

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C: 23/10/16

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 are available at the Parish Office.

RCIA: Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

Mission Sunday 2016:

“Every Christian is

Missionary”

Reflection on Twenty Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time: “Missionary Church, Witness of Mercy”

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which the Church is celebrating, casts a distinct light on World Mission Sunday 2016: it invites us to consider the *mission ad gentes* as a great, immense work of mercy, both spiritual and material. On this World Mission Sunday, all of us are invited to “go out” as missionary disciples, each generously offering their talents, creativity, wisdom, and experience in order to bring the message of God’s tenderness and compassion to the entire human family. By virtue of the missionary mandate, the Church cares for those who do not know the Gospel, because she wants everyone to be saved and to experience the Lord’s love. She “is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12) and to proclaim mercy in every corner of the world, reaching every person, young, or old.

This merciful love, as in the early days of the Church, is witnessed to by many men and women of every age and condition. The considerable and growing presence of women in the missionary world, working alongside their male counterparts, is a significant sign of God’s maternal love. Women, lay and religious, and today even many families, carry out their missionary vocation in various forms: from announcing the Gospel to charitable service. Together with the evangelizing and sacramental work of missionaries, women and families often more adequately understand people’s problems and know how to deal with them in an appropriate and, at times, fresh way: in caring for life, with a strong focus on people rather than structures, and by allocating human and spiritual resources towards the building of good relations, harmony, peace, solidarity, dialogue, cooperation and fraternity, both among individuals and in social and cultural life, in particular through care for the poor.

This Jubilee year marks the 90th anniversary of World Missionary Day, first approved by Pope Pius XI in 1926 and organized by the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith. It is appropriate then to recall the wise instructions of my Predecessors who ordered that to this Society be destined all the offerings collected in every diocese, parish, religious community, association and ecclesial movement throughout the world for the care of Christian communities in need and for supporting the proclamation of the Gospel even to the ends of the earth. Today too we believe in this sign of missionary ecclesial communion. Let us not close our hearts within our own particular concerns, but let us open them to all of humanity.

May Holy Mary, sublime icon for redeemed humanity, model of missionaries for the Church, teach all men, women, and families, to foster and safeguard the living and mysterious presence of the Risen Lord in every place, he who renews personal relationships, cultures, and peoples, who fills all with joyful mercy. (*Excerpt from Pope Francis’ Message for World Mission Sunday, 15 May, 2016, Solemnity of Pentecost*)

Marriage Encounter Weekend: Now moved to Oct 28th – 30th at St John Bosco’s 9 miles. Interested couples contact Head of Family Life Commission, Jacob or Gina Kivi @ 7777731.

Mission Sunday 2016: This year’s theme is *Every Christian is Missionary*. We thank Pat Visanti, a Columban seminarian from Nasese for sharing his mission experience whilst in Pakistan and Sr Patiola, SOLN for sharing her mission experience as well. Moreover, we are urged to support missionaries working in some of the world’s poorest

countries by donating on today's collection. As we thank you for your wonderful generosity to the Missions over the years, we invite you to please continue to help share the gift of faith through your prayer and whatever assistance you can.

The following are being sold outside the Church today: Columban calendars-\$ 5.00; Special Kaulotu Edition-*The Message of a Saint to Fiji-Visit of Pope John Paul II to Fiji 1986*- \$2.00. Columban wall calendars sold at \$ 1.00 will be sold at the St Joseph Secondary School after the Laudato Si session on Wed (26/10/16).

Budget Committee: Meeting with commission heads and parish organisations on Monday 24/10/16 from 7:45 pm-9:00 pm in the Fr Hurley Hall. Your presence to the meeting is highly encouraged.

Vocation Seminar: Might have a calling to be a missionary priest? Inviting young men and young professionals to a Vocation Seminar at the Columban Formation House, Nasese on the 12th November, Saturday, at 9:00 am. See you there!

