

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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THE THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - CYCLE A: - 19/11/17

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.

Up and Coming Events in the near future

Ordination of Rev Pat Visanti-23rd Nov. Cath.

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

Parish Masses on 23rd and 24th Nov. at 7.00am.

Brianna Leaves for Rotuma on 29th Nov. an

Fr Pat's Ordination and 1st Masses: Ordination in the Cathedral on 23rd Nov. Feast of St Columban, @5.00pm
1st Mass on Friday 24th in Cathedral at 6.00pm. And his 1st Mass in Raiwaqa will be at 7.00pm to give workers a chance to attend. Blessings on us all these special days.

Reflection for 33rd Sunday of the Year: We need to be creative

Despite its apparent simplicity, the parable of the talents has explosive power. Surprisingly, the third servant is condemned without having done anything bad. His only mistake in not doing anything creative: he does not take risks with his talent, and does not get it to bear fruit. He just preserves it intact in its own safe place.

Jesus' message is a clear "No" to conservatism, "Yes" to creativity. "No" to a sterile life, "Yes" to an active response to God. "No" to an obsession with safety, "Yes" to the effort that tries to transform the world. "No" to a faith buried under conformism, "Yes" to seeking to open up paths to God's Reign. The great sin of Jesus' followers is not daring to follow him in a creative way. Just notice the language that has been used among Christians over the years, to see how we have often focused attention on preserving the deposit of faith, preserving our tradition, preserving our good habits, preserving grace, preserving our vocation. (J. Antonio Pagola).

In Loving Memory: Tony Nilsen, Formally Levuka and Community 6/4c died suddenly on Thursday morning at home. R.I.P.

The Beginning of our Centenary Year – Society of St Columban: Thursday 23rd Nov, Feast Day of St Columban – will mark the opening of the Centenary Year of the Missionary Society of St Columban. During the Centenary Year of the Society we will, in a spirit of gratitude, be thankful for what has been, with passion celebrate our mission today, and with hope look forward to our unfolding participation in God's mission into the future.

As pilgrims for Christ, Columban missionaries have been blessed to enter into different cultural contexts around the world, sharing life with the people among whom we live and serve, striving to live in solidarity with them through a companionship of empowerment. We encourage people, and walk with them on their faith journey, and in their struggle to change the unjust structures that keep so many poor and on the margins of society as together we care for the Earth, our common home. As Pope Francis says in his encyclical *Laudato Si*, we seek to listen to and heed the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

The missionary spirit of the founders of the Society, Frs Edward Galvin and John Blowick, and all Columban missionaries and supporters who have gone to God, inspires us and fills us with hope as we continue to respond generously to God's call as missionary disciples of Jesus, sharing gospel joy in our world today. (Fr Kevin O'Neill, Superior General, Missionary Society of St Columban).

AGM of Community 5B – St Columban's – Sunday 12th Nov. Mere Avaiki, the outgoing Community leader thanked her Community for the hard work and support she received during her time in office. She wished the incoming office bearers all the best and thanked all those who supported her preparations for her trip to Fatima. The new Incoming Office Bearers for the coming year are as follows: Community Leader – Kaliova Delasau; Assistant Leader – Vuki Apao; Treasurer – Ana Tolanigadi; Assistant Treasurer – Vitorina Legalega; Liturgy Rep – Anna Apao; Evangelization Rep – Adi Miliakere Rainibogi; Family Life Rep – Saverio Apao; Justice and Development – Mere Naulu; Faith Formation – Sophie Waqanidrola; and the Community Youth Rep will be chosen at a special meeting to be held in Nanuku in the near future. At this meeting too was the Head of Youth Commission. The Parish Priest challenged the New Office Bearers to show the same commitment and loyalty as shown by the hardworking outgoing Office Bearers and wished them every blessing in 2017/18.

Receptionist Secretary Vacancy for Regional Pacific Seminary. Application closes 20th Nov. Details on Notice Board.

First Confession for 23 of our children was celebrated yesterday Saturday, 18th November, at 10.00am. Thanks to CCD Teachers & Parents for your diligent and patient work during the year with our little ones & Fr Carlo for being here with us.

First Holy Communion next Sunday, (26/11/17) Feast of Christ the King. Mass will be at 9.00am. We look forward to a wonderful Celebration. There will be the usual refreshments afterwards in the Parish Hall.

Parish Masses on the 23 and 24 November at 07.00am because of Rev Pat's Ordination and first Mass respectively.

Re Rev. Pat Visanti's 1st Mass in the Parish:

A special meeting of PPC Representatives and Commission Heads took place on Monday, 13 November, to discuss this function. The following Programme for the Evening was suggested and agreed on: Master Tifere will be MC for the evening.

The Programme will start with Mass at 7.00pm followed by a gathering in the **AB Mataca Hall at 8.00pm**. There will be a short Yaqona Qaravaki Ceremony by the men of St Paul's Community under the leadership of Rafa. After which Fr Pat will address those gathered with a few words. **Dinner will be then served at 8.45pm. Fr Pat will give his 1st Priestly Blessing to us all in a quiet spot – perhaps in the Commission Room.** A social will conclude the evening.

