

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - CYCLE A: - 08/10/17

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.pm

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 the Parish Priest 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.

RCIA: Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

Up and Coming Events in other Parishes

St Agnes–Soli -28th October.

Holy Spirit Soli and Bazaar – Sat 4th Nov.

Holy Eucharist Soli – 18th November.

Ordination of Rev Pat Visanti-23rd Nov. Cath.

Brianna Leaves for Rotuma on 29th Nov.

Tuesday next 10th October is Fiji Day – thus a public holiday. Mass here on Tuesday morning at 8.30am. Happy Fiji Independence Day all Citizens.

Reflection for the 26th Sunday of the Year: Cultivating our “Vineyard”

Our God is a God who trusts his workers. Just as the landowner gave the tenants a fully equipped vineyard in which to work and produce, God creates the possibilities for work, fruitfulness and success for us too. He provides us with opportunities and resources and trusts that we will make the most of these. Our own, personal vineyards are completely unique. Do we recognize how our lives are moulded by God? Do we recognize the opportunities and resources that God has given us? Have we experienced the freedom and trust that God gives us? Have we responded responsibly or have we responded similar to the tenants at times?

The first reading from Isaiah echoes this truth. The friend of Isaiah owns a fertile hillside, he spades it, he clears it of stones, plants the choicest vines, builds the traditional watchtower, installs the typical wine press and then anticipates an excellent and abundant harvest. What he gets instead are wild grapes. We feel the pain of unrequited love in the second half of the reading of Isaiah. We feel the pain of a broken heart acting out in anger, an earthy, anthropomorphic illustration of the disappointment God feels in his people who have not acted justly and with compassion to the lowly and oppressed.

Welcome to the Christian Community: Tifere Ioane Ravai, Marintar, Nadi; Ema Esther Maria Vasemaca Tabukuru and Temalesi Motoniyasi Tabukuru, Raiwaqa Police Qtrs, Raiwaqa who were baptised here on Sunday last 1st Oct 2017.

Arrived safely in London: Wed 6th Oct. 9.30am. Arrived into London 4 hours ago and in the Kensington Residence of the Fiji High Commissioner - first Secretary. God Bless and best wishes to you and all the parishioners including the Eucharistic Ministers. Thank you so much for the good wishes and words of blessings to me last Sunday. (*Betty Chandra*).

Caring of the Vanua, our Common Home: Given by His Grace, Archbishop Peter Loy Chong on Sunday last 1st October at St Joseph's Secondary Hall. The lecture entitled "Reweaving the Ecological Mat" an Itaukei framework for caring of the Vanua, our Common Home was an excellent presentation and very well attended. Only one Raiwaqa parishioner was present. His Grace has left for Finland to take part in 2 symposia on Climate Change during this month of Oct.

Parish Raffle Thank you both Community Leaders and Financial Reps and indeed other who have taken to your Communities the Blocks of tickets to be sold within the next 3 weeks or so. Reports from some communities that they are going well. There are 35 excellent prizes to be won – **The draw will take place after Mass on Tuesday 31st Oct.** That evening we will have the final Mass on the last day of October in honour of those who honoured Our Lady by their reciting of their daily rosary and processions. All proceeds of this raffle will go into the parish account to help fund the necessary expenses needed coming up to our Golden Jubilee. Money collected can be deposited and receipted in the parish any time during the month. We thank all who will support your Community and Financial Reps in selling these Blocks.

Raffle Tickets for Catechist AGM in Savusavu on 4th Dec. Some Community Leaders and individuals have taken some books of tickets already – plenty to be had in the Parish Office: 10 Very attractive Prizes. 1st prize \$2,000.00 2nd Prize \$1500.00 3rd Prize \$1000.00 etc etc. and 4 prizes of \$200.00 each. Drawing date has been extended by two weeks. All those who have taken tickets must have them returned to the presbytery on or before Friday 20th Oct. Again, thanks for your generosity for our catechists.

Application Forms for Corpus Christi Teachers Training College: As usual these can be had from the Presbytery these days. Necessary Qualifications for successful candidates are on the Application Forms and must be accompanied by ref from Parish Priest.

October the Month of the Rosary and Month of the Missions: Mission Sunday Celebrated 22nd Oct. Collection for Missions.

Diwali Celebration: 19th Oct 2017: Mass at 3.00pm in Sacred Heart Cathedral followed by sharing of Sweets in the Crypt.

CCD Confirmation Class had their 1st Retreat yesterday in Wailoku. Thanks to all involved: Candidates Parents & Teachers.

Archdiocesan Evangelization Commission: Training for parish trainers of SCC Leaders in the Crypt *Yesterday and today*. This training is intended so that each parish will have some committed trainers who can hold training at parish level for SCC 7 Step gospel sharing sessions and can regularly visit SCCs to encourage, support and correct (when necessary) the community prayer leaders. Our Parish was represented by Vamarasi Mausio, Master Dan Burese.

Parish Evangelisation Commission The workshop on Climate Change was held on Friday (06/10) at the Archbishop Petero Mataca hall, Guest speaker was Dr. Joeli Veiyataki from USP. About 30 parishioners turned up to hear and see Dr. Joeli's enlightening presentation. His presentation on the results of climate change and sustainable living was fascinating.

