

# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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## THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C: 30/10/16

### 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.

*Feast Day of Diwali  
We extend a happy Diwali  
to our Hindu Sisters and  
Brother today.*

### Reflection for the Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time: - Looking for Jesus:

Whatever else about Zacchaeus, he certainly was a seeker, a searcher. The text says that “he was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was.” In his search to know Jesus, he was prepared, quite literally, to go out on a limb, the limb of a tree. This would have been considered a rather undignified place to be for a man of his status. Zacchaeus does something extravagant in order to see Jesus, to come to know him. In the course of his search he discovered that the one he was searching for was also searching for him. “I must stay at your house today,” said Jesus who came to seek out and to save the lost. Zacchaeus who was searching discovered that he was the object of a greater search. When Zacchaeus then offered Jesus hospitality, he also discovered that a greater hospitality was being offered to him, the hospitality of God through Jesus. “Today, salvation has come to his house, because this man too is a son of Abraham.” Jesus declared that this man belonged to God’s people; there was room for him at God’s table, in spite of the murmuring of the crowd. The story we have just heard reminds us all that our movement towards God is always overshadowed by God’s movement towards us. When we take a small step towards the Lord, we discover that he has already taken a giant step towards us.

**Meeting of the PPC:** Will take place after 8.30 Mass. All Community Leaders and Commission Heads take Note.

**Farewell Fr Clement:** Last week the Church celebrated Mission Sunday – and today **Fr Clement** leaves Fiji for Peru. Fr Clement from the Solomon Islands has been accepted by the Columbans, Fiji Region as a Columban Associate Priest. He did his orientation here in the parish before going to Manila to do CPE (Pastoral Clinical Education) He has been here in the parish again for the last few weeks. We thank Fr Clement for filling in and wish him every success in promoting the Kingdom of God in Peru. Safe journey and blessings on your Missionary Assignment in Peru. Ni sa Moce Fr Clement.

**In Loving Memory:** **Ezra Edward Wilson** Formally Tamani Lane, (62) Died 20<sup>th</sup> Oct and Buried in Nasinu after Requiem Mass in Raiwaqa on 25<sup>th</sup> October. **Akoio Tearawa**, (67) Rabi, brother of Philip – our Eucharistic Minister – who died and was buried in Rabi last week. **Ana Tamatawale, Tacirua** (28) sister of Lenieta and Sainiana Tamatawale (Columban Lay Missionaries in Hong Kong and Mexico) May they rest in Peace.

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct: Mass at 4.00pm:** (5A) will be held at Cirikisuva’s to celebrate the end of our Rosary month.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov Feast of All Saints.** Holy Day of Obligation: Masses in the Parish here at 7.00am and 7.00pm.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. Feast of All Souls:** Note Mass at 7.00pm to give more people opportunity to pray for their dead.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov: Altar Servers Meeting:** immediately after the 6.30 Mass. All Altar Servers please take note.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. PRS Graduation:** Will take place at the Seminary starting with Mass at 9.00am

**Applications Forms** for Entry into Corpus Christi Teacher’s Training College for next year – Available in Presbytery.

**Women of the Parish:** 14 women departed the parish on Friday for the Women of the Parish Annual Retreat & Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Mercy at the Jyoti Kristi Ashram, Namata, Nadi from Friday (28.10.16) to Sunday (30.10.16). The Theme for the weekend: Journeying in God from Mercy to Mission to Jubilee. Their fundraising on Thursday for transport expenses raised \$905.00. Thanks to all who supported the women.

**Thanks to the Men of the Parish:** For Animating the 8.30 Mass today. They had successful choir practices during the week and another success fundraising night on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. Well done to all concerned.

**Youth of the Parish:** Were in two different camps on the weekend: Some six from the Parish Youth volunteered to be a part of the Central Eastern Youth Festival- run by the Archdiocese at Sacred Heart College, Suva Point. From Friday Night until Sunday afternoon - Overall Facilitator is Fr Frank Hoare. One of the main themes of the weekend is Youth Ministry is Central- not Marginal to Parish Life.