The Liturgy for the Evening: The Parish Choir will be on hand. At the beginning of the Mass Garlanding of our newly ordained and Mandali welcome carried out. The Gloria to be sung to add to the solemnity. The Readings for the day (by the Lectors) will be used. The Prayers of the faithful to be determined by the Liturgy Commission. **At the Offertory a special Rotuman hymn composed by Fr Pat will be sung.** Hymns have been prepared and will be sung with the accompaniment of St John Vianney group. Visiting Columban priests will also be considered in the grand scheme of things.

The Women of the Parish will feature quite prominently in **as far as decorating and catering is concerned.** They have a meeting today to talk about the details of their task. They have also adopted the **"Service with a smile"** motto to boost their profile

Menu and distributions: The following was discussed and agreed on:

1. Pork and other essentials will be supplied by the Parish.
2. **Lovo** (Dalo / Kumala, chicken, palusami) Communities 1B, 4A, 5B. - Lovo for convenience sake in respective communities
3. **Chicken Curry with puri / rice** - Community 2
4. **Vegetable curry with puri and chutney** – Communities 3 and 4B
5. **Beef chop suey with rice** - Communities 4C and 5A
6. **Fish in lolo / batter /sweet and sour with kumala / rice** – Communities 7A and 7B
7. **Fruits, Juice 1kg Yaqona** - Community 6

Comments: Controlled Buffet for all on the night: Special priestly blessings by the newly ordained *after* dinner.

Education Assistance from Justice and Development Commission: Education assistance exist for primary, secondary and tertiary students. Families wherein parent's joint income is less than **\$15,000.00** qualify for the assistance.

Applicants to provide the following;

1. Copy of joint pay slip for employed parents or pay slip for employed parent. And a copy of child's birth certificate
2. Confirmation letter from school.
3. If parent(s) or guardian are self-employed then state details on A4 the names of earnings and income earned.

(Note no need to attach a statutory declaration just the applicant(s) honesty required)

Families can bring particulars direct to the parish office or solicit the assistance if your community leader or Justice and Development Commission. Due date for submission: **1.12.17**

Liturgy Commission: Special meeting today of leaders of the various ministries (Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, Music Directors) of the Liturgy Commission to discuss among other things budget submission for the coming year. Those going to Rotuma and CCIM are requested to contribute a bar of washing soap each plus 2or 3 people to share a bale of cloth.

Disposal of rubbish project commences Saturday (18.11.17 – going on until Thursday 30th Nov. 2017: please put old stoves, fridges, washing machines and sewing machines etc in usual assigned spots for pick up. Arrangement made with Suva City Council for Trucks to collect. Meeting with representatives from the eleven (11) communities in the parish scheduled for Wednesday (25.11.17) in the parish hall.

Community 3 Visitation by Parish Delegation: With Community Leader from Tuesday 14th Nov onwards until completed.

Evangelization Commission:

There will be a carol singing event on 16/12 in the Archbishop Petero Mataca Hall. Communities and organisations are encouraged to participate. This event will also be the Party night for our elderly parishioners (**Vama Mausio – HOC**).

Application Forms for Corpus Christi Teachers Training College: Still some left in the Presbytery Closing date for return of Application Forms to Corpus Christi is the 30th November.

Advent Retreat: - Fr Donal McIlraith directing Advent Retreat on 10th December, 9am - 4pm, at Nazareth Prayer Centre.

Confession available, Mass at 3pm. Registration \$10; pay at Nicolas House. Registration closes on 7th December. All Welcome.

Woman At The Well - meets every Tuesday at 5:30pm in the Sacred Heart Crypt, starting on 28th Nov and every Tuesday thereafter. This is a support group for women who are divorced, separated or going through separation; to discuss topics of importance & healing after such a difficult transition. Enquiries call Asela 9388132.

Meetings Today Sunday 19th Nov:

1. Meeting of the Women of the Parish will take place after the 8.30am Mass today.
2. Liturgy Meeting today after 8.30 Mass. Perhaps a short Evangelization Meeting also.
3. Cenacle at 2.00pm; Charismatic at 3.00 and World Apostolate of Fatima at 4.00pm.

Meetings during the Week:

1. **St Peter Chanel Community 4A-** (7 Steps) this Tues 21st Nov. 2017 at 7.30pm in Barbra and Alex Edwards residence.
2. **Mass in Vatuwaqa Cemetery animated by Laucala Bay Parish:** At 3.00pm on Sunday 26th November 2017.

Thanks: To Community 6 St Paul's for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound yesterday. Community 7a St Jacob's starts tomorrow Mon 20th Nov.

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

1st Collection \$614.90 2nd Collection: \$62.10; Envelopes \$140 = \$817.00

Reading coming week: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time [19/11] Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31; Thess 5:1-6; Matt 25:14-30; Mon [20/11] Macca 1:10-15. 41-43. 54-57. 62-64; Luke 18:35-43; Tues [21/11] Macca 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10; Wed [22/11] Macca 7:1. 20-31; Luke 19:11-28; Thurs [23/11] Macca 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44; Fri [24/11] Macca 4:36-37. 52-59; Luke 19:45-48; Sat [25/11] Macca 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40; **34th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Feast of Christ the King [26/11]** Ezek 34:11-12. 15-17; Cor 15: 20-26. 28; Matt 25:31-46.