

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C: 05/06/16

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 – 6.00pm

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.

Corpus Christi Procession: Many thanks for your participation and contribution towards the celebration of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Appreciation is also extended to the committee in-charge of the activity. God bless you all!

Reflection for Tenth Sunday of the Ordinary Time: *God's initiative*. In the story Jesus takes the initiative; the widow offers only her unspoken need. Jesus acts with such concern and sensitivity that the approach of God's power, though it provokes awe, arouses also praise and faith. If this could be the manner of God's approach to us always! Yet that is precisely Luke's message. Jesus is the image of the Father, sharing in action the love of the Father for us. We only have to place our need of salvation before him. He approaches the spiritually needy as mercifully and with as much concern as the physically needy. Jesus sorrows for human wretchedness, and the only thing he cannot overcome is a refusal to acknowledge the need of God's salvation.

Our realisation. Like the widow we must know that we are in need. We cannot save ourselves. "Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh" (Luke 6:21.) We must weep for our sins, for our indifference, our lack of perseverance in good intentions, our helplessness to heal the ills of the world around us. God is "visiting" us every day of our lives through Jesus, the risen Lord, coming close to us in love and concern. Jesus visits us especially in the Eucharist. We are called first to accept the gifts of life that he gives us, then to praise him joyfully for the gift.

Conversion. Some prefer to reject God's approach or simply disbelieve in Him. Jesus weeps over Jerusalem in sorrow that its response is so poor (Luke 19:44.) Our lives are the poorer if we don't realise that Jesus has the same love and concern for us that he showed for the widow of Nain (or *Naim*) and her son. That is a sort of conversion, of turning towards God, that we look for in the Mass. "**Lord, come to me; visit me in your love and stay with me always.**"

Laudato Si Week (June 13-19, 2016)

Pope Francis' encyclical will be a year old since its release. Its publication last year entails a call to "every person living on this planet" for an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. Pope Francis calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. This was written with both hope and resolve, looking to our common future with candor and humility. Please refer to the program (awareness session and community action) posted in front of the church.

Visitor in the Parish: Mary Lardner, who have been a supporter of the Columban Mission for years, is visiting the parish of St. Pius X, on June 8-10, 2016. She is here in the country under the Short Term Mission program of the Missionary Society of St Columban.

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

Finance Council Meeting: with Community Finance Reps on Monday (30/05/16). Eight (8) communities (**1b, 2, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5b, 6, 7a**) were represented in the meeting. (**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 achieves 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.

Social Justice Commission: Meeting at the hall **TODAY**, immediately after the 8:30 am Mass.

Liturgy Commission Meeting on 5th June, 2016, 10:00 am, at the Hurley Hall. All members of the commission, please attend.

Lectors and Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: To be guided with the dates of your respective schedule, please secure your own copy of the roster (Rota for Lectors/Rota for Eucharistic Ministers) from the parish office.

Lectors' Regular Meeting: Lectors, please be reminded that your regular meeting begins tomorrow, 6th June, 2016, 7:30 pm, at the Parish Hall.

St Peter Chanel Community (4a):

(a) Please be reminded that the Fundraising Drive (Women's Soli-Men to host) will be held at the Parish Hall on 11 June, 2016, 3:00 pm.

(b) Prayer Meeting on Tuesday, 7/06/16 at Master Dan Burese's residence.

St Cecilia Community (1b): Choir practice today @ Qalo's residence at 4:00 pm. Reminding all members to please attend.

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 Jacob (7a) for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of St Therese of the Child Jesus Community (7b) to continue from tomorrow 6th June, 2016.

Details of last Sunday's Collections published here: First Collection - \$ 480.35; Second Collection - \$ 47.75 = \$ 528.10; Envelope Pledge \$170.00. Thank You so much.

Reading for the coming Week: 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time [05/06/16] 1 Kings 17: 17-24, Galatians 1: 11-19, Luke 7: 11-17

Mon [06/06/16] 1 Kings 17:1-6; Matt 5:1-12; Tue [07/06/16] 1 Kings 17:7-16; Matt 5:13-16; Wed [08/06/16] 1 Kings 18: 20-39; Matt 5:17-19; Thurs [09/06/16] 1 Kings 18: 41-46; Matt 5: 20-26; Fri [10/06/16] 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-16; Matt 5: 27-32; Sat [11/06/16] **St Barnabas, Apostle** Acts 11: 21-26; 13: 1-3; Matt 10: 7-13; **11th Sunday in Ordinary Time** [12/06/16] 2 Samuel 12: 7-10,13; Galatians 2: 16, 19-21; Luke 7:36—8:3