



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

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26TH SUNDAY OF YEAR - ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B: 30.09.18.

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. Three Communities have yet to collect their forms. Please return the completed forms as soon as possible to the parish office.

Special Blessings will be administered today upon our Year 8s and Year 6s in the Parish who sit for their External Exams this week 1st – 5th October. The parish wishes them all the best.

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Sunday's Reflection: Hospitality has a high profile in the Middle East. Even to the present day, travellers testify to this and it's often mentioned in the Bible. One only has to recall — in the context of the allusion to the drink of water in today's Gospel — the delightful story of Eleazer and Rebekah (Gen 24:15-26) and, of course, the meeting of Jesus with the Samaritan Woman at Jacob's Well. As a Christian virtue, hospitality received a new element from Jesus when he linked the guests with the home-base, or with those who sent them. Whoever receives one sent by Christ receives Christ himself and will be repaid accordingly. There is to be a sense in which God is in his Son and his Son is in the apostles and they, in turn, are in the Christians who are received — because of those who receive them. When this link is recognized, Jesus promises this particular kind or reward even to those who act without any thought of reward, such as those who give as little as a cup of water. One great difficulty with this brand of hospitality is that it cannot be practised on a pick-and-choose basis.

Most people find it relatively easy to be good hosts when they are safely in their own home and need to entertain a friend or, at least, a guest who enjoys some sort of entitlement to special consideration. It can be an entirely different matter to deal with people outside one's own circle, even those engaged in good work of one kind or another. We can get so wrapped up in our own social circle that we build up of barriers rather than bridges between ourselves and those we see as rivals. as happened to Eldad and Medad and the freelance exorcist in today's Gospel. We might have an unbalanced view of your own importance, or that of our in-group, and forget that what is paramount is what Christ expects of us. Then we are less likely to fall into the habit of always waiting for the big heroic occasion while neglecting the little nameless unremembered acts of kindness and of love, such as giving somebody a drink of water or a kindly word.

Catholics are not always enthusiastic about acknowledging the spread of God's Spirit in other Churches, in non-Christian Religions and, indeed, in every creature. It came as a shock to some of us when the Second Vatican Council recognized the presence of the Holy Spirit in the development of the Ecumenical Movement among the non-Roman Catholics. But, here again, there is a relevance for would-be-ecumenists, as well as others, in Christ's uncompromising stand vis-à-vis scandal, described in today's Gospel. The recognition of the presence of the Holy Spirit outside the Church does not mean we have to neglect it inside the Church or compromise on the doctrines taught by the Church under the guidance of that same Spirit.

Lectors -07/10: 7.00am - 1st Reader – Catherine Burese, **Psalm** – JoanaQalo, **2nd Reader** – RoseChandra
Lectors -07/10: 8.30am - 1st Reader – Pipiana Mua **Psalm** – Maciu Vatuloka, **2nd Reader** – Eta Roseru

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.

Youth Synod Seminar: We are asked to pray for the parish youth (5 youth) who have been attending the Archdiocesan Seminar since last Friday at Sacred Heart College. They are accompanied by their Head of Youth Commission, Tupou Nawalu. The Seminar finishes this afternoon. Vinaka vakalevu.

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. Please, fill the form for the new Catholics, which is attached to today's newsletter, and bring it back to the parish office by Sunday, October 7.

Family Life Commission would like to thank all those who attended their Friday night workshop on Natural Family Planning. For your information, their coloring competition deadline has been extended to Friday, 12th October.

Marriage Anniversary Mass Congratulations to all married couples in the parish and to all those who have received their Certificates today for their 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30th Anniversaries. May you all enjoy many more years of marital bliss together. This will be an ongoing process each year to celebrate the anniversaries of couples in the parish.

Evangelization Commission: 7 Steps Bible Sharing Special "Faith & Action (Task)" for this Tuesday, 2nd Oct.: Kindly ask all Small Christian Communities to have "Recruiting New Catholics" for the "Faith & Action (Task)" for this Tuesday. We urgently need more new Catholics at St. Pius X Parish. You may have another "Task" for your SCC as well. Kindly asking for your support.

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 22nd 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. His first Mass in Raiwaqa will be on Monday, 26th November.

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.

Reguregu for Filomena Ruru (4B): By no means the usual parish funeral, we would like to thank all parishioners who went the extra mile to give Filo a dignified farewell. From the *reguregu* in Tacirua on Monday night, the Vigil Mass in the parish on Tuesday and finally animating the Liturgy at the Requiem Mass in the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Wednesday. Thank you all.

Funeral Process: Funeral Process: The Priest, PPC, parish coordinator, community leaders had very difficult time with communicating with the families who wanted to have funeral at St. Pius X Parish, Raiwaqa. Families and community leaders, please follow the process of the arrangement of the funeral in order to respect the parish policy on 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 or parish coordinator as soon as possible within one or two days after the death. **Choose a person for the "Contact Person" to the Parish. Contact person should be one of the immediate family member (husband, wife, mother, father, sons or daughters. NO OTHER RELATIVES) The Parish will NOT communicate with other persons except the "Contact Person" for the clear communication & arrangements.**

(2) Parish priest will meet the Contact Person & 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. The form should be submitted **at least 3 days before the funeral Mass.** Please, ask for the assistance from the parish coordinator and the community leader for filling the form.

The parish will review the Funeral Policy of St. Pius X Parish. We do not want to hurt anybody because of miscommunications. Please, find the proper channel for the communication. Thank you.

Parish Meetings:

1. St Patrick Community 4B meeting at Andrew Grey's residence on Tuesday evening, 7.30pm. Fr Carlo will be visiting the community too on that night.

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

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

4. Family Life Commission meeting after the evening Mass on Thursday night at 7.30pm

5. St Peter Chanel Community Rosary starts at the Kamsoo's residence on Monday night at 7.30pm.

6. St. Michael Community is inviting all other communities to plant mangroves alongside CCTC beach on Sat. Oct 10 at 9am. For more information, please contact Master Amani (Community Leader of 5A) 338 6605 / 949 2394

Thanks: To Community 7A, St Jacob's, for animating the Liturgy during the week and cleaning the church yesterday. We invite Community 7B, St Theresa of the Child Jesus, to take over these responsibilities from tomorrow, Monday 1st October.

Thanks for last Sunday's Collection: 1st Collection: \$703.65; 2nd Collection: \$259.65; Total \$963.30

Reading coming week: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [30/9/18] Numbers 11: 25-29; James 5: 1-6; Mk 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48; Mon [1/10/18] St Therese of the Child Jesus: Job 1: 6-22; Lk 9: 46-50; Tue [2/10/18] The Guardian Angels: Ex 23: 20-23; Mt 18: 1-5, 10; Wed [3/10/18] Job 9: 1-12, 14-16; Lk 9: 57-62; Thurs [4/10/18] Job 19: 21-27; Lk 10: 1-12; Fri [5/10/18] Job 38: 1, 12-21; 40: 3-5; Lk 10: 13-16; Sat [6/10/18] Job 42: 1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10: 17-24; **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** [7/10/18] Gen 2: 18-24; Heb 2: 9-11; Mk 10: 2-16;