

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C: 10/07/16

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.

Columban Superior General's Visitation

Fr Kevin O'Neill, Superior General of the Society of St Columban is with us this weekend. The parish has welcomed him officially yesterday with simple traditional Fijian Ceremonies and a Magiti. Today we are privileged to have Fr Kevin celebrating our 8.30 Mass in the parish. You are

Reflection on Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Story of the Good Samaritan – 'Who is my Neighbour'?

The question raised in today's Gospel is never out of date or out of season. It is perfectly natural to think of our neighbours as literally the people next-door, people "like us" as we say. But far more is demanded, especially in today's context of the ever increasing violence, anti-social behaviour and suffering people. The whole thrust of the Gospel passage is to see my neighbour as any fellow human being in need.

"And who is my neighbour?" Was the question of someone who only worries about fulfilling the law. He's interested in knowing whom he ought to love and whom he can exclude from his love. He's not thinking about peoples sufferings. Jesus, who goes about relieving the suffering of those he meets in his path, answers him with a story that rightly denounces all religious legalism and asking it to be replaced with a greater sense of compassion and concern for everyone in need. On the road down from Jerusalem to Jericho a man has been attacked by bandits. Beaten and robbed of everything, he lies there in the ditch half dead, abandoned to his fate. We don't know who he is, only that he's a man; He could be any one of us, any human being taken down by violence, sickness, misery or despair. A priest and a Levite comes along and lacks compassion and passes by. Along the road comes a Samaritan. He doesn't come from the temple; he doesn't even belong to the chosen people of Israel. But when he sees the wounded man, he doesn't ask himself if he's his neighbour or not. He's moved deep within and does all he can for him. This is the spirit for us to imitate. That's why Jesus says to the legalist: "Go and do this yourself!" Whom will we imitate, Priest, Levite or Samaritan when we meet people beaten down by today's economic crisis on the road of life?

Welcome to the Christian Community: **John Thomas Christian Poate**, Lot 2, Bulikula Lane, Bryce Street, Baptised last Sunday 3/7/2016 and **Torika Louise Fong**, Lot 215 Princes Rd, Tamavua who was baptised on Sat. 9/7/2016 here in St Pius X Church, Raiwaqa.

Jubilee for Catholic Men: Will be celebrated this week culminating on Sunday 17th July when the men of the parish will animate the liturgy at 8.30am Mass. A program has been prepared for the Men of the Parish. A short meeting of FamilyLive Reps. from each Community will be held on Monday 11th July at 7.10pm in the hall. All men of the parish are cordially invited to a Talanoa Session on Friday the 15th of July. The Session will begin with the Mass at 6.30pm followed by a 2 hour programme – where it is hoped a guest speaker will be present to talk on Men's Issues. Grog and Food will be provided. For more information, please contact the Jacob Kivi - Family Life Commission Head.

Jubilee for the Youth: is to be celebrated on 26th July on the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the loving parents of Our Lady. They will animate the 6.30pm Mass; followed by a program at 7:30- 9:00pm, in the Parish Hall. The celebration will be under the same theme with that of the WYD 2016 held in Krakow, "*Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.*" **ALL Parish Youth** are invited to come join this celebration.

Columban Superior General's Visit: Fr Kevin O'Neil, SSC is visiting the Columbans in Fiji and the people that they serve. Yesterday Sat. 9th July at 3.00pm, St Pius X Parish, Raiwaqa, welcomed him with the vei qaravivakavanua ceremonies. *Fr McEvoy and the Parish Team thank ALL of YOU most sincerely - the men of the parish, the women of the parish, the parish youth and the children of the parish and all who were involved in the preparation and the participation of yesterday's ceremonies, also to all who prepared and participated in today's liturgy & providing morning tea. May God reward you for your great generosity and hospitality.*

RCIA Classes have started last 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.

Commission on Evangelisation and Bible:

(a) **Commission members** are reminded of their meeting **NEXT Sunday, 17th July**, after the 8:30 AM Mass;

Commission on Youth:

- (a) **Visitation** to St Michael Community (5A); 4:00 pm meet up in front of the church; please be on time;
(b) **Choir Practice:** 1) Sunday, 17th July, during/after the visitation to St Michael; 2) Monday, 25th July, 7:00 PM at the Parish hall;

Commission on Social Justice and Human Development: Meeting on Sunday, 17th July. **ALL SJHD Community Reps**, please attend.

Parish Bazaar: is on 30th July, 2016 at Swann Park. Many thanks to all the communities who have put so much effort in their fundraisings and community nights and to the Committee who have been working tirelessly preparing for this important annual parish event. We are all looking forward to another successful Parish Bazaar and Family Fun Day.

St John's College Cawaci & Loreto Past Pupils Association 2016 AGM: and Get Together will be hosted by the Korolevu Nadroga Branch at the St Peter Chanel Korolevu Parish on Saturday, 16th July, 2016. Those past pupil interested, are to attend a meeting at Mr Dominiko Tavou of 109 Singh Lane Raiwaqa at 7:30 pm this Sunday evening.

Application Forms from St Marcellin Vatuwaqa: (Entry to Class 1-2017) are now available at the school office. It is of the utmost importance to pick up and return this form to the school office immediately if you need a place for your children in Marist Vatuwaqa in 2017.

St Michael Community (5A): a) **Prayer Meeting** continues every Wednesdays at 7:00 PM;

St Therese of the Child Jesus (7B): a) **Prayer Meeting** at Jane and Tukana's residence, 7:30 pm, Wednesday 13th July; b) Community meeting to follow.

St Joseph the Worker Community (2): **Prayer Meeting** at Mrs Sovaira Mow's residence, 7:30 PM, 12th July.

St Peter Chanel Community (4A): **Prayer Meeting (Women)** at the Parish Hall, 7:30 PM every Tuesday.

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

From the Ministry of Health: Parishioners are informed that the ministry is preparing to send a nurse or two to the parish offering the following services: a) **Mondays and Fridays** (every week) – Pap smear and baby clinic; b) **Quarterly** – Talks on different topics regarding health, Pre-Screening, and Kindergarten visitation.

AGAPE FESTIVAL: "Celebrating the Many Faces of the Church" on 16th July, 2016, Mass at 5:00 pm celebrated by Archbishop Peter Loy Chong, at Sacred Heart Cathedral; followed by a pot-luck dinner and multi-cultural entertainment at 6:30 pm. Invitation to this Feast of Internationality is extended to everyone.

'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 Peter Chanel (4a) for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of St Patrick's Community (4b) to continue from tomorrow 11th July, 2016.

Details of last Sunday's Collections published here: **First Collection - \$ 547.00; Second Collection - \$54.95 = \$601.95; Envelope Pledge \$ 270.00. Thank You so much.**

Readings for the coming Week:

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time [10/07/16] Deut 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37; **MON [11/07/16] St Benedict:** Proverbs 2: 1-9; Matt 19: 27-29; **TUE [12/07/16]** Isaiah 7: 1-9; Matt 11: 20-24; **WED [13/07/16]** Isaiah 10: 5-7, 13-16; Matt 11: 25-27; **THURS [14/07/16]** Isaiah 26: 7-9, 12, 16-19; Matt 11: 28-30; **FRI [15/07/16] St Bonaventure:** Ephesians 3: 14-19; Matt 23: 8-12; **SAT [16/07/16] Our Lady of Mt Carmel:** Zech 2: 14-17; Matt 12: 46-50;
16th Sunday of Ordinary Time [17/07/16] Gen 18: 1-10; Col 1:24-28; Luke 10: 38-42