

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY OF TIME YEAR A: 04/02/17

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.

Pope Francis prayer intention for February 2017 is “that all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.”

Reflection on today’s Readings: Going Out to the Margins:

“You are the salt of the earth.” Everyone knows that salt is used, above all, to give flavour to food and to keep it from spoiling. In the same way, Jesus’ disciples must contribute to people savouring life without succumbing to corruption. “You are the light of the world.” Without the sun’s light, the world stays dark and we will not be able to find our bearings nor can we enjoy life with darkness surrounding us. Jesus’ disciples can be bearers of the light that we need to have a point of reference, to understand the ultimate meaning of life and to walk with hope.

Pope Francis has seen that the Church today lives locked up within itself, paralysed by fears, and too far removed from problems and sufferings to be able to give flavour to modern life and offer the true light of the Gospel. The Pope has responded quickly: “We have to go to the outskirts.”

This pope declared: “I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. I do not want a Church concerned with being at the centre and which then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures.” His call is addressed to all Christians: “We cannot passively and calmly wait in our church buildings.” “The Gospel tells us constantly to run the risk of a face-to-face encounter with others.” The Pope wants to introduce into the Church what he calls “the culture of encounter”. He’s convinced that “the thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm ... hearts ...” [José Antonio Pagola]

In Loving Memory: Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sr **Gemma, SOLN**, Wailoku and formally Yasawa, was buried yesterday 4th Feb after requiem Mass in St Joseph the Worker Parish, Tamavua. May she rest in Peace.

Welcome to the Christian Community: Benjamin Jonetani Viani Krishnan & his sister Anaseni Ilivula Krishnan, 27 Davui Lane, Raiwaqa who were baptized here yesterday 4th Feb 2017. (First Baptisms for 2017)

Final Vows and Profession: Congratulation to **Br. John Fong MSC (Raiwaqa Parish)** and Brs Taaia Tawaia and Rataro Raimon MSC, Kilibati who made their Final Vows and Profession to the Society of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in St Agnes Church, Samabula yesterday morning 4th Feb. 2017.

Congratulation also to Mika Tuilau SM (Fiji) and Peter Puamae SM (Solomons) who make their Final Profession to the Society of Mary (Marists) yesterday afternoon in the PRS chapel. They are wished every blessing as they prepare for their Diaconate Ordination in May this year.

St Vincent de Paul AGM Failed to take Place: The St Vincent de Paul Society were due to have their AGM yesterday Saturday 4th Feb. 2017 at 10.00am in the Parish Hall. But alas they did not go ahead with their AGM. It was planned and arranged with the Parish so one must wonder why, why, why for the delay. The Society are seeking new members.

Parish AGM will be held on Feb 12th at 10am: Ten Nomination Forms for the Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the PPC for the next 2 years have been received. Names of Nominees tabulated hereunder:

Chairperson : Daniele Burese

Vice Chairperson : Barbara King, Tifere Mausio, Pio Burese, Rafaele Roqica, Thomas Tavutonivalu.

Their appointment will be determined by the voting that will take place after the presentation of reports.

The Agenda for the AGM next Sunday (12.2.17) 10.30am – 12.00am: (1) Prayer, (2) Welcome, (3) Minutes (4) Reports (Finance, PPC, Parish Priest), (5) Elections (6) Adjournment of Meeting

Distribution of refreshments for the AGM contribution : Fruits (2,5b,4b), Egg Sandwich (5a,6,3), Tuna Sandwich (5a,4c,1b), Pie (4a,7a). The Parish will supply yagona tea, milk and sugar.

Confirmation Co-Ordination Team: We are grateful and appreciate the attendance of many members of the Confirmation Co-Ordination Team who attend yet another training session the Archbishop on Wednesday night last. This Coordinating Team will be commissioned one Sunday soon at Mass.

Today the Team will begin Classes for this new 2 year programme after the 8.30am Mass. Candidate who miss class regularly will not be confirmed. Candidates for Confirmation should be 13/14 years of age at least.

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 is selling out fast. We receive advance orders too. Please contact Mere Avaiki, Maria Fuata or Vama if you want tickets. This is for the annual soli in May this year and they are seeking our support. Tickets for seafood serves @ \$10/serve.

Community Prayer Meetings: 4a: Tuesday 7th @ Filomena Bs Residence and Community 2 @ Pius Burese' House.

The Youth

1. Youth AGM today 5th Feb straight after the 8:30 am Mass at the Fr Hurley Hall.
2. Youth census (15-35) is still going on. This is towards an initial step of starting the New Framework for Youth Ministry introduced by the Archdiocese and the Archdiocese Youth Commission.
3. Two groups of youth executives are visiting all of the 11 communities to gather data and meet with the youths. The cooperation of community Leaders are requested.
4. Thanks is expressed to the Youth who turned up to clean the Parish Halls and surrounds yesterday.

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.

Parish JPIC Meeting Thursday 9th Feb: In preparation for Visenia's Visit the Parish Commission will meet to discuss her visit and how to be more proactive as a Parish Commission. New Head of Commission will be announced at the Parish AGM next Sunday 12th Feb. 2017.

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

Special Request from The Seven Steps Animators: Their visits to the Communities will continue during the month of February. Community Leaders please advise parish coordinator place of meetings and venues.

Thanks and Appreciation: To Community 1b St Cecilia for animating the Liturgy during the week and for cleaning of the Church and compound yesterday. We invite Community 2 St Joseph the Worker to continue as of tomorrow 6th Feb. Thanks too for your generous Mass Collections last weekend.

1st Collection \$577.35; 2nd Collection 120.70; Envelopes \$35.00 = \$733.05.

Reading coming week 4th Sunday of the Ordinary Time 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time [5/2/17] Is 58: 7-10; 1 Cor 2: 1-5; Matt 5: 13-16; Mon [6/2/17] *St Paul Miki and Companions:* Gen 1: 1-19; Mark 6: 53-56; Tue [7/2/17] Gen 1: 20—2:4; Mark 7: 1-13; Wed [8/2/17] Gen 2: 4-9, 15-17; Mark 7: 14-23; Thurs [9/2/17] Gen 2: 18-25; Mark 7: 24-30; Fri [10/2/17] *St Scholastica:* Gen 3: 1-8; Mark 7: 31-37; Sat [11/2/17] *Our Lady of Lourdes:* Gen 3: 9-24; Mark 8: 1-10; 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time [12/2/17] Sirach 15: 15-20; 1 Cor 2: 6-10; Matt 5: 17-37