

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - CYCLE A: - 29/10/17

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.

Reflection for the 30th Sunday of the Year: The Heart of the Matter

Jesus had the capacity to get to the heart of the matter is clear from his response to the question put to him by one of the Pharisees in today's gospel reading, "Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?" In the time of Jesus there were known to be 613 commandments in the Jewish Law. The potential here to miss the wood for the trees was enormous. Preoccupation with the detail of regulations could result in people ignoring what really matters, (Mt 23:24). Jesus answered the Pharisee's question by going straight to the heart of the Jewish law. He was asked if there is one "greatest" commandment, but in reply he named the *second* greatest commandment as well. For the first commandment, loving the Lord your God with all our heart and soul, is inseparable from the conjoined commandment, of loving my neighbour as myself. For Jesus, what God wants from us above all else is love. There is no genuine love of God unless it finds expression in love of our neighbour. Love of neighbour, in turn, presupposes a healthy self-love, recognising and appreciating myself as fundamentally good, because I am created in the image and likeness of God. Our Scriptures today suggest one clear rule that loving God involves *doing practical justice in our world*.

In Loving Memory: Elena Susu, Qauia, Lami Parish (67) formally Taveuni: Requiem Mass here on Friday 27th Oct. followed by burial in Nasinu 9 miles. Fr Milikiade sm. was the main celebrant. We express sympathy to her family. May she rest in Peace.

Mission Sunday Masses: In spite of the fact that there was little preparation of this day by The Liturgy, Evangelisation or Faith Formation Commissions and the fact that there were no overheads for the Masses last Sunday – Mission Sunday Masses were lively and successful due to the good presentations of our two guest speakers - Martin Koroiciri (a senior Columban Seminarian and Jinky Ucol (one of the latest Lay missionary from the Philippines to be appointed to Fiji). Their talks went down very well. After Mass they mixed freely and joyfully with parishioners as they sold the Columban Missionary Calendar for 2018. Thanks Martin and Evangeline (Jinky) for making our Mission Sunday Special for us here in Raiwaqa. Thanks too to Columban Mission Office.

Feast of All Saints Wednesday 1st Nov: Holy Day of Obligation: Masses in the Parish here at 7.00am and 7.00pm.

Thursday 2nd Nov. Feast of All Souls: Note Mass at 7.00pm to give more people opportunity to pray for their dead. November is the **month of the Holy Souls**. We are encouraged to visit the graves of our loved ones – clean the graves etc. We will have Mass in the Cemetery during the month of November – depending when it will be good for the parish. It will be decided at PPC meeting.

Mere Avaiki in the News again – Vakacirisalusalu 5b. A celebratory feast was held on Saturday night last 21st Oct to celebrate the Community win in the Parish Bazaar for the past 6 years and to say **Thank You to Veronika Rausuvanua** for her 15 years of loyal service as Parish Chairperson of PPC. The entire community turned out and was thanked by Mere Avaiki for their great effort over the last 6 years. She is now fundraising for her fare to go to Fatima during the Month of November.

Parish Raffle – The draw is due to 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 and blocks should be back in the parish this weekend. We thank all who supported your Community and Financial reps in selling these Blocks.

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.

1st Mass in Cathedral Nov 24th. Raiwaqa 27th

Brianna Leaves for Rotuma on 29th Nov.

Daylight Saving: Starts next Saturday night 4th

Nov. So please put your clocks and watches on one hour before going to bed. Thus, all things start (one hour earlier) on Sunday Morning.

Raffle Tickets for Catechist Thanks too for those who supported the Catechists Draw to help them attend their AGM in Savusavu on 4th Dec. The returned and sold tickets (35) (\$350.00) was returned to Lami on Wednesday last week. The new drawing date is on the 10th Nov. Again, thanks for your generosity towards our catechists.

Parish Executive Meeting: At a meeting of the Executive Council of the Parish last Monday night, it was suggested that CCD teachers and helpers do preparatory work for Sunday's lessons e.g. typing, printing and photocopying, during the week leading up to the Sunday. It will lend to a smoother starting of classes and take pressure of office personnel on Sunday mornings. The projector too should be in the Office on Saturdays, and picked up by the Teachers on Sunday Morning. Thanks CCD teachers.

PPC Meeting will be held at 10.00am today. The Chairperson has given his apologies so the vice chairperson will chair the meeting today. Rev. Pat Visanti has been invited to sit in on our meeting this Sunday. We wish Pat well coming up to Ordination.

