

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING, CYCLE C: 20/11/16

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 – 6:00pm

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 are available at the Parish Office.

RCIA: Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

First Holy Communion Day: Today 29 children of the Parish - a few from other parishes will receive their 1st Holy Communion. Congratulations to them, their parents, and Mrs Niseta their class teacher during the Year and other helpers too. The Liturgy will be led by the Parish Choir & Men of the Parish. Of course the 1st Communicants will be participating too. Thanks all involved today.

Reflection for the Thirty Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Feast of Christ the King: The King on the Cross

The story of the crucifixion, proclaimed on the Feast of Christ the King, reminds us that the Reign of Jesus isn't a reign of glory and power, but of service, love, and complete self-giving in order to rescue human beings from evil, sin, and death. Used to proclaiming the «victory of the Cross», we run the risk of forgetting that the Crucified One has nothing to do with a false triumphalism that empties of meaning the most sublime gesture of God's humble service toward us all. The Cross isn't a kind of trophy that we can proudly show to others, but the symbol of crucified Love that invites us to follow God's example. We sing, adore and kiss the Cross of Christ because deep in our being we feel the need to give thanks for God's unfathomable love, but without forgetting that the first thing Jesus insistently asks of us **isn't to kiss the Cross, but to carry it.** And this consists in following his footsteps with responsibility and commitment, knowing that the path takes us sooner or later to share his painful destiny.

CLOSING MASS OF THE JUBILEE OF MERCY 5.00pm November 13, 2016. Was a huge success: Thanks to the many members of Raiwaqa Parish, St Pius X, who turned up for the closing Mass and Procession. Hundreds attended from the Central Eastern Division. Some from the West turned up too. The beating of the Lali and the blowing of the Davui by the borders of MBHS and the Fijian Community invited all to the Assembly. All entered again through the Holy Door of Mercy. Noted traditional ceremonies during the Celebration was 'The Arti' by the Mandali Community. The Washing of the Feet (Tebo Wae) by the Kiribati Community. His Grace lit the Diya and the Chinese incense. The Penitential Rite was chanted by Damiano and Deacon Epeli. The Prayers of the Faithful were in 7 different languages – by 7 ethnic minority groups dressed in traditional attire. The Procession of the Gifts were taken up by 3 Reps from different minority groups accompanied by dance and chants from the Kiribati Community. At the end of Mass all were again invited to process out through the Holy Door.. The drapes and other symbols used during the Year of Mercy were removed by boys from Marist Brothers. His Grace was the last person out closed the Door of Mercy..... Thanks again to our parishioners for attending and to the Communities in the Parish who took refreshments. But with the huge crowd – it would take another miracle of the loaves and fishes to ensure everyone get even a little!!!!

Feast Day of St Columban: Wednesday 23rd November: After the 6.30pm Mass there will be light refreshments. Suggested Distribution of refreshments tabulated hereunder – same as we did for the Closing of Year of Mercy.

Tuna Sandwich	Egg Sandwich	Fruits	Pie
4b, 2 and 4c	5a, 3 and 6	5b, 1b and 7b	4a and 7a

Retreat Day for Catechumens: At Nazareth Prayer Centre on 26/11/16. Rite of Entry into the Order of Catechumens Sun. 27th Nov. **Applications Forms** for Entry into Corpus Christi Teacher's Training College for next year – Available in Presbytery. **Catholic Times Available this weekend.** Now selling at \$1.00 each. The 5% Archdiocesan Tax – not sufficient to print the Paper **Sunday 27th Nov. 1st Sunday of Advent:** Commissioning of Ushers and Altar Servers, a number of Lectors and a Eucharist Minister at 8.30 Mass. **Cemetery Mass in Vatuwaqa Cemetery at 3.00pm for our dead during this Month of remembrance..**

Parish Outreach to the newly formed 'Insyd Out 'Touch Rugby Club. This Club has been formed about 2/3months ago and consisted of the youth (15-25) mainly from Communities 4a and 4b who gather to play every evening on the rara opposite the Church. The President of the Club is Tukini Narokete and Treasurer is Joseph Kean. The aim of the club is not only about Touch Rugby but to give the youth a sense of guidance and direction, instilling in them a sense of discipline, good manners/behaviour/respect and spiritual values. Of course a lot of them are not schooling or employed. **The Assistant Secretary for Youth and Sport will pay a visit on Monday night next 21st Nov and address** them. The Leaders of the Club has asked Kele & Parish Priest if they could use the hall for the occasion and they would supply adequate supervision. This was agreed to. Depending on how this evening goes – they will also book hall again on 3rd December for the Club's Christmas Party from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. (9.00pm – 10.00pm clean up).

Men of the Parish Advent Program: (1) 25th November Men's Last Fundraising Evening; (2) 2nd December Faith Formation – Fr Larry on Video; (3) 9th December – Faith Formation – 12 Ways to help Men of the Parish to grow in Loyalty and Devotion to Jesus Christ; (4) 18th December – Sunday 8.30am Liturgy and Christmas Break up Lunch; (5) 21st December – Big Christmas Clean Up.

