

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY OF TIME YEAR A: 22/01/17

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions: - Friday & Saturdays after Mass.

Baptisms: The 8.30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month is reserved for Baptisms. Arrangements to be made by parents seeking the sacrament of Baptism from 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 on today's Readings: What the Mission of Jesus was about

Today's gospel is about Jesus beginning his mission, calling his first disciples, and beginning to travel from place to place, to proclaim that the kingdom of God was close at hand. It marks the beginning of the ministry of Jesus. John had been arrested, so that was the end of the ministry of John. The gospel tells us that instead of going to Nazareth (in other words, instead of going home), Jesus went to Capernaum. The show was on the road, as it were. As it happened, the prophet had foretold that this would happen. I don't think that the sayings of the prophets are what influenced Jesus. He was led by the Spirit, and that led him into the fulfilling of all the prophecies. Aren't they powerful words used by the prophet to describe what happens when Jesus appears among them? "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who lived in the land where death cast its shadow, a light has shone." Jesus would later refer to himself as the light of the world; and, in commissioning his apostles, he would tell them that they, now, were to be a light to the world.

The message of Jesus is a simple one. "Turn from your sins, and turn to God, because the kingdom of heaven is near." I said earlier that the clearer my goal or vision, the higher will be the level of my energy in bringing that about. Sin is a false goal, an untrue vision, and an empty promise. It is immediate, selfish, and is self-will run riot. It is the result of behaviour that is out of control, through a compulsion, addiction, or selfish whim. It can never satisfy because, outside the kingdom of God I am an exile, pining for home. Even in the depth of my sin the kingdom of God is near. I just have to reach out, and Jesus is there.

In Loving Memory: Please pray for the Repose of the Soul. **Mary Rauto (42) nee Johns** formally a parishioner of 4b, died on Sunday 15th Jan and was buried on Sat. 21st Jan after Requiem Mass in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Suva. **Mike Tupua**, St Agnes Parish and formally Parishioner of Raiwaqa 4a & 4b and Parish Treasurer for many years, died Saturday 14th Jan and was buried on Thursday 19th Jan after Requiem Mass in St Agnes Parish. **Jo Vuki (40) nephew of Joe Niumaitaiwalu** died on Jan 14 after a tragic road accident. Buried Friday 20th Jan. May they rest in Peace.

St Pius X Pre-School Starts for the New Year Tomorrow Monday 23rd Jan. We welcome the restarting of our Pre-School Kindergarten tomorrow Monday 23rd Jan. Some 44/5 children have registered for the coming year. Thanks to Kele, Parish Co-Coordinator, and Master Dan who has looked after all the Registrations over the last few weeks. We also wish our two Kindy teachers, Mrs Savaira Mow & Aloï Tugaga together with our new crop of 4 & 5 year olds together with their parents all the very best for 2017.

Summary of the Central Eastern Clergy Meeting on Tuesday 17th Jan. 2017.

- Concerns expressed – Education Office of Archdiocese be more assertive with Department of Education re the appointment of Catholic Head Teachers for our Catholic schools.
- Archdiocesan Communications Office requested to express our dissatisfaction to FBC with broadcast Masses: some Sundays technicians turn up late, some Sundays they don't turn up at all like last Sunday in the Cathedral and some Sundays the Station cut off the Broadcast long before Mass is over.
- And of course the Two Year Confirmation Preparation Programme was discussed at length.
- Need to update the present RCIA course – since most on the RCIA are coming from a Christian background.

Congratulation Sr. Angela Cavey

St Joseph of Cluny Srs. (Toganivalu Street & from Dublin, Ireland) on her 100th Birthday – which she will celebrate on Wednesday 25th Jan 2017.

Parish AGM is scheduled for Feb 12th at 10.30am. This year is Election Year for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Parish Council. The Parish AGM will elect a Chairperson and an assistant chairperson. **Nomination Forms for the Communities to have their say – have been given out to each Community.** We request that a Community meeting be held immediately – discussion take place on your appropriate choice for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for our parish for the next 2 years. . All nomination forms must be **back in the Parish on the 29th January.** Again calling on Community Leadership to carry out their responsibility in this regard – Have your meetings, Nominate your choice for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for our parish for the next 2 years and return your Nomination Form to the Parish Office (**in a sealed envelope please**) **before or on the 29th Jan.** A criteria sheet was issued with Nomination Forms. Those you nominate must be active parishioners and prepared to commit themselves fully to parish actives for the next two year – which will be a busy time leading up to our Golden Jubilee in 2018.

