



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

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28TH Sunday of Year - Ordinary Time - year b: 14.10.18.

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]

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 wishing for baptism of their child make arrangements with the assistance of Community Leaders in seeking Sacrament Priests before commencing preparation Baptismal Helpers.

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.

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.

Due date: NEXT SUNDAY, 21st October 2018.

Election Awareness Workshop at St Pius X Parish on Thursday, October 18th from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. All parishioners of voting age are encouraged to attend.

Sunday's Reflection: The young man in today's Gospel comes across at first sight as an exceptionally good and noble character, respectfully searching for the way to eternal life. He had kept God's commandments since childhood, and was so sincere that Jesus looked on him with affection. An ideal character, you would think, to receive the gospel and follow Jesus. And yet Our Lord knew something about that young man that needed to be cured. He was owned by his own wealth, and it had a stronger grip on him than he had on it. Jesus invited him to become free of it, but the cost seemed too just too high. "Freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose."

There is nothing wrong with money as such, or even with being wealthy. Some of the world's greatest people, who did most for the welfare of humanity, have been wealthy people. But at a deeper level the fact is that I own nothing, *absolutely*. My hold on things is provisional, temporary. A sudden stroke, a brain hemorrhage or a heart attack, and I am separated forever from all my worldly belongings. "There are no pockets in the shroud." Apparently there was a narrow entrance at the side of the temple called the "needle." It is wide enough for a camel to pass through, but only if the load was removed from the camel's back. With the panniers of goods the camel normally carried on either side, it would be impossible to pass through the *Needlegate*. How hard it is for people who are weighed down with money and ambitions to enter the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom belongs to children. It belongs to the *poor in spirit*; not so much *economically* poor, but detached from riches in their inmost spirit. For a worthy cause, they can part with their wealth.

Then there are some who give up everything to follow Jesus. He doesn't call everybody to do this. He didn't ask Lazarus or his sisters to leave home and follow him. But being a follower of Jesus does mean having to leave *something*. It involves a change of priorities, a new way, valuing things, an interest in the riches that are stored in heaven, "where moth cannot consume, nor rust corrode." Those who leave everything to follow Jesus are among the most blessed of people, dedicated souls like Padre Pio, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, aid workers in places torn by war and disease, and many other unsung heroes. Such people are blessed with the riches of God's grace, and bring much blessing to the lives of others.

Lectors (21/10/2018)	7.00am	1st Reader – Vasemaca Luvu	Psalm – Salome Levula	2nd Reader – Maria Chand
	8.30am	1st Reader – Clara Joan	Psalm – Miriama Sarai	2nd Reader – Milika Nabou

Application Forms 2019 There are forms available for those interested in applying to the following places next year:
1. *Chevalier Training Centre, Wainadoi*, a Vocational Institute for underprivileged youths of Fiji, and
2. *Corpus Christi Teachers College, Suva Point*, for those who have the necessary faith, character and personality that would make them **ideal** primary school Catholic teachers. Candidates must pass the minimum selection criteria.

RCIA Program: Please, encourage to have new believers in our families and communities. 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 the previous Sunday's newsletter, and bring it back to the parish office by TODAY.

Census Submission Result by 13/10/2018 (# of families submitted / total # of families based on 2015 Census)

1B	2	3	4A	4B	4C
16 / 24 (66.7%)	0 / 20 (0 %)	0 / 15 (0%)	0 / 29 (0%)	4 / 21 (19%)	0 / 14 (0%)
5A	5B	6	7A	7B	TOTAL
0 / 35 (0%)	0 / 27 (0%)	0 / 32 (0%)	7 / 16 (43.7%)	2 / 21 (9.5%)	29 / 254 (11.4%)

Each family has been asked to fill in a form since Sep. 10. Three Communities still have yet to collect their forms.

