

# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### THE TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - CYCLE A: - 22/10/17

#### 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 – 6.00pm

**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 -28<sup>th</sup> October.

Holy Spirit Soli and Bazaar – Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Holy Eucharist Soli – 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Ordination of Rev Pat Visanti-23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. Cath.

Brianna Leaves for Rotuma on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Today 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct is Mission Sunday:** A collection from today will be forward to Archbishop for the Propagation of the Faith – to help 1,250 poor dioceses in the world. We should be as generous as possible today.

#### Reflection for the 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year: Mission Sunday:

**Editorial from Kaulotu June 2015: Fr Donal McIlraith:** Fiji has some 65 Fiji missionaries working overseas. Fiji today has 18 religious congregation. Of these 15 have missionaries abroad. When we take account of the non-resident Divine Word Missionaries and Jesuits and then add to this Suva Archdiocese itself which currently has 5 priests working abroad, we have a formidable array of missionaries. The oldest congregations in Fiji are of course the Marists, (SM), the SMSM and SM sisters, the Marist Brothers of the Schools (FMS) and the Cluny sisters. These have borne the burden of the heat and the day. All the rest of us are relative newcomers. Right now, the Marist Family has 20 missionaries overseas (SMSM- 8, SM – 7, SM Sisters 4 and FMS – 1). *The Columbans have 10 Fiji born missionaries on overseas mission and at the present time (2017) 5 lay missionaries are working overseas. While over the past 25 years about 60 Columban lay missionaries have worked in 8 different countries.* The Cluny Sisters have 7 on mission, DOLSH and DOLC have 5 each. It seems that there are 4 Fiji born SVD priests now on their missions. There are 3 diocesan priests. The SOLN Sisters have 1 in overseas and, Fr Arthur Ledger, head of EAPI in Manila, is now the only Fiji born Jesuit in the world. We greet you, Fiji missionaries and thank God for your generosity in responding to the voice of Jesus and fulfilling his great Commission. “Go Teach all Nations”. We are proud of you & commit ourselves to pray for you.

If truth be told, Fiji’s missionary experience goes back many decades, especially with sisters and some priests and brothers from Fiji quietly working on mission. The story of Cluny Srs Monika Grant and Sr John Clery were surely heralds of what was to come. Sr Monika worked in California for 40 years while Sr John worked in India back in the 30s and 40s. When we look at the beginnings of the Church in Oceania, we see the extraordinary missionary work of the Fiji catechists in places like Guadalcanal in the Solomons and Pentecost in Vanuatu. Fiji, then, has a missionary history of which we can be proud. *This is a special year for the Columbans as they celebrated 65 years of missionary work in Fiji and preparing to celebrate the Centenary of their founding next year 2018.*

**Mission Sunday Masses:** Today we will have Martin Koroiciri (a senior Columban Seminarian and Jinky (one of the latest Lay missionary from the Philippines to be appointed to Fiji) to say something about an aspect of Mission. After Masses the Columban Missionary Calendar for 2018 will be on Sale outside the Church.

**Thanks for standing in:** To Fr Donal McIlraith and Fr Anselmo (New Columban Associate Priest from Korea) who said last Sunday’s 8.30am Mass. To Fr Roger McCarrack for offering the Monday and the Tuesday Masses here in the Church and to Fr Donal again and the 3 MSC Priests who offered Teresa Ueava’s Requiem Mass on Wednesday last 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. Vinaka Vakalevu all.

**Mere Avaike and The World Apostolate of Fatima:** Wish to thank the Sarai Family and Mary Fong (5b) for all the help they rendered her in running the programme last Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct to conclude the devotions of the Centenary Year re the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. She also wishes to thank the members of the Parish Youth who took part in the Choir for the Mass on the Cathedral on the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup> and indeed everyone who help out in anyway during the last 6 months and for attending that special final concelebrated Mass where the chief celebrant was Fr Donal McIlraith.

**Parish Raffle** – Just one more week and a few days to the Parish Draw: We haven’t heard much as how the blocks are doing in the Communities. All must be returned by next weekend for the smooth predation of the Draw. Once again there are 35 excellent prizes to be won – **The draw will take place after Mass on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 week. We thank all who will support your Community and Financial reps in selling these Blocks.

**Raffle Tickets for Catechist** Thanks too for those who supported the Catechists Draw to help them attend their AGM in Savusavu on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. The returned and sold tickets (circa \$300.00) will be returned to Lami early this week. The new drawing date is on the 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. Again, thanks for your generosity towards our catechists.