Confirmation Co-Ordination Team: With the new 2 Year Confirmation Preparation Programme being introduced by the Archbishop and the Archdiocesan Commission for Faith Formation, there will be no Confirmations in any Parish this year. To set the new Preparation Programme in motion – each parish are requested to put a Confirmation Co-Ordination Team in place, consisting of the teachers who will carry out the instruction for the candidates, some parents and sponsors, some from Liturgy and a youth member or two: Having Consulted with most of the following: **Our Confirmation Co Coordinating Team will be: Master Dan Burese, Patricia Burese, Sophie Waqanidrola, Eta Roseru, Tupou Nawalu, Maria Qaranivalu, Niseta Buatava and Maretino Lalakobouma (Youth Rep).** A few more may be added in time.

Registration of Candidates for Confirmation in 2018. We started this process last Sunday and will continue for some time. Parents are requested to accompany their children for Registration. Candidates must be 14 years or over. **This weekend Saturday/Sunday 21 & 22nd Jan. Co-Ordination Teams from the Parishes are meeting in St Joseph's Hall to be introduced to the new Programme.** An outline of classes will be discussed & other matters pertaining to the 2 Year Programme.

Today Sunday 15th January 2016:

1. **Confirmation Co-Ordinating Team:** Attending seminar on the new 2 year Programme in St Joseph's Hall.
2. **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** this afternoon at 3.00pm in the Church. **Starting with the 'Divine Mercy'**
3. **World Apostolate of Fatima Meeting** on Sunday Evening at 4.00pm.
4. **The Charismatic and World Apostolate of Fatima** will be having a 'sea food dinner' on 10/02/2017 in the Parish Hall at 8pm. This is for their annual gathering levies in May this year and they are seeking our support.

Parish Animators meeting for the 7 Steps Method of Prayer will be held on Monday (23/01/2017) at 7.30pm

St Joseph the Worker Community 2: Prayer meeting on Tuesday night 24th Jan at 7.30pm in Petero Loli's house.

St Patrick Community AGM is scheduled for Saturday, 28 January 2017, 5-6pm, Parish Hall

Overseas Donor of Reading Glasses (Specs) Fifty one Names (51) have been submitted to the Donor. We wait & see.

Parish Disaster Management Team: Even after 3 meetings this Parish Team has not yet be put into effect.

Parish Returns to the Archbishop: The 8 Parish Reports required by the Archdiocesan Office was present on Tuesday 17th Jan. Thanks for all the hard work put into compiling these Reports by the various committed parish personnel.

Youth Activities:

- Youth AGM on 5th Feb straight after the 8:30 am Mass at the Fr Hurley Hall.
- A Youth Census is being conducted at the moment as an initial step in integrating the New Framework for Youth Ministry introduced by the Archdiocese and the Archdiocese Youth Commission. Two groups of youth executives are visiting all of the 11 communities to gather data and meet with the youths. We request the cooperation of the Youth community leaders and/or Community Leaders as well.

Thanks and Appreciation: To Community 7a St Jacob's for animating the Liturgy during the week and for cleaning of the Church and compound yesterday. We invite Community 7b St Teresa of the Child Jesus to continue as of tomorrow 23th Jan. Thanks too for your generous Mass Collections last weekend.

1st Collection \$780.18; 2nd Collection 105.85; Envelopes \$70.70 = \$966.73.

St Vincent de Paul Gate Collection for the month of December 2016 = \$51.55

Reading coming week 2nd Sunday of the Ordinary Time 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time [22/1/17] Isaiah 8: 23—9:3; 1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17; Mt 4: 12-23; Mon [23/1/17] **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children:** Heb 9: 15, 24-28; Mk 3: 22-30; Tue [24/1/17] **St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church:** Heb 10: 1-10; Mk 3: 31-35; Wed [25/1/17] **Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Apostle:** Acts 22: 3-16; Mk 16: 15-18; Thurs [26/1/17] **Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops:** 2 Tim 1: 1-8; Mk 4: 21-25; Fri [27/1/17] Heb 10: 32-39; Mk 4: 26-34; Sat [28/1/17] **St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church:** Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19; Mk 4: 35-41; **4th Sunday of Ordinary Time [29/1/17]** Zep 2: 3; 3: 12-13; 1 Cor 1: 26-31; Mt 5: 1-12a.