

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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THE THIRTY FOURTH SUNDAY - CYCLE A: FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING- 26/11/17

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 – 6.00pm

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 available at the Parish Office.

RCIA: Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

Kindergarten Graduation on 22nd Nov. 2017

We thank the Teachers **Mrs Savaira Mow** and **Ms Aloï Tugaga** and Parents for organising a wonderful graduation and breakup party for the children. There was excitement all the morning, with entertainment by the children and of course the arrival of Santa. Master Dan was chief guess.

Mass in Vatuwaqa Cemetery today at 3.00pm.

Laucala Bay Parish is responsible for animating this liturgy today. All welcome.

Reflection for 34th Sunday of the Year: A Kingdom of Justice, Love and Peace

St Paul visualises Jesus Christ handing over the kingdom to God the Father at the end of time. This ideal kingdom is not something to be piously hoped for as a future gift, but something to be worked for by Christians in the present time. The full extent of the kingdom is indeed to be hoped for, but somehow it is also *in our midst*, in the process of becoming. Today's gospel shows how we are to promote the fuller coming of God's kingdom in our world. It comes whenever justice is done for the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, and the oppressed. To behave in this way is to imitate the Shepherd-King himself who is presented in our Gospels as one who eases alienation, who feeds, gives rest, heals and makes strong. Among his final words was a promise to the thief being crucified at his side, that he would be enfolded by the eternal love of God, in paradise.

The best way to honour Christ our King is to work for the unfolding and promoting of his kingdom. In working for the relief of deprived, oppressed or marginalised people, we are serving Christ in person, because he fully identified with people in need, right up to his final moment in this life. The disciple of Christ the King cannot afford the luxury of living in a gated community, resolutely secure in a fortress, comfortably "keeping myself to myself" with the lame claim that "I do nobody any harm." To be deaf to the cries of my neighbour in need is to be deaf to Christ. To be blind to the anguish of the dying is to be blind to Christ. To recognise Jesus Christ as our Shepherd-king involves being carers or shepherds in some way ourselves; for the work of the Kingdom goes on. until he comes again.

In Loving Memory: **Tony Alfred Nilsen**, (54) Formally Levuka and Community 4c died suddenly at home in Kula Street on Thursday morning 16th Nov. 2017 buried after Requiem Mass in St Pius X church on Friday 24th Nov. **Vilisi Baleinakoro** (54) formally Vatulele, Koro and Nanuku buried in Nasinu after Requiem Mass on 23rd Nov in St Pius X; **William Copeland** (29) formally from Raiwaqa parish and now Laucala Bay – Requiem Mass in Raiwaqa on Saturday 25th Nov; **Tui Traill** (72) – former long-time employee of Home of Compassion and cousin of Mrs Helen Mow and Barbara King died Tuesday 21st Nov. Funeral probably in the Home of Compassion Mon/Tues this week. May they rest in Peace.

Congratulations to Tavite Waqailiti and Maria Sunia Mua how were married here yesterday Sat. 25th Nov. They are wished a long, happy and blessed married life together. Fr Iowane Gukibau was the officiating priest.

Congratulations to Fr Pat Visanti on his ordination to the Missionary Society of St Columban on Thursday last 23rd Nov. – Feast of St Columban and on his 1st Mass on Friday 24th Nov in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Suva. Ad Multos Annos, Fr Pat. He will celebrate his 1st Mass with us here in the Parish on Monday Night 27th Nov. 2017.

Welcome to Rev John Fong MSC who was our Deacon at the 7.00am this day. He will have some MSC calendars for sale.

Congratulations to the 24 Children making their 1st Holy Communion today 26th Nov - Christ the King.

They are: - *Abigail Tugaga, Alosio Sovita, Ana Saumakin, Angeline Mario, Apete Vosalevu, Cruz Aingmea, Dakota Aingmea, Donella Kivi, Esala Nabou, Francisca Daveta, Inise Viaviaturaga, James Williame, Joane Tawake, Joji Korobiau, Jojiana Bulou Waqanidrolo, Kalioua Senikavika, Liam Anthony, Marelda Delailomaloma, Reapi Tawake, Rosemary Mani, Samuelia Naketeca, Urusula Bulavakarua, Venina Waqailiti, William Steiner.*

- *Joji Korobiau, will make his 1st Holy Communion today in Lomary Parish.*
- *The Parish thanks in a special way the CCD Teachers Mrs Sera Vira and Mrs Emily Tabua.*

The Beginning the Centenary Year – Society of St Columban: Thursday 23rd Nov, Feast Day of St Columban – marked the opening of the Centenary Year of the Missionary Society of St Columban. The year's Celebration was started with Fr Pat's Ordination. There will be many other celebrations during the year until St Columban's Day next year 2018. The following are some events that are planned for the coming year: The piece of the Altar Cloth that we signed will return to us – this time all joined together and signed by members of other Columban Regions and Mission Units throughout the world. It will probably arrive in Fiji in Feb 2018. There will be a missionary seminar during the year and 3 all night vigils for the youth in the North, West and Central Divisions. A pilgrimage to Columban graves and visits to some of the parishes that Columbans worked is also being considered.

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

The Programme will start with Mass at 7.00pm followed by a gathering in the **AB Mataca Hall at 8.00pm**. Master Tifere will be MC for the evening. 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 also adopted the **“Service with a smile”** motto to boost their profile

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: (1) Choir Practice for St. John Vianney and Parish Choir - Sunday 26th Nov @ 4:00 pm in the Hall/Church for Monday's thanksgiving mass for Fr. Pat Visanti.

(2) Special Meeting - All Community Liturgy Reps who are taking part for Monday's Thanksgiving Mass plus all leaders of ministries, after 9:00am Mass.

(3) All 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.

Evangelization Commission:

Carol singing on 16/12. Community Leaders & Evangelisation reps please note, donation list will be picked from the Jesse Tree in church during evening weekly Masses. It is preferred that either a rep either liturgy, evangelisation or leader to pick out the list from the tree. Communities and organisations are encouraged to participate. This event will also be the Party night for our elderly parishioners (**Vama Mausio – HOC**).

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 26th Nov:

1. Liturgy Meeting today after 8.30 Mass.
2. Cenacle at 2.00pm; Charismatic at 3.00 and World Apostolate of Fatima at 4.00pm.

Meetings during the Week:

1. (7 Steps) this Tues 28th Nov. 2017 at 7.30pm in all Communities

Thanks: To Community 7a St Jacob's for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound yesterday. Because of the events of last week they had an easy week. Community 7b St Teresa of the Child Jesus starts tomorrow Mon 27th Nov.

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

1st Collection \$490.55 2nd Collection: \$81.05; Envelopes \$145 = \$716.60

Reading coming week: 34th Sunday in ordinary time: Christ the King Ezek 34: 11-12. 15-17; Cor 15: 20-26. 28; Matt 25: 31-46; Mon[27/11] Dan 1: 1-6. 8-20; Luke 21: 1-4; Tues[28/11] Dan 2: 31-45; Luke 21: 5-11; Wed[29/11] Dan 5: 1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-

28; Luke 21: 12-19; Thurs[30/11] **St. Andrew, Apostle**; Romans 10: 9-18; Matt 4: 18-22; Fri[1/12] Dan 7:2-14; Luke 21: 29-33; Sat[2/12] Dan 7: 15-27; Luke 21: 34-36; **1st Sunday of Advent**[3/12] Is 63: 16-17; 64: 1. 3-8; Cor 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 33-37.