



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

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## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF YEAR - ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B: 28.10.18.

### 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 to seek for the Sacrament and are required to undertake preparation sessions earnestly. Guidelines available at the Parish Office. **RCIA:** Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass, as for now programs are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5pm and Saturdays at 3pm to 5pm.

**Sunday's Reflection:** The gospels report many cases of blind people being healed, but this one about Bartimaeus is told in the most graphic way, and it has a practical lesson for us. That poor man had lost his sight, and when he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, he had to make up his mind quickly. Should he just sit there quietly and let Jesus pass him by, or he could seize the moment, and ask to be healed. Everyone was saying that Jesus had the power to heal, but you had to get his attention and ask to be healed.

Bartimaeus words were simple and uncomplicated. There was no long speech, no haggling or wheedling. "I want to see" was his direct reply. And Jesus told him that his faith had healed him. Rightly, this blind man knew that Jesus would not turn away from the cry of the poor. Just think of what he did: he threw aside his old cloak, got up, and ran to Jesus. The old cloak may be a symbol for his past, his darkness, his despair. He made an act of hope-filled faith, and Jesus did not disappoint him. All attempts of the bystanders to silence him made him more determined. He was clear about what he wanted, and knew who could help him. That's why Bartimaeus has a lesson for us all, here and now.

<b>Lectors</b> (28/10/2018)	<b>7.00am</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reader</b> – Maria Vira	<b>Psalm</b> – Annie Sautu	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reader</b> – Patricia Burese
	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reader</b> – Samantha Clark	<b>Psalm</b> – Margaret Qalo	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reader</b> – Tina Poate

**Elections Awareness:** The vote that is cast on the day of elections matters for the next four years or maybe thereafter. But it is more crucial for those four years. A vote that a voter casts on that day not only goes to a politician and political party but **impacts the nation**. One should not be threatened, intimidated or unduly influenced but rather should make a conscious decision based on their **own analysis and preference**.

### Census Submission Result by 26/10/2018 (# of families submitted / total # of families based on 2015 Census)

1B				2				3				4A			
2018	2015	'18/'15 %	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15 %	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15 %	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15 %	last week
20	24	83%	+0%	2	20	10%	+0%	6	15	40%	+0%	13	29	45%	+14%
4B				4C				5A				5B			
2018	2015	'18/'15 %	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15 %	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15 %	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15 %	last week
4	21	19%	+0%	10	14	71%	+0%	23	35	66%	+0%	0	27	0%	+0%
6				7A				7B				TOTAL			
2018	2015	'18/'15 %	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15 %	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15 %	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15 %	last week
2	32	6%	+0%	9	16	56%	+0%	10	21	48%	+19%	99	254	39%	+3%

**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: TODAY, 28th October 2018.**

**RCIA Program:** The programs have commenced already and these programs are conducted for an hour on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5pm and Saturdays at 3pm to 5pm. We are still looking for candidates. Please, contact to Fr. Carlo.

**Movie Night:** Tonight at 7pm (Fr. Hurley Hall) – "The Mission (1986)" ALL ARE WELCOME.

**2019 School Assistance:** The St Vincent de Paul, Raiwaqa Conference will be availing school assistance for those that need them. Please see any member of the Raiwaqa Conference for the application form.

**Application Forms 2019** There are forms available for those interested in applying to the following places next year:

1. **Chevalier Training Centre, Wainadoti**, a Vocational Institute for underprivileged youths of Fiji.
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. Fill the form and bring requirement document by Nov. 4 for the arrangement with Fr. Carlo. Contact the parish coordinator for more information.

**The Catholic Times:** is now available for collection by community leader of Community 4C.

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

**Youth Social Night** - This Friday, Nov. 2 at 730pm (Fr. Hurley Hall). All parish youth are invited for 630pm Mass on this day.

**Synod Seminar for Women:** Fri., Nov. 2 – Sun., Nov. 4 / St. Joseph's Secondary School / Registration Fee \$25.00 / Registration closes after the first 200 applications received. For more information, see the Parish Coordinator.

**Volunteers for Sacramental Preparation:** An invitation is extended to people interested in carrying out Sacramental Preparation - Baptism & Marriages; to assist Visoni and team. Please, give your names to the parish office for the training.

