

# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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## TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C: 21/08/16

### 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.

**Reflection on Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time:** For the Israelite People of the OT God was not remote, away up there. They felt a divine presence in the events, good or evil, of everyday existence. Everything in history was somehow God's doing. Even when the cream of the nation were exiled to Babylon and their monarchy was utterly destroyed, they continued to search for the hand of God in this tragedy. Out of their shattered hopes there emerged a purer, more spiritual vision of what God meant them to be. Eventually they saw their exile as the means God used to bring salvation to the pagans. They saw their destiny as still being glorious, but now from a more spiritual perspective. As stated in Isaiah, all nations would come to worship the true God in Jerusalem. God would bring good out of the catastrophe they had endured, and this would have an effect as well on nations apart from their own. Constantly at the back of our minds we carry on, as it were, a conversation with ourselves?" talking to ourselves, processing our hopes and fears, making plans. Relating to God means not leaving him on the fringe of all this consciousness, but making him part of it, discussing it with him, asking his guidance, his assistance, expressing to him our gratitude. All day long he is with you, and you can walk with God, you can talk with God, you can discern his loving purpose for you in every passing moment, you can rest in his presence, even while you go about your business. God, however, will not possess your soul unless you sincerely want him to.

**Parish Feast Day: St Pius X:** Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto (1835–1914), born in Treviso, Lombardy, was bishop of Rome as pope Pius X 1903-1914. Bitterly opposed to all relativist or "Modernist" theology, he purged the church of forward-thinking theologians and promoted a more devotional, devout lifestyle. His major work was to codify the church's Canon Law, for the first time integrating all its laws into one volume. He encouraged personal holiness and simple language in teaching catechism and his introduction of early and frequent communion became the devotional hallmark of his papacy. Happy Feast Day to all Parishioners of the Parish.

**Charismatic Convention at the Lambert Hall. Healing Mass at 5pm.** No prayer meeting in the church today.

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

**AGM Catholic Women's League:** Returned from the AGM in Lautoka on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Aug. On their return, they offered a sevusevu of thanksgiving to the Parish Priest (who representing all the parishioners). They wish to thank all of you for your assistance in contributing towards their Soli at the AGM. Their Meeting in Lautoka raised \$200,000.00 of which 43% will go to the Archdiocese towards the education of Seminarians. Congratulations and Thank you ladies.

**Central Eastern Liturgy Workshop:** On the General Instruction of Roman Missal (GIRM) will be held next Saturday and Sunday from 9.00am to 3.00pm in St Joseph's Hall. Sister Carmel, Australia will be the facilitator. We are requested to send 5 delegates to this workshop and names to be submitted by Tuesday. Members of the Liturgy please organise.

### Tomorrow 22<sup>nd</sup> August Public Holiday

**In honour of Fiji's Victory in Rio –**

**tomorrow is a public holiday. Remember**

**the Mass here tomorrow morning is at**

**8.30am. No Evening Mass. Community 7b**

**animating the Liturgy. Enjoy the holiday.**

St. Pius X Parish 2nd Quarter Cash Receipts & Payments from April to June 2016					
No.	Period	Total Receipts	Total Payments	Variance	Analysis
1	April	\$5,522.85	\$19,102.09	-\$13,579.24	-71.09%
2	May	\$9,782.10	\$10,179.20	-\$397.10	-3.90%
3	June	\$5,585.00	\$3,763.60	\$1,821.40	48.40%
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,605.29</b>	<b>\$30,499.58</b>	<b>-\$8,894.29</b>	<b>-29.16%</b>

This above table is but a summary of our receipts and payments for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2016. Why there is so big a difference between receipts and payments in April – the repairs, new gutters, L-flashings and the painting of the church and presbytery roofs was being completed. The breakdown of these figures will be given to the Financial Reps from each Community today after the Masses. A list of parish maintenance needed to be carried out was presented by the Financial Council at their last meeting on the 9/8/16. The list will be prioritized and executed during the next two years – as we approach the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Parish. A project team will oversee the relevant works needed to be done in the parish. The Team will comprise of representative from the Pastoral Council and Finance Council and one from the ‘Men of the Parish’.

**Heads of Commissions Meeting:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Aug. proved to be a huge success. A detail programme was drawn up and coordinated for the rest of the ‘Year of Mercy’ by the Commission Heads. We will publish these programmes in coming newsletters.

**Month of Sept Jubilee for Catechists:** Our Parish work of Mercy will be a visitation to the Catechist Centre in Navesi. On 24<sup>th</sup> Sept - this Parish visitation will take place. Further information on community donations, transportation and programme will be provided later. A special Evangelisation meeting is called for Wednesday 24/08 to plan this Work of Mercy for the Parish. Evangelisation reps are encouraged to attend.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. at St John Bosco’s 9 miles. Interested couples contact Head of Family Life Commission, Jacob or Gina Kivi @ 7777731.

**Animators Workshop: September 10/09 – 11/09 – in the Parish Hall.** Evangelisation reps and Commission Heads are encouraged to attend. Invitation is extended to interested parishioners too. 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 Commission.

**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) every Sunday. 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Feast of Christ the King.

**Confirmation Classes:** starts again in church **Next Sunday: Parents and Candidates for Confirmation Please Note.**

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

**Meeting of Family Life Commission Reps:** On Tuesday 23 after 6.30 Mass – to plan Women’s Workshop.

**Social Justice & Human Development Meeting:** On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August. SJHD Community Reps please attend.

**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, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 7:30 PM in Poate’s Residence.

**St Cecilia Community 1B Prayer Meeting:** Thursday evening 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. @ 8.00pm in Lasaro & Vasiti’s Residence.

**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 Jacob’s Community (7a) for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of St Teresa of the Child Jesus Community (7b) to continue from tomorrow 22<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

**Details of last Sunday’s Collections published here:** First Collection - \$551.60; Second Collection - \$ 63.40 = \$ 615.00; Envelope Pledge \$305.00. Thank You so much.

**Readings for the coming Week:**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time [21/8/16] Parish Feast Day:** Isaiah 66: 18-21; Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13; Luke 13: 22-30; Mon [22/8/16] *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary:* Isaiah 9:1-6; Luke 1: 26-38; Tue [23/8/16] 2 Thes 2: 1-3, 14-17; Matt 23: 23-26; Wed [24/8/16] *St Bartholomew, the Apostle:* Apocalypse 21: 9-14; John 1: 45-51; Thurs [25/8/16] 1 Cor 1: 1-9; Matt 24: 42-51; Fri [26/8/16] 1 Cor 1: 17-25; Matt 25: 1-13; Sat [27/8/16] *St Monica:* Ecclesiasticus 26: 1-4, 13-16; Luke 7:11-17.