

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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THE TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - CYCLE A: - 15/10/17

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.

Thursday next 19th October is Diwali – thus a public holiday. Mass here on Thursday morning at 8.30am. Happy Diwali Day, our Indo Fijian friends

Reflection for the 26th Sunday of the Year: Tomorrow's World

What does tomorrow hold for us? What is there to hope for? Often our imagination projects into the future. As children, we wondered “What will it be when like when we grow up?” Parents promised new freedoms and new possibilities “When you are older.” Human nature lives in vital tension between the Already and the Not Yet. Today's Scriptures invite us all to raise our sights, and our hearts, when thinking of the future. Beyond this present life, God has planned a great future for all of us. Isaiah's prophecy of the heavenly banquet is an invitation to think of our eternal destiny. There is more to live for than what we see in this present world, interesting and challenging though it is. What really counts, indeed, is whether we succeed in reaching our eternal happiness with God. Jesus emphasises that this wedding-banquet is open to all people indeed, that God sends his messengers out to scour the highways and byways in order to fill his house with guests. It is a comforting thought that God wants us to be saved, even more than we do ourselves. On the other hand, there is a special regalia or wedding-garment that must be worn. This is the level of personal commitment required, in order to accept our place at the wedding feast. I like to think that this refers primarily to community spirit, an ability to share our well-being with other people, in the presence of God. Though founded on faith in God's creative love, Christian hope retains a strong ethical dimension. Our wedding-garment is therefore being woven daily, by the quality of our interaction with others. In this sense, we hold tomorrow in our own hands, as with the help of God's grace we build our own eternal future.

In Loving Memory: **Enola Eveyln Nelsen/Vakamoce** (68); Kula Street (Community 6 – St Paul's) & (4c) who died on Tuesday 10th Oct. and was buried after Requiem Mass in St Pius X on Saturday 14th Oct in Nasinu Cemetery. **Karekeiti Teresa Ueara** (54) 6 Udal Street – Howell Road (Community 6) died on Monday 9th Oct 2017. Funeral on Wednesday next at 9.30am. Rest in Peace.

Parish Raffle - Sincerely hoping that all communities are working hard to sell the 100 blocks distributed to Community Leaders and Financial Reps. Some communities report doing very well. Some people turning up at the office inform us that no one has approached them yet. Only 2 weeks to go to drawing date. *In this our Golden Jubilee Year it is sad to hear some negative reports from individuals. Thousands of dollars will need to be spent on repairs of the Church inside and outside during the next 10 months.* 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. Most of the Community Leaders and individuals who have taken ticket books have already returned then to the presbytery. Thank you very much. The closing date for handing them into Lami is this coming Friday 20th October. Anyone else wishing to buy a book can pick them up from the Office after Mass but must return them immediately: 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. Again, thanks for your generosity towards our catechists.

October - 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.

Restructuring of Parish Office and Meeting Rooms: This latest phase of Repairing, Painting, Tiling and Refurbishing of all these down stairs rooms is now nearly complete: The Old Music Room will become the Parish Office. The old Parish Office will become a Board or large Meeting Room. The old Kadi store room will become a Meeting Room for the Commissions. The St Vincent de Paul Room should also be considered space for meetings when the occasion arises. It too has been repainted and repaired. The former Store Room has been cleared out and new shelved fitted to cater for all the stuff of the Kindergarten. **All this work (costing a lot of money) has been gifted to the parish for our Golden Jubilee.** All these repairs so badly needed – since maintenance work has been neglected over the years. In view of all the above – is it too much to ask the 11 Communities to support our Parish Raffle??? Thanks to **Pauliasi Vodivodi and Alan Smith** for lending a willing and voluntary hand over the last few weeks mainly in the clearing out and dumping rubbish from all of the above rooms – They did a great job and have been a great back up to Master Dan, Kele, Sophie and myself. Hopefully our new refurbished facilities will be welcomed and prove beneficial to all. **John McEvoy.**

Catholic Times: Ready for collection from Parish Office by Community Reps. Each Community has given the No. they wish to receive. \$1.00 per copy. Raiwaqa Parish features strongly in this edition: Front Cover featuring some of our Kindergarten Children, an article on Social ills in the Parish by Ema Dimila & an article in Fijian on completion & opening of Boundary Fence by Kelemete.