**Marriage Class:** Those who attending Marriage Classes & planning to receive the Sacrament of Marriage – Please, see the Parish Coordinator to fill "Pre-Nuptial Inquiry." as soon as possible.

**Month of Mission & Rosary (October):**

- 1) **Sunday Homily:** Messages from the Archdiocese / **Mission Story:** After the Communion by Columban Missionaries.
- 2) **THIS WEDNESDAY (Oct. 31): Rosary will be recited in Church at 6pm.** Please, come before 6pm to the parish. 5 members from each community is requested to form up the Rosary i.e. one member will say the first half of one Hail Mary. Members who are selected to represent their communities are requested to be in church by 5.30pm and bring a flower. We will have a rehearsal before the Rosary. / Social in the hall after Mass. Communities are kindly requested to bring refreshment enough for members and men as usual 1x\$5 bag grog.

**Month of November:**

- 1) Please, write and **submit names of deceased family members into the Prayer Box in front of the altar**
- 2) **Cemetery Mass:** Sun., Nov. 4 at 3pm, Vatuwaqa Cemetery (Main Celebrant: Fr. Tamati / Liturgy: St. Agnes Parish)

**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.

**Fr Carlo's visitation-** 7 Steps: Tuesday, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> November to Community 4C

**Rev. Deacon Martin Koroiciri's thanksgiving mass at Lakeba, Lau (Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018) - \$185.00** to the Columban Central House (Nasese): Dep. Fri., Dec. 7 at noon (Suva Wharf - Boat: Brianna) / Arr. Mon., Dec. 10 in the afternoon

**Bazaar Invitation:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – St John Bosco Parish Nakasi Bazaar Venue: St Joseph the Worker School Ground at 9am  
10<sup>th</sup> Nov – St Vincent de Paul Parish Nausori will be held within Church premises commencing 9am.

**St Joan of Arc Parish Sigatoka-** Lottery books with good prizes available in the Parish Office

**Parish Meetings & Prayers:**

1. **Altar Servers Meeting**– Today after the 8.30am Mass inside the church.
2. **Lectors' monthly meeting** will be held inside church straight after the 8.30 am mass.
3. **Prayers Today:** Cenacle (2pm), Divine Mercy (3pm), Combine Charismatic prayer (3.30pm). All parishioners are invited.
4. **Parish Rotuman Community: All** are kindly asked to attend a special meeting this afternoon at 4pm in AB Hall.
5. **St Columban Community 5B:** Please members attend meeting that will be held today at 5pm Delasau's residence
6. **CCIM** – Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November in the AB Hall at 2:00 pm all members please take note
7. **Commission of Social Ecological Justice:** Monday (05/11/18) at 7.30pm, parish board room
8. **Introductory Session on Trauma Counselling:** scheduled for Wednesday, November 14 at 7.30pm, AB hall.
9. **Women at the Well:** Saturday, November 17

**NEXT SUNDAY (04/11/18):**

1. **CCD Holy Communion Parents Meeting** (after 7am Mass) / **2. Liturgy Commission** (10am)
3. **Catholic Teachers of the Parish:** *Presentation of the on Second Draft* (10am)
4. **Women of the Parish:** AB Hall at 4pm (age of 18 years and above invited to attend. Ensure to bring additional 2 members. Tea will be provided but please bring a plate for refreshments during the meeting.

**Thanks:** To Community 3, St Joan of Arc for animating the Liturgy during the week and cleaning the church yesterday. We invite Community 4A, St Peter Chanel, to take over these responsibilities from tomorrow, Monday, 29th October.

**Thanks for last Sunday's Collection:** 1st Collection: **\$953.45**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **\$138.85**; Total **\$1092.30**

**Reading coming week: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** [28/10/18] Jer 31: 7-9; Heb 5: 1-6; Mk 10: 46-52, Mon [29/10] Eph 4:32-5:8; Lk 13:10-17, Tuesday[30/10] Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21Wed [31/10] Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30,Thur [01/11] Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14,1Jn 3:1-3,Mt 5:1-12,Fri[2/11] Is 25:6-9,Rom 5:1-11,Mt 11:25-30,Sat [3/11] Ph11:18-26;Lk 14:1,7-11,**Thirty First Sunday In Ordinary Time**[4/11] Det 6:2-6;Heb 7:23-28;Mk 12:28-34