

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C: 06/11/16

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.

Pope Francis' Intentions for Month of November

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support.

Evangelization: Collaboration of Priests and Laity.

That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

Reflection for the Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: What of the afterlife?

Much of our traditional images of heaven and hell stems from a section of Jewish writings, the Apocalyptic literature (which is not in the Hebrew canon of scripture) and also from writings and paintings of the Middle Ages, for example Dante's Inferno and Michelangelo's paintings on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican. During this month of the Holy Souls, it is good to recall the sober teaching of the Church about the condition of those who have gone before us and what kind of assistance we can hope to give them. The teaching of the Church says that for all those who die without having properly repented their sins, there is a purification in the next life; also, that these departed souls can be helped by the prayers of the faithful still in this life, and especially through offering the Mass on their behalf. The Church teaches nothing about the nature of this purification, or its duration. It is purely popular imagination which imagines Purgatory as a kind of hell with a lower temperature. Most of our thinking about future existence is pure guesswork. The Cure of Ars, the mystic St John Vianney, when once asked about the life hereafter simply said, "I know nothing of to-morrow, except that the love of God will rise before the sun." The important thing is that we have Christ's word of promise that he made at the Last Supper. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me. In my Father's house there are many rooms and I am going to prepare a place for you". But these words, however consoling, should not make us complacent, for we are continually being challenged to choose between the grace of God and our own selfish cravings. If we do not respond to the love of God we experience a sense of profound unrest and loneliness.

In Loving Memory: Mikaele Raduna, (56) 4A who died on 31st Oct 2016 and was buried in Vatuwaqa Cemetery after Requiem Mass in Raiwaqa on Saturday 5th Nov 2016. **Joseph Mow,** (65) Vusavusa Street, Vatuwaqa, died on 1st Nov. 2016 and was buried in Nasinu Cemetery after Requiem Mass in St Pius X, Raiwaqa on Saturday 5th Nov. Rest in Peace.

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

- **The Women of the Parish who attended Retreat Last Weekend in the Ashram:** Will share with anyone interested after 10.30 Mass today 6/11/2016 accompanied with morning tea.
- **PPC Meeting:** The PPC is scheduled to meet again today. It has been postponed twice already this month. We appeal to Community Leaders and Heads of Commissions to take their responsibilities seriously.
- **Also Today 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 their recent seminar.
- **Sunday Schools for 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation will also be in progress.**

The Question must be asked – how can all this happen in the parish on the same day???

Closing of the Year of Mercy: From the Archbishop: Peace of Christ be with you. Pope Francis dedicated 2016 as the Jubilee Year of Mercy. I thank you sincerely that we have journeyed this holy year together in celebrating God's mercy and compassion through the pastoral activities of the church with your parish and communities. We trust that in contemplating the mystery of mercy, we experienced moments of grace in the wellspring of joy, serenity and peace. To mark the closing of Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Archdiocese of Suva will celebrate the event with the Closing Mass at 5.00pm on Sunday 13 November 2016.

PROGRAM CLOSING MASS OF THE JUBILEE OF MERCY 5.00pm November 13, 2016 1. Gathering: St Anne's Primary School Grounds @ 4.15pm. Procession to the Cathedral at 4.30pm. Mass starts at 5.00pm.

Each Parish are requested to take something for this refreshments: Discussion needed on this topic in the Parish.

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..

Parish Youth: Six volunteered to attend the Central Eastern Youth Festival- run by the Archdiocese at Sacred Heart College, Suva Point last weekend. **Only 2 turned up. Not one of our youth turned up at the Crypt** in Suva last Saturday to hear Fr Sean McDonagh talk on **Youth Caring for Creation**. The Archbishop's New Vision for all Catholic Youth is that "Youth Ministry be Central to Parish Life and not a Ministry on the peripheral of Parish Life" The 3 principles set down by the Archbishop are:

1. To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today;
2. To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission and work of a Catholic faith community;
3. Foster Personal and Spiritual growth of each young person.

The Archbishop asks that **Youth Leadership** be shared between youth and adults with different defined roles; always emphasizing that the Youth are members of their own families and their own Small Christian Communities.

Meeting requested by His Grace: The Archbishop has asked that **all Confirmation Teachers/Catechists** go for a meeting with him on Tuesday November 8th at 10am at Nicolas House.

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

Faith Formation Commission: CCD Classes: Confirmation/Holy Communion continues every Sunday.

St Paul Community 6: Prayer meeting will be at the Seeto's residence in Howell Rd, at 5pm this Sunday

St Joseph the Worker Community (2): Prayer Meeting on Tuesday 8th Nov at 7.30pm in Margaret Fuata's Home.

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

Important Forthcoming Events during the Month of November:

Sunday Nov. 13th Closing Ceremonies for the Year of Mercy. Procession from St Anne's School Grounds at 4.15pm..

Saturday 12th Nov. Retreat for our children making 1st Holy Communion from 10.00 -2.30pm at the Parish Hall.

Saturday 12th Nov. Central Eastern Youth Bazaar.

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

Sunday 27th Nov. 1st 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.

New Parish Car (Japanese Import). The need to change the parish car has been brought up at several parish meetings over the past year. At a meeting of the Financial Council on Monday 24th Oct. It was decided that a suitable second hand car be sourced. It is reported that in the New Year the import tax on cars is due to go up by \$2000.00. The Councils came up with a financial plan that will not hurt parish finances. This will be made known to the Finance Community Reps at their next meeting. The new car (IT – 233) arrived on Friday 5th Nov. 2016. It is a Toyota Prius Hybrid – keeping in line with low fuel consumption and low carbon emissions.

For your Generous Contributions: Thanks to members of St Jacob's Community (7a) for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of St Teresa of the Child Jesus Community (7b) to continue with this responsibility from tomorrow 7th Nov. 2016.

Details of last Sunday's Collections published here: First Collection - \$547.35; Second Collection - \$95.20 = \$642.55 Envelope Pledge \$197.00. Thank You so much.

Readings for Next Week:; 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time 6/11/16: 2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14: 2 Thessalonians 2: 16—3:5; Luke 20: 27-38. Mon 7/11/16: Titus 1: 1-9; Luke 17: 1-6. Tue 8/11/16: Titus 2: 1-8, 11-14: Luke 17: 7-10. Wed 9/11/16

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica: Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-10, 12: John 2: 13-22. Thurs 10/11/16 **St Leo the Great, Memorial** Philemon verses 7-20: Luke 17: 20-25. Fri 11/11/16 **St Martin de Tours, Optional Memorial** 2 John 4-9: Luke 17: 26-37. Sat 12/11/16 **St Josaphat, Memorial** 3 John 5-8: Luke 18: 1-8. **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 13/11/16** Malachi 3: 19-20: 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12: Luke 21: 5-19.