Women of the Parish: 3rd December - Invitation to all women of the Parish to a Tea Party and Soli. After 8.30am Mass. Monthly Meeting of the Women of the Parish will be held on Saturday 26th November from 4pm – 5pm. Please Attend.

Evangelization Advent and Christmas Program: (1) 17th December – Carol Singing. Theme - 'Christmas is a time of giving and sharing'. Programme to start at 4pm onwards. All communities and organisations are encouraged to present at least one Christmas Carol or a Christmas drama and donate something (cash or in kind) for SVDP. Dress Code – according to theme.

- **Small Christian Communities** (SCC): PPC endorsed Tuesday as the standard day for SCC in all Communities. Other days in the week may be used for other activities. Trained SCC Animators will be coming around the Communities to deliberate more on the SCC and the Seven Steps of Prayer Method advocated by the Archbishop. Community leaders please contact Evangelisation Head to discuss Animators visit to communities.
- **Evangelisation meeting:** Next Sunday 27/11/2016 after 8.30am Mass.
- **Charismatic prayer** meeting in Church 3pm each Sunday. **World Apostolate of Fatima meeting today at 4.00pm.**

Liturgy Commission: Met with Parish Priest on Tuesday to explain small changes in the Liturgy as recommended by the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission. They are now going out to the Parish Communities to do likewise. They visited 7B on Thursday night last and this coming Tuesday 22nd Nov. they will visit Communities 5A and 5B. They members of the Commission would like to visit all Communities if possible before 1st Sunday of Advent when some of these liturgical changes come into effect. Please liturgical Reps arrange with Head of Commission the time next week you wish a visit from the Team ((2 Teams available).

- **Members of the Commission will be putting up a Jesse Tree and of course an advent wreath** for Advent and two cribs (outside and inside church) for Christmas. Outside crib to be erected by Marj and members of the Youth.

Meeting with members of the St Vincent de Paul: Members meet with the Parish Priest on Thursday 17th Nov. There is a concerted effort to have the Society met on a regular basis – that their store room be cleaned up and be made available as a meeting space for other organizations too. Their AGM and elections to be held early in the New Year. And their next meeting in preparation for Christmas visitation to needy families will on 3th Dec at 4.00pm in the parish. New and Committee Members are requested to join the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Faith Formation Commission: CCD Classes: Confirmation/Holy Communion continues every Sunday. Mrs Niseta wants to start again next Sunday for Advent with both those who made 1st Holy Communion and new member who will make their 1st Holy Communion next year – **she deems Advent important and wants to start training the Children for their Christmas Drama.**

Meeting of Financial Council with members of Community Financial Reps Only 5 Communities turned up. Revised draft of Budget was presented as well as the receipts and payments for 3rd Quarter was made available. Repair work on Church towards the celebrating of the 50th Anniversary was discussed. The Parish Priest proposed changes re parish finances that may be implemented in the future for better returns on our fixed deposits and easier access to banking facilities. Many Reps missed this.

Seven Steps Method of Prayer: In all communities on Tuesday Night 22nd November.

St Michael's Community: The Mow family would like to thank Father McEvoy and parishioners for the great support shown them at the Reguregu and Requiem Mass for their late father/grandfather, Mr Joseph Mow.

Ushers and Altar Servers Meeting: After 8.30am Mass on Saturday morning 26th Nov. for a period of Recollection.

For your Generous Contributions: Thanks to members of St Cecilia (1B) Community for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of St Joseph the Worker (2) to continue with this responsibility from tomorrow 21st Nov. 2016. And thanks for your generous contribution last Sunday.

Last Sunday's Collection: First Collection - \$579.30; Second Collection - \$70.35 = \$649.65; Envelops \$477.00.

St Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collections: For Month of Sept. \$136.90 and for month of Oct. \$87.45

Readings for Next Week: Feast of Christ the King [20/11/16] 2 Sam 5: 1-3; Col 1: 12-20; Luke 23: 35-43. Mon [21/11/16] **Presentation of the BVM**, Zech 2: 14-17; Matt 12: 46-50; Tue [22/11/16] **St Cecilia**, Rev 14:14-19, Luke 21: 5-11; Wed [23/11/16] **St Columban**, Rev 15: 1-4, Luke 21: 12-19; Thurs [24/11/16] **St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions**, Rev 18: 1-2, 21-23; 19: 1-3, 9; Luke 21: 20-28; Fri [25/11/16] Rev 20: 1-4; 21: 1-2; Luke 21:29-33; Sat [26/11/16] Rev 22: 1-7; Luke 21: 34-36; **1st Sunday of Advent** [27/11/16] Isaiah 2: 1-5; Romans 13: 11-14; Matt 24: 37-44.