Waste Management and Littering: A presentation from Daniela Moli – on waste management from the Suva City Council (Parishioner Nadera Parish). This brought the reality of litter and dumping in Suva home to us – His talk was well accepted also.

Parish Youth will join with other youth groups on Tuesday **Morning (Fiji Day)** for a foreshore clean up from the bowling club.

Suva City Council Free Collection: of old appliance; fridges, washing machines and TVs etc. from side of road until 14th Oct.

Feed-back on Natural Management Seminar: On Monday evening last 2nd Oct, Mue Mausio presented his much-awaited feedback from the Disaster Management Seminar which he attended on behalf of the Parish in St Joseph's Secondary School from the 25th – 28th July. Very enlightening indeed, but detailed nonetheless. Loads of information for digestion and action at all levels: Parish, Archdiocese, National (NDMO). **Further deliberations will take place later this month on the same** and we need your support in sending representatives from the Communities where applicable so that awareness is at a broader scale and dissemination of information is eventually filtered down to the masses. This is everybody's business as disasters do affect everyone. Member of the Parish Disaster Team published on Parish Newsletter should take note & be there. (*Chairperson PPC*).

Boat to Rotuma: For Rev Pat Visanti's 1st Mass there: The Brianna will leave Suva on the evening of Wed 29th Nov. DV. It will be in Rotuma from Friday until Sunday night 3rd Dec arriving back in Suva on 5th Dec. Capacity 140 passengers only. **Price \$350.00.** Book with Soela or Visenia at Columban House – 3308290. **50% Deposit** as soon as possible. Full fare by mid Nov.

Parish Structure and Constitution Review Workshop: to take place on Sat 21 October at the AB Mataca Hall. All PPC and Commission representatives are requested to be at this important workshop as part of our build up towards the Golden Jubilee.

Liturgy Commission:

- Liturgy Workshop on GIRM with Sr. Carmel @ SHC Crypt, Wed & Thurs. 11th 12th Oct. 6:00pm. All are Welcome.
- Archdiocese Youths Choir Practice in **preparation to the Apostolate of Fatima Mass next Saturday 14th Oct.** continues at the Holy Eucharist Parish at 4:00pm.
- Archdiocese Music Directors meeting at Holy Eucharist Parish on Monday 9th Oct at 7:00pm.

The Family Life Commission:

1. The FLC will be conducting a month-long Family Theme in October for St. Pius X Parish to promote the age old saying "The Family that Prays Together, Stays Together". It would be nice if Parishioners sit together as a Family during Mass.
2. We also requesting that each Family of the parish have their evening/morning Rosary together as a family in October.
3. Visitation Program to Community. This Sunday - Group 3; Friday 6th - 5B and Thursday 12th Oct - 4C
4. Gunu-sede in aid of the Family Fun Day will be held on the 13th of October at the Parish Hall,
5. FLC Workshop will be held on Friday the 27th with Guest Speakers. All families are asked to attend.
6. FLC meeting will be held this Wednesday (11/10/2017) at 7.15pm all FLC Reps please attend.

Justice & Development Commission: Parish Census - Two (2) weeks duration for the completion of the parish census exercise from Friday, **6.10.17 – Friday, 13.10.17**. This exercise is vital in our pursue to understand what is going on in our parish and find out the hopes and needs of the community and the purpose the Church might play in the lives of people.

Meetings Today Sunday 8th October:

1. **Sunday 8th Oct. Women of the Parish Meeting** today from 10am – 11.30am
2. **Family Life Commission Reps** will be visiting Communities (2) and (6) this Sunday.
3. **Prayer Meeting Rosary Month: 4a at the Church at 6pm** and will continue in the community every day.
4. **Cenacle at 2.00pm; Divine Mercy @ 3.00pm; Charismatics @ 3.30pm; World Apostolate of Prayer - 4.00**

Meetings during the Week:

1. **Tuesday 10th Oct.** Seven Steps and Bible sharing in all Communities. (Are all Communities faithful to these sharing's)?
2. **Wednesday 11th Oct.** Family Life Commission Meeting at 7.15. Community Reps take note (Meetings poorly attended).
3. **Wed. 11th Oct.** Men of the Parish Choir Practice in AB Hall @ 7.30pm. (Men of Parish slack in attendance recently).
4. **Sunday 15th Oct.** Evangelisation meets on 15th October after 8.30am Mass.
5. **World Apostolate of Fatima** celebration next weekend. Some parish youth and members are involved in the Mass choir.

Thanks: To Community 3 St Joan of Arc for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound. Community 4a St Peter Chanel starts tomorrow Mon 9th Oct.

Thanks too for your generous Collection for last week. The following is a summary:

1st Collection \$675.05; 2nd Collection \$105.30 and Envelop \$75.00 = \$855.35

Reading coming week: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time [8/10] Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Matt 21:33-43; Mon[9/10] Jonah 1:1-2:1. 11; Luke 10:25-37; Tues[10/10] Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42; Wed[11/10] Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4; Thurs[12/10] Malachi 3:13-20; Luke 11:5-13; Fri[13/10] Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26; Sat[14/10] Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28; 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time [15/10] Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14. 19-20; Matt 22:1-14.