Evangelisation Commission:

- a. **Charismatic Prayer Meeting:** continues every Sundays at 3pm in the church;
- b. **Jubilee for Ecumenism:** Everyone is encouraged to attend the Seminars namely *Laudato Si: Ecology and the Eucharist* on 26th October, 6-10 pm and *Laudato Si: Climate Change and Biodiversity* on 27th October, 7-10 pm at St Joseph Secondary School Hall.

Liturgy Commission:

- a. Commission Meeting, 6th Nov, 2016 straight after the 8:30 AM Mass.

Faith Formation Commission:

- a. **CCD Classes:** continues every Sunday after the 8:30 am Mass.
 1. **1st Holy Communion:** Classes for candidates continue every Sunday in the parish hall from 9:30 am – 10:30 am;
 2. **Confirmation Classes:** Continues every Sunday after the 8:30 am Mass.

Youth Commission: a) Brief meeting for the **Youth Framework workshop** participants. Please see Mr Bruce Vute; b) Invitation to the Parish youths, **Youths Caring for Creation (Laudato Si) Conference** on Saturday, 29th October, @ 9:00 am-12:00 nn, Sacred Heart Cathedral Crypt; c) **Central Eastern Youth Bazaar** is on 12th November, 2016.

Men in the Parish: a) Choir Practice on Tuesday (25) & Wednesday (26) @ 7:45 pm for their animation of the 8:30 AM Mass on the 30th of October; b) Fundraising on Friday, 28th October @ 8:00 pm, Fr Hurley Hall (Kati, Gunu Sede, and curry night). For more details, please refer to the parish notice board and parish website; c) Invitation to the Bible program to be conducted in the Parish Hall on Monday (24) and Tuesday (25) @ 7:30 PM. Please bring your Bible, pen and paper. Invitation is also extended to the Women of the Parish, Organisations, Lectors, and Youth of the Parish.

St Joseph the Worker Community (2): Prayer Meeting @ Mr & Mrs Lals residence on Tuesday, 25th October @ 7:30 pm.

St Peter Chanel Community (4A): Recitation of the Rosary for the month of October, 7:30pm-8:00pm. Please liaise with your community evangelisation & bible commission rep for confirmation of venue.

St Michael Community (5A): Prayer Meeting continues every Wednesdays, 7:00pm;

St Columban Community (5B): Recitation of the Rosary for the month of October, 7:30 pm-8:00 pm. Recitation of the Rosary for the month of October, 7:30pm-8:00pm. Please liaise with your community evangelisation & bible commission rep for confirmation of venue.

St Jacob Community (7A): Prayer Meeting @ Fono Josaia's residence on Wednesday, 26th October, 7:30 pm. Timoci Bukasoqo has left for Nauru on Friday for work reasons and will be away for some time; Fono Josaia is filling in for him as Community Leader.

For your Generous Contributions: Thanks to members of St Columban Community (5b) for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of St Paul Community (6) (5a) to continue with this responsibility from tomorrow 24th October, 2016.

Details of last Sunday's Collections published here: First Collection - \$ 577.50; Second Collection - \$ 45.30 = \$ 622.80; Envelope Pledge \$ 95.00. Thank You so much.

Readings for Next Week: 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Mission Sunday) [23/10/16] Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-19; 2 Tim 4: 6-8, 16-18; Lk 18: 9-14; Mon [24/10/16] Eph 4: 32—5:8; Lk 13: 10-17; Tue [25/10/16] Eph 5: 21-23; Lk 13: 18-21; Wed [26/10/16] Eph 6: 1-9; Lk 13: 22-30; Thurs [27/10/16] Eph 6: 10-30; Lk 13: 31-35; Fri [28/10/16] *Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles & Martyrs*, Eph 2: 19-22; Lk 6: 12-16 Sat [29/10/16] Phil 1: 18-26; Lk 14: 1, 7-11; 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time [30/10/16] Wisdom 11: 22—12:2; Thessalonians 1: 11—2:2; Lk 19: 1-10