

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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FORTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY OF TIME YEAR A: 29/01/17

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 – 6pm

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: Condensed Gospel:

Today's gospel, naming the beatitudes, is like a summary of Jesus' teaching. It is the gospel in a condensed form and, therefore, requires a great deal of teasing out to get to the simple point-by-point message that it contains.

We are all familiar with political manifestos. These are statements about where the political party is at, what they stand for, what is in it for you if you vote for them, and what they intend to achieve if you elect them. Many people are quite cynical about politicians, and politics in general. No matter how sincere their promises are, many of them fail to deliver on those promises. Today's gospel is Jesus' Manifesto. The important thing for us to remember is that, in the words of Jesus, "heaven and earth will pass away before my word passes away." In other words this is a manifesto in which he certainly will keep his side of the bargain.

There is a lot of teaching contained in today's gospel, and it would not be possible for us now to reflect on it at any great length. If we put the beatitudes into simple ordinary words might help us. They are blessed who are detached, and have a humble attitude. Even if they have great riches, their riches do not possess them, nor are they boastful and proud about them. Grief is the price you pay for love, so, if you have any capacity for love, then you will need to carry some tissues with you. If you never want to cry at a funeral, don't ever love anyone. The meek and the gentle are the opposite to the bully, and they are the ones who are really powerful. Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King refused to fight back, so the only way to stop them was to kill them.

In Loving Memory: Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of **Mikaele Sogata**, Tamavua Parish, brother of the late Tony Raisele, died recently and was buried on Thursday 26th Jan after Requiem Mass in St Joseph the Worker Parish Tamavua. **Fr Iosefo Ratuvere (60) from Bua and ordained in 1985**, served in the Cathedral Parish and the parishes of Vunibasoga, Lautoka, Navunibitu and Bemana. His last appointment was at St Pius X Parish Glen Innes Auckland NZ. He died on Monday 23rd Jan. and was buried in Baklawa, Lautoka after Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Lautoka on Jan 28th 2017. May they rest in Peace.

House Masses. There has been a long standing policy in the Parish that House Masses be not encouraged. There are so many houses in the parish that cannot accommodate a House Mass – this was the rationale for the policy. Thus House Masses are not encouraged in our Parish. Community Masses for special occasions could be an exception.

St Vincent de Paul AGM: The St Vincent de Paul Society will be having their AGM on Saturday 4th Feb. 2017 at 10.00am in the Parish Hall. New Members are encouraged to join and have an outreach to the needy in our midst. 'It is in Giving that we receive' Today's Gospel tells us that 'Blessed are the poor in Spirit theirs are the Kingdom of God. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice – for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy' **"Here am I Lord send me."**

Catholic Women's League: Their Mass on Saturday 4/2/2017 – will be followed by their meeting in the Hall. Women of the parish and young mothers are invited to join the ranks of the Catholic Women's League.

Early Days in February

Thursday 2nd Feb: Presentation of the Lord or

Candlemas Day: Bring you candles for Blessing;

Friday 3rd Feb. feast of St Blaise: Come and have your throats blessed at the evening Mass at 6.30pm.

Parish AGM will be held on Feb 12th at 10am: Nomination Forms for the Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the PPC for the next 2 years are due back today. So all Communities who have not handed in their Nomination Forms please do so today – in a sealed envelope. Those whom you have nominated must be active Parishioners and prepared to commit themselves fully to the parish for the next 2 years – which will be a busy time leading up to the Celebration of our Golden Jubilee in 2018.

Confirmation Co-Ordination Team: : We are grateful and appreciate the attendance of Master Dan Burese, Sophie Waqanidrola, Eta Roseru, Tupou Nawalu, Maria Qaranivalu, Niseta Buatava, Marj Engcoy and Maretino Lalakobouma for their attendance of the two day workshop run in St Joseph's Hall last weekend in preparation of the new Confirmation Programme that the Archbishop wishes to implement in the Archdiocese.