Parish Structure and Constitution Review Workshop: to take place on Sat 21 October at the AB Mataca Hall. All PPC members, Heads of Commission and Commission representatives are requested to be at this important workshop as part of our build up towards the Golden Jubilee. So please take note and do your utmost to be present at this workshop next Saturday.

Parish Youth Thanks to Fr Frank Hoare who took the initiative in organising our youth to join with the Indian Sanatan Youth in a general clean-up of the foreshore on Fiji Day, Tuesday 10th Oct. In spite of the bad weather there was a good turnout from the Parish. It was great to see members of the Confirmation Class joining in too. Joining in also were Youth members from Suva Parish and a number from Laucala Bay together with members of the Columban Lay Missionaries. The parish helped in providing Lunch which was readied by Ms Tupou Nawalu (Head of Commission and Mrs Filo Lee). Vinaka everyone for witnessing to Laudato Si and doing your bit in caring for the earth.

Women of the Parish Programme: Saturday 28th Oct in Parish Hall from 10.30 – 1.00pm. Invitation extended to all.

Apostolate of Fatima Celebrations yesterday 14th Oct: There was a full day's programme in St Joseph's Secondary School. Some of the Parish Youth took part in the Choir and procession of Our Lady to the Cathedral yesterday also. The actual day of the final apparition was on the 13 Oct 1917 in Fatima, Portugal.

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 and closing date for return of Application Forms to Corpus Christi is the 30th November.

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.

The Family Life Commission:

1. The FLC are 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 to 5B and 4C – yet to be confirmed by community leaders.
4. Gunu-sede in aid of the Family Fun Day will be held on the 20th of October at the Parish Hall. (All support needed please).
5. FLC Workshop will be held on Friday the 27th with Guest Speakers. All families are asked to attend.

Meetings Today Sunday 15th October:

1. **Sunday 15th Oct. Meeting of the Lectors in Fr Hurley Hall today.**
2. **Evangelisation Meeting:** Today After 8.30 Mass.
3. **Cenacle at 2.00pm; Divine Mercy @ 3.00pm; Charismatics @ 3.30pm; World Apostolate of Prayer - 4.00**

Meetings during the Week:

1. **Tuesday 17th Oct.** Seven Steps and Bible sharing in all Communities. (Are all Communities faithful to these sharing's)?
2. **Tuesday 17th Oct:** Community Prayer Meeting 7 Steps in Sophie Shackley's residence at 7.30pm.
3. **Wednesday 18th Oct.** Family Life Commission Meeting at 7.15. Community Reps take note (Meetings poorly attended).
4. **Sat. 21st Our 1st Holy Communion Class will have a Retreat Day at Wailekutu in preparation for 1st Confessions.**

Thanks: To Community 4a St Peter Chanel for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound. Community 4b St Patrick's starts tomorrow Mon 16th Oct. Thanks also to 4a for all the choir practices during last week.

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

1st Collection 790.30; 2nd Collection \$83.20 and Envelop \$155.00 = \$1028.50

Reading coming week: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time [15/10] Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14. 19-20; Matt 22:1-14; Mon [16/10] Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32; Tues[17/10] Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41; Wed[18/10] **St Luke, Evangelist** Tim 4:10-17; Luke 10:1-9; Thurs[19/10] Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54; Fri[20/10] Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7; Sat[21/10] Romans 4:13. 16-18; Luke 12:9-12; **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time [22/10]** Is 45:1. 4-6; Thess 1:1-5; Matt 22:15-21.