

# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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## THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C: 13/11/16

### 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.

First Holy Communion Will be celebrated in the Parish next Sunday at 8.30 Mass. The Liturgy will be animated by the Parish Choir and the Men of the Parish. Of course the 1<sup>st</sup> Communicants will be participating too. The Children and their parents had their Retreat Day yesterday. They had their First Confession also. A big word of thanks to Mrs Niseta Buatava for her comment over year.

### Reflection for the Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Thinking of our journey's end

As we draw near to the end of the liturgical year we may wonder, how seriously should we take the gospel predictions about the end of this world and the Day of Judgment?" In reflecting on this, we should keep in mind life's one great certainty, that one day we will die. The moment of death will put an end, absolutely and beyond recall, to all our works, all our plans, all the seemingly vital concerns which lend a certain purpose to our daily involvement. Every human soul that has cast off this worldly body goes forth into the unknown like a traveller entering into unexplored territory. Cardinal Newman once wrote about the hereafter, "Do not fear that your life shall come to an end, but rather that it shall never have a beginning." It is when our new life begins that understanding of our present life will be clear to us, how we carried out our role in the spread of God's kingdom.

In these final Sundays of our church year the liturgy invites us to look beyond our immediate worries, troubles, interests and largely selfish concerns. It confronts us with the four last things death, judgment, heaven and hell. People who never look beyond the immediate here-and-now may resent the idea of asking us to think on these things, but there is nothing morbid about it. For if we are exiles and wayfarers on this earth, we are drawing ever nearer to our ultimate home in heaven, a thought that need not fill us with sorrow, but with a longing to be with Christ in the life to come.

**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.

Mass begins with the beating of the Lali (Fijian Community) Then the Arti by the Mandali Community. The Washing of the Feet (Tebo Wae) by the Kiribati Community. His Grace will light the Diya and the Chinese incense. Penitential Rite will be chanted by Damiano and Deacon Epeli. The Prayers of the Faithful will be in 7 different languages – and those reading will be dressed in their traditional attire. The Procession of the Gifts will be done by 3 Reps from different minority groups and chanted by the Kiribati Community. At the end of Mass all will process out through the Holy Door. His Grace will be the last person out. He will take with him all the drapes and other symbols used during the Year of Mercy. And he will close the Door of Mercy.....

*There will be refreshments in the Crypt of the Cathedral afterwards. Each Parish are requested to take something there.*

Suggested Distribution of refreshments tabulated hereunder for Closing of Year of Mercy

<b>Tuna Sandwich</b>	<b>Egg Sandwich</b>	<b>Fruits</b>	<b>Pie</b>
4b, 2, 4c	5a, 3 and 6	5b, 1b, and 7b	4a, and 7a

**Summary of PPC Meeting Held Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2016.**

**Attendance :** Community's represented : 1b,2,4a,5b,6,7a. Commissions represented: Family Life, Liturgy & Sacraments, Evangelization & Bible, SJHD, and Faith Formation. **No message received from:** community 3, 4b, 4c, 5a, and 7b and Youth commission.

**Small Christian Communities (SCC) :** Council endorsed Tuesday as the standard day for SCC in the parish. Other days in the week may be used for other activities. Trained SCC Animators will be coming around the Communities to deliberate more on the SCC and the Seven Steps of Prayer Method advocated by the Archbishop.

**Volunteers for Jubilee Committee:** The following sub-committees will be set up to make up the Jubilee Committee: **Merchandising, Social, Liturgy, Finance, and Logistics.** Names to be given to your respective community leaders who will submit at PPC gathering on 26.11.16

**Parish Evaluation (26.11.16):** 10am - 3pm in the parish hall. Community leaders and commission heads to attend.

**St Columban Feast Day (23.11.16):** Mass at 6.30pm. Followed by refreshments in the Hall. All Communities contribute - same refreshments assigned for closing of year of Mercy (13.11.16).

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

**Evangelisation Commission:**

- Evangelisation Meeting after 8.30am Mass in the meeting room.
- No Charismatic prayer meeting today. Members please gather at St Anne's School @ 4.15
- The PPC suggested that the 7 STEPS Method of Prayer take place in every Community on Tuesday Evenings. This will make it easier for Animators to visit on a regular basis. Let's try it out.
- ANIMATORS meeting on Monday 14/11 at 7.30pm in the hall.
- **Liturgy Commission Reps to meet with Parish Priest after 8.30 Mass today.**
- **Men of Parish Choir Practice:** Wednesday and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Nov in Fr Hurley Hall at 8.00pm

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

**St Paul Community 6:** Prayer Meeting, at Shane's place, Dhanji Rd on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

**St Joseph the Worker Community (2):** Prayer Meeting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm.

**St Peter Chanel Community (4a)** Seven Steps Prayer Meeting at 7.30pm in Tupe's Residence.

**Liturgy Core Group Meeting:** On Tuesday after 6.30 Mass to make preparations for Advent.

**Important Meeting of Financial Council with members of Community Financial Reps:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov in parish Hall to finalize Budget, to receive the receipts and payments for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter and to discuss many other financial matters.

**Meeting with members of the St Vincent de Paul:** Members are requested to meet with the Parish Priest on Thursday Morning 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 10.30. Any new members interested in joining the Society are welcome to attend. Coming up to Christmas there may be a need for us all to be aware of the plight of others.

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

**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.

**For your Generous Contributions:** Thanks to members of St Teresa of the Child Jesus Community for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of St Cecilia (1b) to continue with this responsibility from tomorrow 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2016. And thanks for your generous contribution last Sunday.

**Details of last Sunday's Collections published here:** First Collection - \$516.10; Second Collection - \$71.85 = \$587.95

**Readings for Next Week; 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time** [13/11/16] Malachi 3: 19-20; 2 Thess 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19; Mon [14/11/16] Revelation 1: 1-4; 2: 1-5; Luke 18: 35-43; Tue [15/11/16] Rev 3: 1-6, 14-22; Luke 19: 1-10; Wed [16/11/16] Rev 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28; Thurs [17/11/16] *St Elizabeth of Hungary*, Rev 5:1-10, Luke 19: 41-44; Fri [18/11/16] *Dedication of the basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul*, Rev 10: 8-11, Luke 19:45-48; Sat [19/11/16] Rev 11: 4-12, Luke 20: 27-40; *Feast of Christ the King* [20/11/16] 2 Sam 5: 1-3; Col 1: 12-20; Luke 23: 35-43