**Parish Executive Meeting:** will be held tomorrow Monday, 23 October after the evening Mass. The usual preparation for PPC Meeting on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. Good Preparation will ensure a good PPC Meeting.

**Catholic Times:** Some Communities have yet to take the Catholic Times. Please take yours after Mass. There will be some for sale too at the Church door also. We have now cut down the numbers to 150. As stated last week 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:** took place on yesterday Sat 21 October at the AB Mataca Hall. A good number of PPC Reps and Heads of Commission turned up to make final recommendation to the Parish Revised Constitution whereby the Parish Constitutions were brought in line with Archdiocesan Structures. The Parish Executives express their gratitude for your presence and for your constructive verbal contribution yesterday and to those who worked on this document over last 2 years.

**Commission for Social Justice and Human Development:**

1. JD Commission Meeting: Wednesday (25.10.17), AB Mataca Hall. JD commission Reps take note. Representative from SCC will be there as well to deliberate on the disposal project.
2. Women of the Parish information session on Saturday (28.10.17), 10am - 2pm, AB Mataca Hall. Program updates from committee as well. Women of the parish (registered or not registered) invited to attend. Copies of minutes will be distributed after Sunday Mass.

**Parish Youth:** A number of the Parish Youth gathered on Friday night to hear a wonderful presentation by Fr Ioane Gukibau on Vocation and on the Christian principles young people should live by. He invited them to get involved in church actives while they were still young – live will be more exciting that way – when they are committed to a task and have a mission. Since Sunday will be Mission Sunday – the youth present – presented Fr Iowane with gifts of food for the Columban Seminarians. Thank you Youth.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**Boat to Rotuma:** For Rev Pat Visanti's 1<sup>st</sup> Mass there: The Brianna will leave Suva on the evening of Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. DV. It will be in Rotuma from Friday until Sunday night 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec arriving back in Suva on 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Evangelization Commission:** Update from the Archdiocese Evangelisation Workshop held on 07/10 – 08/10. Aim – to strengthen 7 Steps or Gospel Sharing in our SCCs. There will be a workshop for all Evangelisation reps, community leaders, SCC leaders and interested parishioners on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Please block this date. (**Vama Mausio – Head of Commission**).

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Class Retreat:** About 20 of our Children who will receive their 1<sup>st</sup> Confessions and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion in the month of November had their retreat yesterday at Wailekutu Prayer Centre. Thanks to their teachers and parents who accompanied them. Thanks also to Sera Vira (Head of Faith Formation Commission). Date of 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion 26<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**The Family Life Commission:**

1. There will be a Family Life Workshop on Friday Evening 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. in the Parish Hall. Two families will be talking on their experience as family; a couple will be speaking on Natural Family Planning. After a summary of events there will be refreshments. Communities are requested to bring a plate each.
2. On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct – during the Masses there will be a special Blessing for families attending the Masses on that Sunday.
3. Family life Commission still wants 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.
4. They also request that each Family of the parish have their evening/morning Rosary together as a family in October.

**Meetings Today Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October:**

1. **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. Meeting of the Lectors after 8.30 Mass.** And **Evangelisation Meeting:** Today After 8.30 Mass.
2. **Also, today Meeting of the Executives of the Central Eastern Youth in the Fr Hurley Hall.**
3. **There may be a small gathering too with our visitors – chatting about Mission with the youth & those interested.**
4. **Cenacle at 2.00pm; Divine Mercy @ 3.00pm; Charismatics @ 3.30pm; World Apostolate of Prayer - 4.00**

**Meetings during the Week:**

1. **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Seven Steps and Bible sharing in all Communities. (Are all Communities faithful to these sharing's)?
2. **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Family Life Commission Meeting at 7.15. Community Reps take note.

**Thanks:** To Community 4b St Patrick's for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound. A recently good number turned up for evening Mass and Rosary. Community 4c St John the Baptist starts tomorrow Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection 681.70; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$94.15 and Envelop \$50.00 = \$825.85.**

**Reading coming week: 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time [22/10] Is 45:1. 4-6; Thess 1:1-5; Matt 22:15-21.; Mon [23/10] Romans 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21; Tues [24/10] Romans 5:12. 15. 17-21; Luke 12:35-38; Wed [25/10] Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48; Thurs [26/10] Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53; Fri[27/10]Romans 7:18-25; Luke 12:54-59; Sat[28/10]**St Simon and St Jude, Apostles** Eph 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-19; 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time [29/10] Ex 22:20-26; Thess 1:5-10; Matt 22:34-40.**