Please, return the completed forms as soon as possible to the parish office. **Due date: TODAY.**

Month of Mission & Rosary (October):

- 1) **Sunday Homily:** Messages from the Archdiocese / **Mission Story:** After the Communion by Columban Seminarians
- 2) **Prayer Request from Pope Francis** – Please, recite the prayers before & after the daily rosary prayers during the month in your Communities. Prayers are available in the parish office or Evangelization Head of Commission.
- 3) **On 31st October, the Rosary** will be recited in church. Communities requested to provide 5 members to participate in the Rosary before the evening Mass. Details will be discussed in the next Sun.'s meeting.

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." We highly recommend the SCCs, which do not use the Booklet, now to use it for your SCCs.

Pastoral Visit: Fr. Carlo will visit the Catholics in Veidogo Settlement for Talanoa session on Wednesday, October 17 at 7:30pm."

Special Collection for Mission Sunday; next Sunday, 21st October.

Catholic Times: now available in the parish office for collection by community leaders.

Sale of Souvenir Booklet: The Jubilee Souvenir Booklet continues to be on sale (\$5) There should be one in every home.

Rev. Deacon Martin Koroiciri's thanksgiving mass at Lakeba, Lau (Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018)

- (1) Dep. Fri., Dec. 7 at noon (Suva Wharf - Boat: Brianna) / Arr. Mon., Dec. 10 in the afternoon
- (2) Registration: **Pay \$185.00 directly to Fr. Carlo after any mass by today, Oct. 14.(No Deposit)**
- (3) From tomorrow, 15th October, all interested will pay directly to the Columban Central House (Nasese).

Parish Meetings & Prayers:

1. **Altar Servers Meeting**– Today after the 8.30am Mass inside the church.
2. **Prayers in Church Today:** Cenacle (2pm), Divine Mercy (3pm), Charismatic (3.30pm). All parishioners are invited.
3. **St Peter Chanel Community (4A): Rosary** every night at 730pm.
4. **Holy Communion Parents Meeting** after the 7am Mass (AB Hall)
5. **Evangelization Commission** after the 8.30am Mass (AB Hall)
6. **Catholic Teachers of the Parish** in the Fr Hurley Hall after 8.30am (Presentation: 1st draft of 3 Years Class Plan)
7. **Commission of Ecological & Social Justice** meeting on Monday(15.10.18), 7.30pm parish board room. Community leaders to ensure community are represented at the meeting.
8. **Evangelization Commission** meets after 8.30 am Mass. Reps please take note;
9. **Lectors' monthly meeting** will be held on Sunday 21st October inside church straight after the 8.30 am mass.
10. **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting at 1000 on Sunday, 28th October.

Special Blessing for Students: Today, Oct. 14 (both 7am & 830am Mass) – Year 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 students

Thanks: To Community 1B, St Cecilia, for animating the Liturgy during the week and cleaning the church yesterday. Noticeable amount of lolly wrappers and a plastic bottle or two left strewn around the floor of the church. We invite Community 2, St Joseph the Worker, to take over these responsibilities from tomorrow, Monday, 15th October.

Thanks for last Sunday's Collection: 1st Collection: **\$1,488.65**; 2nd Collection: **\$87.40**; Total **\$1576.05**

Reading coming week:

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time [14/10/18] Wisdom 7: 7-11; Heb 4: 12-13; Mk 10: 17-30; Mon [15/10/18] St Teresa of Avila: Gal 4: 22-24; Lk 11: 29-32; Tue [16/10/18] Gal 5: 1-6; Lk 11: 37-41; Wed [17/10/18] St Ignatius of Antioch: Gal 5: 18-25; Lk 11: 41-46; Thurs [18/10/18] St Luke, Evangelist: 2 Tim 4: 10-17; Lk 10: 1-9; Fri [19/10/18] Eph 1: 11-14; Lk 12: 1-7; Sat [20/10/18] Eph 1: 15-23; Lk 11: 47-54; **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time** [21/10/18] Is 53: 10-11; Heb 4: 14-16; Mk 10: 35-45;