

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C: 14/08/16

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.

Congratulations to the Fiji Rugby Team

Who made history by winning the 1st

Gold Medal for our country in the

Olympic Games last Friday Morning.

Well done to the members of the Fiji 7's

Team and of course to coach Ben Ryan.

Reflection on Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Both Jesus and Jeremiah (today's readings) had obvious love for the common people, and a burning desire for their welfare, and both were rejected by the powers-that-be of their time. What Caiaphas said of Jesus, "It is better for one man to die for the people than for the whole nation to be destroyed" (Jn 11:50) echoes what the leading men in Jerusalem said of the prophet Jeremiah, "This fellow does not have the welfare of the people at heart, but its ruin". When they plotted to kill Jeremiah, he was only saved by an Egyptian, who helped draw him out of the muddy well into which he had been thrown. The only person to help Jesus on his way to Calvary, Simon of Cyrene, was also a foreigner, a Libyan. In God's wise providence, help can come from the most unexpected quarters.

Jesus says "Do you think that I am come to bring peace on earth?" Quite honestly, we would hope so. We've come to equate Jesus with peace; is he not the Prince of Peace? We look at the life of Jesus for clues as to how "peace" and "division" can be reconciled. One approach is to find Jesus exercising options in his life; facing moments when he has a choice of two roads? His decisions cause divisions. We could spend time going through the decisions of Jesus. He reached out; he had compassion; he suffered along with people; he understood their pain; he broke bread with the hungry; he befriended the poor and sinners; he was at ease with the little, working poor people who lived in the shadow of the powerful elite.

The 15th August (Tomorrow) Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven: It is a Holy Day of Obligation in the Archdiocese of Suva. There will be two Masses here in the Parish tomorrow Monday at 7.00am and 7.00pm.

AGM Catholic Women's League: Their most important annual gathering has taken place in Lautoka this weekend. Our parish CWL group left the parish for Lautoka on Thursday 11th August and return tomorrow the 15th Aug. They did their Tatau to the Parish on Tuesday evening after 6.30 Mass in the parish hall and had their last Chicken Kati Draw. They thank all of you for your donations to them last Sunday. We prayer for their safe return tomorrow.

Catholic Education Office: The Archbishop requested Pio Bosco Tikoisuva, from the Catholic Education Office to compile a list of Catholics in Key Positions in Government Organisations, NGOs, Tertiary Institutions and other Organisations by 31st August. If you know one that suits this bill or if you are one yourself please Call or email Pio 3310955; Mob: 7631732 or catholiceducation@connect.com.fj (Can U help in this regards).

The Jubilee for Women – Year of Mercy: We will celebrate this event with a special seminar for the women of the parish on Saturday 27th August – and the Women of the Parish will animate the liturgy on Sunday 28th Aug.

Special Evening for the Men of the Parish: Next Friday night 19th August in Parish Hall – Guest Speaker to attend - followed by singing drigi and all requested to attend. Bring along your Grog and Guitars.

Finance Council meeting with Community Finance reps: Was held on Tuesday (9.8.16), 8pm in the parish hall. The meeting was attended by representatives from communities 1b,2,4a,4b,5b & 6. Communities 3,4c,5a,7a & 7b are requested to show a bit more commitment in meeting attendance and note that your responsibility as a community finance rep is until the next community election and not upon completion of parish bazaar. All aspects of the parish Bazaar was discussed – the highs and lows and what can be improved on for next year. A list of parish maintenance needed to be carried out was presented by the Financial Council. The list will need to be prioritized and executed during the next two years – as we approach the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the Parish. A project team will oversee the relevant works to needed to be done in the parish. The Team will comprise of representative from the Pastoral Council and Finance Council and men of the parish. Today the Finance Reps can have the Income and Expenditure statement for the 2nd Quarter of 2016 of the parish from the Treasurer of the Financial Council – Angie Kainamoli. Thank You...

Parish Feast Day (21.8.16) Mass animated by Commission for Liturgy & Sacraments. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 8.30am Mass. Distribution of refreshments (quantity sufficient to feed 50 people).

Sandwich(egg)	Sandwich(tuna)	Fruits	Pie	Parish will provide
1b, 4b, 3	4c, 5a	6, 7b,5b	4a, 7a,2	Paper plates, cups, tea, milk, sugar, grog.

Heads of Commissions: to meet tomorrow night Monday 15th Aug. to coordinate their Programmes for the rest of year.

Men of the Parish: Committee Meeting on Wednesday 17th Aug in the parish hall at 7.30. All committee members take note. The draft guidelines will be discussed.

Charismatic Convention at Lambert Hall from 19th – 21st August 2016. The Theme of the Convention is 'Jubilee Year of Mercy'. The programme is on the Notice Board and starts off with youth programme on 19th August then follow with main programme on Saturday and end with Healing Mass on Sunday evening.

Want to be an animator? Any parishioner interested to join the Animators group in promoting awareness, monitor and evaluate progress and success of the 7 STEPS also known as Small Christian Community and not being approached, please contact Head of Evangelisation after the 8.30am Mass today. A workshop is in the planning progress for the end Aug/early Sept.

CCIM: Draw for Chickens: Cards on Sale today after Masses. Draw next Fri. 19th Aug. Proceeds towards their Bi-Annual Meeting. This year Meeting will be held in Labasa. Please Support the CCIM Draw.

Evangelisation Commission meeting after 8.30am Mass today. Community Reps, please take note.

RCIA Classes: Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Church, please contact Mrs Sala Navuku.

Faith Formation Commission News: CCD Classes continues after the 8:30 am Mass each Sunday:

First Holy Communion classes in the hall (10:00-10:45) **Pre-Confirmation** classes in the church

Commission on Liturgy & Sacrament: Meeting today after the 8:30am Mass for Ministry Heads & Community Reps.

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

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

St Joseph the Worker Community (2): Prayer Meeting on Tuesday, 16th August, 7:30 PM.

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

Last Call: 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.

Hire of the Parish Hall: This is for functions and meetings only. Hall will not be hired for billeting or groups wanting to stay overnight – this is due to lack of facilities and the rules of the Hall. So please understand.

For your Generous Contributions: Thanks to members of St Paul's Community (6) for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of St Jacob's Community (7a) to continue from tomorrow 15th August, 2016.

Details of last Sunday's Collections published here: **First Collection - \$ 390.40; Second Collection - \$ 90.00 = \$ 480.40; Envelope Pledge \$ 40.00. Thank You so much.**

Readings for the coming Week:

20th Sunday Ordinary Time [14/8/16] Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12: 1-4; Luke 12: 49-53; Mon [15/8/16] *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*: Apocalypse 11: 19; 12: 1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15: 20-26; Luke 1:39-56; Tue [16/8/16] Ezekiel 28: 1-10; Matt 19: 23-30; Wed [17/8/16] Ezekiel 34: 1-11; Matt 20: 1-16; Thurs [18/8/16] Ezekiel 36: 23-28; Matt 22: 1-14; Fri [19/8/16] Ezekiel 37: 1-4; Matt 22: 34-40; Sat [20/8/16] *St Bernard*: Eccl. 15: 1-6; John 17: 20-26.