

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C: 12/06/16

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 are available at the Parish Office.

RCIA: Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

Vinakavakalevu and farewell, Fr Clement!

St. Pius X Parish would like to thank you for your presence and service with us here in Raiwaqa. We pray for your safe flight, and God's blessing on your next

Reflection for Eleventh Sunday of the Ordinary Time: Today's gospel gives us a "close-up" view of the friend of sinners in action. There was an elderly religious sister who was retired, and who was free to use her time as she pleased. Every morning she set off with a shopping bag, and no one seemed to know where she was going, and what she did all day. She never spoke about her work, and nobody asked her. One day she was knocked down and killed by a car as she tried to cross a busy road. Her funeral took her community completely by surprise. Every "drop-out," wino, and homeless person in Dublin arrived at the convent for her funeral. She had been their friend, and they came to pay tribute to her. It was quite a revelation for her community, who were embarrassed, humbled, and profoundly moved by the outpouring of grief they witnessed.

Today's story is at the house of a Pharisee, one of those who emphasized *love of law rather than the law of love*. It was certainly no place for a public sinner to show her face. She was outside the pale, of a group despised by devout Jews. It is almost as if Jesus had prearranged the scene, to let him state the whole purpose of his mission. He frequently said that he had come to call sinners, and to befriend them. Not only did Jesus befriend the woman, but he even let her serve him. There was something about him that stirred a profound reverence within her, and she showed that reverence and respect by the anointing with oil, which was the highest expression of reverence one could show to another. Jesus had a ready-made, real, living object lesson right there, and he took full advantage of it. He was aware of the shock and horror among the onlookers, and he used the occasion to drive home a central point of his teaching.

Laudato Si Week (June 13-19, 2016)

Celebrating the first year anniversary of the Pope's encyclical on Care for the Common Home—Laudato Si—through awareness symposium, community action, and Eucharistic celebration.

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| June 13 (Monday, 7:30 pm) | Introduction to Laudato Si; Chapter 1: What is Happening to Our Common Home |
| June 15 (Wednesday, 7:30 pm) | Chapter 2: The Gospel of Creation |
| June 18 (Saturday, 9:30 am) | Community Action (Beautification/Recycling Project) |
| June 19 (Sunday, 8:30 am) | Mass for Creation |

Thank You and Farewell, Fr Clement: We farewell Fr Clement tomorrow night, straight after the evening Mass. He leaves for Honiara the following day and eventually to the Philippines to finish his preparation for mission. Please do remember him in your prayer. And thank you, Fr Clement for your presence among us. We wish you all God's blessing.

Parish Bazaar: will be held at **Swann Park**, beside the church. \$215 is already paid to Suva City council and permit has been granted.

Things to Remember: (a) During the bazaar, communities are to take ownership of maintaining the cleanliness of the surroundings and washroom. An hourly roster will be circulated as a reminder; (b) to minimize risk of robbery or delay in money counting communities are encouraged to either back funds raised in parish account or present bank cheques on the bazaar date; (c) Consolation prize is awarded to: **c.1** community(s) that achieve(s) target by 30/06/16; **c.2** communities that achieve target on bazaar day.

RCIA Classes to start on 5th June, 2016. A few enquiries had been made—Community Leaders and Evangelisation reps, please take note of the date and inform those interested from your communities. Please see Mrs Sala Navuku.

Evangelisation Commission: Meeting immediately after the 8:30 am Mass. Community Reps are reminded that your presence is highly requested.

St Peter Chanel Community (4a):

(a) Prayer meeting at the Daveta's residence at 7:30 pm, Tuesday, 14/06/16/.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting: at 3:00pm in the church. Invitation is extended to interested parishioners as well.

Faith Formation Commission News: CCD continues after the 8:30 am Mass.

(a) **First Holy Communion** classes in the hall (10:00-10:45)

(b) **Pre-Confirmation** classes in the church

(c) **Meeting of all teachers and CCD helpers** today 05/06/16 to evaluate the CCD program so far

Visitation Schedule to Communities by Parish Team to deliberate on Small Christian Community:

Team 1	Team 2
Leader: Vama Members: Angie, Jack, Gina, Thomas Responsible for communities: 2, 4A, 4C, 5B, 7A Dates: 7A-14/6/16; 4A-15/6/16; 2-16/6/16; 4C-19/6/16; 5B-20/6/16	Leader: Maria Members: Master Dan, Ben, Rafa, Alex Responsible for Communities: 1B, 3, 4B, 5A, 7B, 6 Dates: 3-14/6/16; 4B-15/6/16; 7B-16/6/16; 6-17/6/16; 5A-20/6/16; 1B-21/6/16
<i>The team will also provide feedback on the last visit conducted and provide clarifications for any question asked.</i>	
Community leaders are requested to notify parish teams on adjustment to visitation dates.	

Walk for Health (24/6/16) & Mum's a Hero Program

Health experts have termed healthy living practices as the key to longer life and self-preservation. Realistically, it is actually impossible to change lifestyle in one day. It's not just about food, a wide range of exercise are also very crucial. Hence, the recommendation is to start with small decision. Please set aside this date for the **Walk for Health** activity (up Milverton Road, Rewa Street, Nailuva Rd, Grantham Rd, then to Ed's Basketball court) and **Mum's a Hero** program at the Ed's Basketball for Zumba, health checks, and refreshments thereafter. (Families are encouraged to partake in this activity.)

'Misericordiae Vultus' Pope Francis Encyclical on God's Mercy It is for sale at \$2.00 per copy. It is a great document on God Mercy for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Let us all make an attempt to read it.

For your Generous Contributions: Thanks to members of St Therese of the Child Jesus (7b) for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of St Cecilia Community (1b) to continue from tomorrow 13th June, 2016.

Details of last Sunday's Collections published here: First Collection - \$ 726.90; Second Collection - \$ 100.30= \$ 827.20; Envelope Pledge \$ 345.00. Thank You so much.

Reading for the coming Week: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time [12/06/16] 2 Samuel 12: 7-10,13; Galatians 2: 16, 19-21; Luke 7:36—8:3; Mon [13/06/16] 1 Kings 21:1-16; Matt 5:38-42; Tue [14/06/16] 1 Kings 21:17-29; Matt 5:43-48;

Wed [15/06/16] 2 Kings 2: 1, 6-14; Matt 6: 1-6, 16-18; Thurs [16/06/16] Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-14; Matt 6:7-15; Fri [17/06/16] 2 Kings 11: 1-4, 9-18, 20; Matt 6: 19-23; Sat [18/06/16] 2 Chronicles 24: 17-25; Matt 6: 24-34; **12th Sunday of Ordinary Time** [19/06/16] 2 Samuel 12: 7-10, 13; Galatians 2: 16, 19-21; Luke 7: 36-8:3