Today this team will welcome candidates and their parents into the 2 year programme after the 8.30am Mass. Next week the teaching programme will commence. Candidate that misses class regularly will not be Confirmed. The Archbishop requests the Coordination Team to meet with him for a Workshop on Wed 1st Feb in Crypt.

Today Sunday 29th January 2016:

1. **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** this afternoon at 3.00pm in the Church. **Starting with the 'Divine Mercy'**
2. **World Apostolate of Fatima Meeting** on Sunday Evening at 4.00pm.

The Charismatic and World Apostolate of Fatima: will be having a 'sea food dinner' on 10/02/2017 in the Parish Hall at 8pm. Serves at \$10, we receive advance orders too. This is for the annual soli in May this year and they are seeking our support.

The Youth

1. Youth AGM on 5th Feb straight after the 8:30 am Mass at the Fr Hurley Hall.
2. 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.
3. Scheduled Visitation to 4a on Wednesday 1st and visitation to 1b on Thursday 2nd Feb.

Men of the Parish Committee meeting at 8pm on Wednesday 1st Feb

Insyd Out Club Meeting in Hall Wed Feb.1st – Ministry of Youth and Sport to start Duke of Edinburgh's Awards'

Columban JPIC coordinator - Visenia Navelinikoro would like to sit and discuss and activities for 2017 Human Development and Social Justice Issues for the Parish. Special invitation to those who are SJHD community reps and youths. Come and share your views on this commission **on 18th of February @10am** -Morning Tea will be provided.

Small Christian Communities (SCC): The Animators have divided themselves into 2 teams as follows: **Team 1:** Visoni, Joana, Vero, Ita Vosalevu: **Team 2:** Tifinue Mausio, Karalo, Vamarasi Mausio, Savirio. They are starting visitation to the Communities during the coming weeks. **Visitation Schedule:** On Tuesday 31st Jan – Team 1 will visit Community 1b and Team 2 will visit Community 3; On Tuesday 7th Feb. Team 1 will visit Community 2 and Team 2 will visit 4a. On Tuesday 14th Time 1 will visit 4b and team 2 will visit 5a; On Tuesday 21st Feb – Team 1 will visit 6 and Team 2 will visit 7a and on 28th Feb. Team 1 will visit 7b. The importance of the 7 Steps of Praying cannot be over emphasized.

Advice on Opportunities for Higher Studies: Making decisions about whether or not to continue to higher education is a difficult business. **A session on career guidance will be conducted by Mrs Niseta Buatava in the Parish Hall.** Those interested in attending a session are invited to submit names and contact in the Parish Office. Session will be determined thereafter.

Thanks and Appreciation: To Community 7b St Teresa of the Child Jesus for animating the Liturgy during the week and for cleaning of the Church and compound yesterday. We invite Community 1b St Cecilia to continue as of tomorrow 30th Jan. Thanks too for your generous Mass Collections last weekend.

1st Collection \$655.25; 2nd Collection 104.30; Envelopes \$35.00 = \$794.55.

Reading coming week 4th Sunday of the Ordinary Time 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time [29/1/17] Zep 2: 3; 3: 12-13; 1 Cor 1: 26-31; Mt 5: 1-12a; Mon [30/1/17] Heb 11: 32-40; Mr 5: 1-20; Tue [31/1/17] **St John Bosco, Priest: Heb 12: 1-4; Mr 5: 21-43; Wed [1/2/17] Heb 12: 4-7, 11-15; Mr 6: 1-6; Thur [2/2/17] **Presentation of the Lord:** Malachi 3: 1-4; Luke 2: 22-40; Fri [3/2/17] Heb 13: 1-8; Mr 6: 14-29; Sat [4/2/17] Heb 13: 15-17, 20-21; Mr 6: 30-34; **5th Sunday of Ordinary Time [5/2/17] Is 58: 7-10; 1 Cor 2: 1-5; Mt 5: 13-16****