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 participation and for your constructive verbal contributions and to those who worked on this document over last 2 years. This document ought to be endorsed by the PPC today.

Credit where credit is due: Congratulations to the **new Leadership Team in Community 7b** (St Teresa of the Child Jesus) for all the good work and visitation that is taking place at the present moment in this community and the works of charity that is also been carried out by the members each week after their 7 Steps prayer meetings. Together with 7a St Jacob's at the present time should be an inspiration to other communities in the parish. The former sleeping giants of 7a & 7b are very much alive and active now. Please take a bow Seru and Fono and your communities in 7a & 7b.

To members of St Vincent de Paul: For their visitation to the 11 families who lost their homes to fire recently in St Agnes Parish. The two Conference joined forces last Sunday Morning in visiting these poor people (41 people in all affected because of this fire).

Commission for Social Justice and Human Development:

1. JD Commission Meeting: Wednesday (25.10.17), A Representative from SCC was on hand to encourage everyone to recycle their waste foodstuffs grass and leaves in the new Green Composting Bins provided by SCC at a cost of \$30.00.
2. Women of the Parish information session was held on Saturday (28.10.17), 10am - 2pm. Topics addressed the role of the CWL, Social and Liturgy etc. Presenters Torika Clark, Angie Kainamoli, Mere Avaiki, Miriama/Sala Koi/Gini.

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.

Evangelization Commission:

1. There is a workshop on 7 STEPS/Gospel Sharing for all Evangelisation reps, community leaders, SCC leaders and interested parishioners on 11th November 2017. The workshop will start at 10am Please block this date.
2. There will be a carol singing event on 16/12 in the Archbishop Petero Mataca Hall. Communities and organisations are encouraged to participate. (*Vama Mausio – Head of Commission*).

1st Holy Communion Class: Faith Formation Commission: After their retreat at Wailekutu Prayer Centre last weekend. They will now make their **1st Confession on Saturday Morning 18th Nov. at 10.00am.** We again thank their teachers and parents who are accompanying them at this time on their Faith Journey. them. **Date of 1st Holy Communion 26th Nov.**

The Family Life Commission:

1. There was a Family Life Workshop on Friday Evening 27th Oct. in the Parish Hall. Two families a few couples talked on their experience as family; a couple spoke on Natural Family Planning. Today 29th Oct – during the Masses there will be a special Blessing for families attending the Masses. It would be nice if Parishioners sit together as a Family during Mass.
2. Family life Commission still wants to promote the age old saying "The Family that Prays Together, Stays Together".
3. They also request that each Family of the parish have their evening/morning prayers and Rosary together as a family.

Meetings Today Sunday 29th October:

1. Meeting of PPC today
2. Cenacle at 2.00pm; Divine Mercy @ 3.00pm; Charismatics @ 3.30pm; World Apostolate of Prayer - 4.00pm

Meetings during the Week:

1. Tuesday 31th Oct. Seven Steps and Bible sharing in all Communities. (Are all Communities faithful to these sharing's)?
2. Wednesday 1st Nov. Meeting of the men of the Parish.
3. Friday 3rd Nov. **Kindergarten Children** will go for their end of term outing: And their **Graduation** will be on 22nd Nov.
4. On Saturday 4th Nov. We have **a number of Baptisms scheduled** during the 8.30 Mass.
5. Sunday 5th Nov. Meeting of the Liturgical Committee – please take note all Reps.

Thanks: To Community 4c St John the Baptist for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound. A recently good number turned up for evening Mass and Rosary. Community 5a St Michael's starts tomorrow Mon 23rd Oct.

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

1st Collection 693.65; 2nd Collection \$103.40 and Envelop \$92.00 = \$888.95.

Reading coming week: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time [29/10] Ex 22:20-26; Thess 1:5-10; Matt 22:34-40.; Mon [30/10] Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17; Tues [31/10] Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21; Wed [1/11] **All Saints Day** Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9-14; John 3:1-3; Matt 5:1-12; Thurs [2/11] **All Souls Day** Is 25:6-9; Romans 5:5-11; Matt 11:25-30; Fri [3/11] Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6; Sat [4/11] Romans 11:1-2. 11-12. 25-29; Luke 14:1. 7-11; **31st Sunday in Ordinary Time [5/11]** Malachi 1:14-2:2. 8-10; Thess 2:7-9.13; Matt 23:1-12.