie his Passion and death. That he comes from a modest, unpretentious background, that he presents himself without rank or title, without wealth or backing, that he makes no effort to command everybody's obeisance by means of some great cosmic sign — all of these are already disconcerting enough. All limits are exceeded, however, when he announces a most sinister ending of his life as being on the way. He is going to allow himself to be arrested, insulted and crucified like a common criminal. Two great questions dominate this Gospel: *Who is Jesus?* (from 1:14 to 8:30) and *Where is he going?* (from 8:22 to 16:8). The answer — that he is the Son of God — runs through the entire Gospel, but like an underground stream that cannot be heard unless one listens attentively. When a pope or bishop takes a little baby from its mother's arms to raise it above the crowd, he is repeating something that Jesus did. This is not just a demonstration of kindness; it is a sign of the Kingdom and an indication of the values of Jesus. By this gesture, Jesus expresses something new. In the world of his day, only grown-ups deserved deference; Jesus gives it to the child. What is it in the child that merits this? Surely, it is that the child is full of joy and life, of spontaneity and confidence. The child is like Springtime, like the rising sun, the bearer of the future. Unless we become as little children, we cannot enter into God's Kingdom. What a disconcerting Messiah Jesus is! He never ceases to astonish us.

**Lectors - 30/09: 7.00am - 1<sup>st</sup> Reader – Regina Bogi, Psalm – Barbara Edwards, 2nd Reader – Maria Waqa**

**Lectors - 30/09: 8.30am - 1<sup>st</sup> Reader – M. Rainibogi Psalm – Barbara Edwards, 2nd Reader – Salome Levula**

**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 you produce this document.

**RCIA Program:** We have finished our parish bazaar and the Golden Jubilee. Now, it is the time for us to focus on our ordinary duties as Catholics. Let us bring more people whom would like to learn more about the Catholic Church. We have already passed not having RCIA program because of parish events. Evangelization takes place now in our homes and communities. Please, encourage to have new believers in our families and communities. Not only are the evangelization reps. in the parish called to bring non-believers in to the church. WE ALL ARE CALLED TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS TO OTHERS. Kindly ask all parishioners to focus more on submitting names for the new RCIA program as soon as possible. Vinaka vakalevu.

**Family Life Commission** program continues this week with a 'Family Planning Workshop.' The talks will be held this Friday (28/09) at 7.30pm in the AB Mataca Hall. Thanks to all those who attended last Friday's talks on 'Family in the Church' and 'Family and Our Environment' by Fr Donato. You are most welcome to come again this Friday.

**Congratulations to newlyweds, Setevano Vunidilo and Ueara Atanimatang** of Community 6 on their joining in Holy Matrimony in the Parish yesterday. May they enjoy many long years together as a married couple.

**Marriage Anniversary Mass** will be held on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> September. The blessing of married couples will take place at the Mass followed by the presentation of certificates. Communities that have not yet responded please hand in your list of names at the Parish Office by today. Further details are provided in the flyer posted on the Parish Notice Board.

**Evangelization Commission:** Fr Carlo will be visiting Community 3 this Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. Please advise Fr Carlo or Parish Coordinator of venue and time of Seven Steps.

Thank you Communities for accommodating Animators during their time of visitations. Please continue with Seven Steps Bible sharing on Tuesdays.

**SCC & 7 Steps Bible Sharing Booklet:** SCC leaders, please bring your "7 Steps Bible Sharing Booklet" to the parish once you have filled to the end. Parish coordinator will help you add more papers into your "7 Steps Bible Sharing Booklet." It is always good to keep the information together and share with one another. Thank you very much for the SCCs which keep using the Booklet. We highly recommend the SCCs, which do not use the Booklet, now to use it for your SCCs.

**Deacon Martin Koroiciri** will be ordained on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. After his ordination he will be travelling to Lau for his first Mass on his home island of Lakeba. For those interested in joining him on this trip please see further details on the Notice Board. His first Mass in Raiwaqa will be discussed at the PPC meeting this morning. **Rev. Deacon Martin Koroiciri's thanksgiving mass at Lakeba, Lau**

- (1) Departure: Friday, Dec. 7 at noon (Suva Wharf - Boat: Brianna)
- (2) Thanksgiving Mass in Lakeba: Sunday, Dec. 9
- (3) Arrival: Monday, Dec. 10 in the afternoon (Suva Wharf)
- (4) Registration: First come, first serve. Already filled more than a half of the passengers.  
Pay directly to Fr. Carlo after any mass during this week. Sooner is better.  
Total amount of the fare is \$185.00  
Deposit of \$100.00 is also available to secure your seat for each person.

**Fifth Sunday:** St John Vianney community will animate the Liturgy at the 8.30am Mass next Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> Sept).

**Reguregu for Filomena Ruru (4B):** Parish & Community will go for the reguregu to Tacirua on Monday, Sep. 24 after the evening Mass and meet at Tacirua at 8:30pm. We kindly ask parishioners who have vehicles to help one another for the night to Tacirua. There will be a brief gathering in the AB Mataca Hall before leaving for Tacirua. Thank you very much. The Mass of the Resurrection will be held at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 9.00am on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September. May she rest in peace.

**Funeral Process:** Families and community leaders, please follow the process of the arrangement of the funeral:

- (1) When there is a death in your family, do not hesitate to inform to the parish. Please, inform the death notice to the parish priest as soon as possible within one or two days after the death by the reps. of the family.
- (2) Parish priest will meet the family for the arrangement of the funeral date and time.
- (3) Take the form from the parish coordinator, and then after filling the form and submit it to the parish office.  
Please, ask for the assistance from the parish coordinator and the community leader.

#### **Parish Meetings:**

**1. Ushers:** on the 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45pm, at the Fr Dermot Hurley Hall.

**2. Catholic Teachers of the Parish** – Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October - Presentation of First Draft of 3 Years Class Plan.

**3. PPC** meet in the AB Mataca Hall at 1000.

**Columban Lay Missionary Farewell** . Thanks to all parishioners who joined Marjoree in a shared meal last Thursday night. Thanks to all Communities who helped with the food, preparation and catering. She presents her *itatau* after the PPC meeting this morning. Today's 7.00am Mass is animated by the Children of the Parish in her farewell Sunday here. Vinaka vakalevu Marj for the memories.

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

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

**Thanks:** To Community 6, St Paul's, for animating the Liturgy during the week and cleaning the church yesterday. We invite Community 7A, St Jacob's, to take over these responsibilities from tomorrow, Monday 24th Sept.

**Thanks for last Sunday's Collection:** 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: **\$886.85**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **\$136.95**; Total **\$1023.80**

**Reading coming week: *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** [23/9/18] Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20; James 3: 16—4:3; Mk 9: 30-37; Mon [24/9/18] Proverbs 3: 27-34; Lk 8: 16-18; Tue [25/9/18] St Finbarr: Proverbs 21: 1-6, 10-13; Lk 8: 19-21; Wed [26/9/18] Proverbs 30: 5-9; Lk 9: 1-6; Thurs [27/9/18] St Vincent de Paul: Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11; Lk 9: 7-9; Fri [28/9/18] Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11; Lk 9: 18-22; Sat [29/9/18] Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael: Dan 7: 9-10, 13-14; Jn 1: 47-51; ***Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** [30/9/18] Numbers 11: 25-29; James 5: 1-6; Mk 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48;

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