

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C: 09/10/16

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.

*Thank you Lord, for
your Mercy endures
forever.*

Reflection on Twenty Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Really Grateful People...

One of the most satisfying feelings is to receive a sincere “**Thank you**” for a service rendered and appreciated. We may not always be able to cope gracefully with the situation; we might even be embarrassed by the warmth of another’s gratitude for something that didn’t cost us any great inconvenience; but still there’s joy in being thanked for things we’ve done. The contrary also holds, of course: nothing is quite so hurtful as to be consistently taken for granted, without ever a word of thanks or praise. One out of ten was a fairly poor proportion; but then, truly appreciative people, willing to make sacrifice to show their thanks, are rare enough.

After Mass, we will bring this thankful spirit into practical social expression in our treatment of others; seeing our life as gift, we should be better able to accept the realities of daily living and share our blessings with others in a generous spirit.

Marriage Encounter Weekend: Now moved to Oct 28th – 30th at St John Bosco’s 9 miles. Interested couples contact Head of Family Life Commission, Jacob or Gina Kivi @ 7777731.

2017 Budget Consultation:

- a. **Second draft discussion today in the Fr Hurley Hall, 10.15am - 11.15am, with commission heads and community finance representatives.**

Evangelisation Commission:

- a. **SCC Animators’ Meeting on Sunday today** after the 8:30 am Mass in the Meeting Room;
- b. **CCIM Bi-Annual Gathering (Oct 8-9, 2016):** Representatives from the parish departed on Friday for Holy Family Parish, Labasa. The Companions presented their ‘i tatau’ to the parish on Wednesday (Oct 5, 2016) evening in the parish hall. Please remember them in your prayers;
- c. **Charismatic Prayer Meeting:** continues every Sundays at 3pm in the church;
- d. **Meeting on October 16, 2016** after the 8:30 am Mass to finalise the Mission Sunday programme. We have arranged for 2 speakers (one for the 7 am and one for 8:30 am) to talk during Mass about mission.
- e. **Jubilee for Ecumenism:** Initially it was decided that for the parish to celebrate this particular jubilee, an interfaith encounter be organised with Laudato Si as a core topic to be discussed. However, the Archdiocese in the collaboration with the Missionary Society of St Columban is organising a programme on Laudato Si on the last week of October. Fr Sean McDonagh, an eco-theologian and one of the contributors in drafting the encyclical has been invited to conduct a series of talks regarding the encyclical. More importantly, as our way of celebrating the jubilee

for ecumenism, we are supporting this programme specifically on Oct 27th with the interfaith community as its participants. We encourage our parishioners to attend this session. For more details, please see the posters posted around the church compound.

Social Justice Commission: A Team from the commission will be visiting the communities to create awareness on the role the commission and the workshop scheduled on November.

Liturgy Commission:

- a. Encouraging those who are interested to serve as Ushers, Altar Servers and Musicians for the parish, to please give your names to your respective community reps ready for the series of workshops this month;
- b. A Team from the commission will be visiting the communities to create awareness on the required practices in the Mass and Liturgy;

Faith Formation Commission:

- a. Parents, guardians, and families, we wish to enlist your help throughout the Sunday school year. Our teachers will keep you informed of your child's progress, may request your assistance from time to time and rely on your support. Sunday School is just as important as regular school and is very important to your child's spiritual growth and knowledge. Your child's commitment to attending and participating is required.
- b. **CCD Classes:** continues every Sunday after the 8:30 am Mass.
 1. **1st Holy Communion:** Classes for candidates continue every Sunday in the parish hall from 9:30 am – 10:30 am;
 2. **Confirmation Classes:** Continues every Sunday after the 8:30 am Mass.

Youth Commission: October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and as part of the campaign, organisations around the world are trying to educate people about the risks of the disease by sporting pink ribbons as a way of solidarity with those who are battling this type of cancer. In support of the month-long awareness campaign on risks, early detection and prevention of breast cancer drive, the Parish Youth will be selling pink bracelets for \$5, pink ribbons for \$1 and a big cup for people to drop in donations after mass today. All proceeds will go to the Cancer Society. The fact that early intervention alone can dramatically increase the chances of surviving breast cancer, and the cure for early stages is at 99% cannot be overemphasized. Every year, the risk of developing the disease just gets higher—especially because these days, the disease is not limited to women in their menopausal stage. Even people in their early thirties, who are under hormonal pills or birth control treatments, can likely to develop the disease, and would require periodic screening.

Men in the Parish: Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016 @ 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

St Joseph Community (2): Prayer Meeting at Vosalevu's residence on Tuesday, 11/10/16, 7:30 pm.

St Peter Chanel Community (4A): Recitation of the Rosary for the month of October, 7:30pm-8:00pm. Please liaise with your community evangelisation & bible commission rep for confirmation of venue.

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

St Columban Community (5B): Recitation of the Rosary for the month of October, 7:30 pm-8:00 pm. Recitation of the Rosary for the month of October, 7:30pm-8:00pm. Please liaise with your community evangelisation & bible commission rep for confirmation of venue.

St Jacob Community (7A): Prayer Meeting at John's residence on Wednesday 12/10/16, 7:30 pm.

For your Generous Contributions: Thanks to members of St John the Baptist(4c) for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of St Michael Community (5a) to continue with this responsibility from tomorrow(10.10.16) morning mass at 8.30am.

Details of last Sunday's Collections published here: First Collection - \$621.85; Second Collection - \$35.25 = \$692.35; Envelope Pledge \$164.00. Thank You so much.

Readings for Next Week: 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time [9/10/16] 2 Kings 5: 14-17, 2 Tim 2: 8-13, Lk 17: 11-19; Mon [10/10/16] Gal 4: 22-24, 26-27, 31; 5:1; Lk 11: 29-32; Tue [11/10/16] Gal 5: 1-6; Lk 11:37-41; Wed [12/10/16] Gal 5: 18-25; Lk 11: 42-46; Thurs [13/10/16] Eph 1: 1-10; Lk 11: 47-54; Fri [14/10/16] Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12: 1-7; Sat [15/10/16] **St Teresa of Avila** Eph 1:15-23; Lk 11: 47-54; **29th Sunday of Ordinary Time [16/10/16]** Ex 17: 8-13; 2 Tim 3: 14- 4:2; Lk 18: 1-8

Parish Priest will be out of the parish mid-Sept. In his absence Fr Clement and Fr Donal will cover for him.