

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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THE THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - CYCLE A: - 05/11/17

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 31th Sunday of the Year: Jesus and the Pharisees

The Gospels have many conflicts between Christ and the Pharisees and in general he denounces their tendency to equate morality with law. The Pharisaism that he criticises is the belief that all that God asks of us is to keep the Law, through the performance of works of piety, fasting, prayer and almsgiving. The Pharisees put stress on little things (*Tithe of mint, dill and cummin*) while neglecting the more essential matters of faith, justice and mercy. They showed zeal in making converts who duly became legalists themselves. The outcome was that the Pharisees tended to be hypocrites, a title which Jesus bestowed on them with great liberality.

Today's Gospel invites all, especially devout people who may tend to be judgmental of others, to examine our consciences. We need a precious gift of God, the willingness to face up to ourselves by acknowledging our personal and social guilt.

Welcome to the Christian Community: Seven new members were welcomed into the Christian Community at Baptism on Saturday morning (04/11/17) Sainiana Margaret Dauvosota (7A), Rosi Ledua Drasali (7A), Ann Grace Tabaiwalu Rorakuita (7A), Victoria Kiso Drasali (7A), Mosese Paulo Cakau Lacanivalu (7A) Sainiana Filomena Tinai (7B) and Simione Pio Vuniwawa (5B). We are asked to pray for the newly baptized.

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.

Cemetery Sunday Mass today, Sunday 5th Nov, in Vatuwaqa at 3.00pm.

Finance Budget Consultation: The Parish Finance Committee will be conducting a series of consultative meetings in the next couple of weeks. They will be visiting Communities in the process to discuss Budgetary issues. The first meeting of the Finance Team is planned for Wednesday 8th November after the evening Mass'

Heads of Commissions Budget Submission Proposal meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 12th November at 7.30pm. All Heads of Commissions are requested to attend to discuss their Budgetary allocations for next year. They will also look at activities of the Commissions going into the Jubilee Year.

Parish Raffle: The draw is due to take place after 8.30 am Mass today: The draw last Tuesday did not eventuate because there was still a lot of outstanding money to be collected from a few Communities. 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. Thanks, in a special way to **Sophie Shackley, Bernadette Qaranivalu and Barbara King** for getting this Parish Raffle off the ground in the first place. We thank all who supported your Community and Financial reps in selling these Blocks. Congratulations to the five Communities and individuals who managed to sell all their blocks and given in their money. The draw will be held in the Fr Hurley Hall at 10.30am.

Parish Executive Meeting: There will be a special meeting of Parish Executives tomorrow evening after Mass. They will be discussing up and coming events in the Parish (and Archdiocese) for this month. All members of the Parish Executive are requested to make time to attend this urgent meeting.

Up and Coming Events in other Parishes

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.

The Pope's Intention for November 1917. That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, with those of other religions.

Up and Coming Parish Events: 1. PPC (19/11/17) Budget First Draft presented. 2. **First Confession** on Saturday morning (18/11/17) at 10.00am. 3. **First Holy Communion** (26/11/17) Feast of Christ the King. 4. **Rev Pat Visanti's first Mass in Raiwaqa Parish** (27/11/17).

PPC Meeting held last Sunday endorsed the Parish Revised Constitution. The Parish Executives express their gratitude for your participation and for your constructive verbal contributions and to those who worked on this document over the last 2 years. All Heads of Commissions and Community leaders now have a copy of the document.

St John's College Ex Students: All ex scholars of St John's College, Cawaci, belonging to Raiwaqa Parish, are invited to attend a meeting next Saturday at Fr Hurley Hall. The meeting begins at 5.00pm.

Women at the Well Ministry: Meeting on Tuesday 7th November at 5.30pm – 6.30pm in the Crypt. This is a support group for separated, divorced or women going through separation. Welcoming women only.

Evangelization Commission:

1. There are **no** Divine Mercy / World Apostolate of Fatima / Charismatic prayer meetings today due to Cemetery Mass at 3.00pm. Members are encouraged to attend Mass.
2. 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.
3. There will be a carol singing event on 16/12 in the Archbishop Petero Mataka Hall. Communities and organisations are encouraged to participate. (*Vama Mausio – Head of Commission*).

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.

Faith Formation Commission: Catechism classes continues after the 7.00am Mass in the AB Mataka and Fr Hurley Halls respectively. All children preparing for First Confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation please take note

Commission for Social Justice and Human Development:

1. **Proper Rubbish Disposal Project** will be launched on Wednesday (08/11/17) in the AB Mataka Hall. Piloting of the project thereafter at St Peter Chanel Community4A.
2. **Women of the Parish** merged as one to strengthen unity amongst women in the Parish 18 years and above. Meeting dates, second Sunday of every month. Next meeting on Sunday, 12th November.
3. **Central Eastern Mass and meeting** thereafter at St Vincent de Paul Parish, Nausori, on Saturday, 11th November, at 4.00pm. Contribution-Beef chop suey (Each Community is asked to contribute \$20.00 by Thursday, 9th November, to Angie or Patricia Burese). Transport to Nausori will be organized.

The Family Life Commission:

1. They are encouraging Parishioners to 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 5th Nov:

1. Meeting of the Liturgy Commission. Important meeting due to the many celebrations coming up. Reps please Attend.
2. Cenacle at 2.00pm;

Meetings during the Week:

1. Tuesday 7th Nov. Seven Steps and Bible sharing in all Communities. (Are all Communities faithful to these sharing's)?
2. Wednesday 8th Nov Family Life Commission meeting.
3. Friday 3rd Nov. **Kindergarten Children** will go for their end of term outing: And their **Graduation** will be on 22nd Nov.

Thanks: To Community 5a St Michael's for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound yesterday. Community 5b St Columban's starts tomorrow Mon 6th Nov.

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

1st Collection \$607.90 2nd Collection: \$93.75; Envelopes \$85.00 = \$786.65

Reading coming week: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time [5/11] Malachi 1:14-2:2. 8-10; Thess 2:7-9.13; Matt 23:1-12; Mon[6/11] Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14; Tues[7/11]Romans 12:5-16; Luke 14:15-24; Wed[8/11] Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33;

Thurs[9/11] **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** Ezek 47:1-2. 8-9. 12; Cor 3:9-11. 16-17; John 2:13-22; Fri[10/11] Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8; Sat[11/11] Romans 16:3-9. 16. 22-27; Luke 16:9-15; **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time [12/11]** Wisdom 6:12-16; Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13