**Youth Caring for Creation:** While other members of our Youth attended a seminar given by Fr Sean McDonagh, well known Eco Theologian, in the Crypt of the Cathedral on Saturday - 29<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**Laudato Si: Fr Sean McDonagh:** (As above) gave a series of talks on Pope Francis Encyclical both at PRS and St Joseph's Hall. His talks were entitled Laudato Si - Its Theology and Spirituality; Laudato Si - Ecology and the Eucharist; Laudato Si - Climate Change; And Laudato Si - Biodiversity; And Youth Caring for the Earth. Sean's talks were reasonably well attended - but unfortunately not many attended from Raiwaqa Parish. But fortunately we have Fr Sean at the Celebration of our Morning Mass this morning where he will give the homily and aspects of the above topics. He will surely like the singing by the men of the Parish. Thanks You Fr Sean McDonagh.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend:** Is taking place this weekend Oct 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> at St John Bosco's 9 miles. Pray for the success of the weekend. The Heads of the Parish Family Life Commission, Jacob and Gina Kivi are on the weekend.

**Vocation Seminar:** You might have a calling to be a missionary priest? Young men and young professionals are invited to a Vocation Seminar at the Columban Formation House, Nasese on Saturday the 12th November at 9:00am. Be there..

**Evangelisation Commission: Charismatic Prayer Meeting:** continues every Sundays at 3pm in the church;

**Liturgy Commission:** Commission Meeting, 6<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2016 straight after the 8.30am Mass

**Faith Formation Commission: CCD Classes:** continues every Sunday after the 8:30 am Mass.

- **1st Holy Communion:** Classes for candidates continue every Sunday in the parish hall from 9:30-10:30 am;
- **Confirmation Classes:** Continues every Sunday after the 8:30 am Mass.
- **Mass in Master Amani's Residence:** St Michaels on Monday afternoon at 3.00pm.

**Important Forthcoming Events During the Month of November:**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov.** Liturgy Commission Meeting after the 8:30 AM Mass. Fr Timoci and Damiano will be present - to oversee parts of the Mass already composed by the Group at a recent seminar.

**Sunday Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> Closing Ceremonies for the Year of Mercy.** Procession from MBHS. Gathering at 2.00 and starting at 3.00pm. With Mass at 5.00pm in the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. Feast of Christ the King:** 1st Holy Communion for 30 of our children will be celebrated.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent:** Commissioning of Ushers and Altar Servers at 8.30 Mass and Mass in the Vatuwaqa Cemetery at 3.00pm for the dead in the Month of November.

**Central Eastern Youth Bazaar** is on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

**St Joseph the Worker Community (2): Prayer Meeting** on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov at 7.30pm.

**St Michael Community (5a): Prayer Meeting** continues every Wednesdays, 7.00pm;

**For your Generous Contributions:** Thanks to members of St Paul's Community (5b) for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of St Jacob's Community (7a) to continue with this responsibility from tomorrow 31st October, 2016 ..

**Details of last Sunday's Collections published here: First Collection - \$631.75; Second Collection - \$121.10 = \$752.85; Envelope Pledge \$109.00. Thank You so much.**

**Readings for Next Week:; 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time [30/10/16]** Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Thessalonians 1:11- 2:2; Lk 19:1-10; Mon 31/10/16 Phil 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14; Tue 1/11/16 Feast of All Saints Rev 7:2-4,9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12  
Wed 2/11/16 All the Faithful Departed Is 25:6-9 Mt 11:25-30 Thurs 3/11/16 Phil 3: 3-8; Lk 15: 1-10 Fri 4/11/16 Phil 3: 17-21; Lk 16: 1-8; Sat 5/11/16 Phil 4: 10-19; Lk 16:9-15: **32nd Sunday 6/11/16:**2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14; 2 Thess 2:16-3:5; Lk 20: 27-38