

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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TWENTY FORTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C: 11/09/16

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.

Thanks to Members of 1B and others For planting bougainvillea and trimming shrubbery in Front of the Parish Car Park on 1st Sept.

Thanks too to Marist Old Boys who water blasted the church Compound on Constitution Day – giving up their Free Day. **Meantime a Dump is developing** outside the side of Church.

Welcome to Parish today Kevin & Rob, executives Focolare, Melbourne. Aust.

Reflection on Twenty Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Lost & Found

God loves the just but does not ignore the sinner, for whom there is always a place in his kingdom. The church is not an exclusive club. The Pharisees resent God's mercy. The parable of the lost sheep does not deny the goodness of the virtuous majority but makes the point that there's a special place for the repentant sinner. The lost coin is important to the careful housewife, and her joy at its recovery is shared because it is deeply felt. The sum may be modest but it's sentimental value matters a lot to her. All are V.I.P.s in God's eyes, and especially what was lost and found. But there is another side to this story: the Prodigal Son "came to his senses." He opened his eyes to see, his ears to hear; he reached out for help, and got in touch with reality. The father's welcome was extraordinary, but it could only happen because the son came back home. Are we willing to let the Father embrace us, and are we prepared to come to our senses too? His mercy is there for any of us who turn to him with all our hearts. The parable of the prodigal son is a classic of narrative skill that is timelessly relevant. We need to know that a loving Father awaits our return home. We also need the reminder that the same loving God expects us to forgive one another and to keep in touch with one another. The joy of a son's homecoming was spoiled for the father by the sulking of the elder brother.

Congratulations on their Wedding: Is extended to Abarama Cakaunivalu & Vasemaca Volau Tikolutu (Lot 15, Craig Place, Vatuwaqa) on their wedding celebrated here yesterday 10th Sept. We wish you happiness and long life together.

Farewell to Master Dan Bures: Master Dan retired as Principal of St Marcellin's Primary School, Vatuwaqa on Friday last. He spent 33 years of his life as a Catholic Teacher in 11 different schools in the Archdiocese. There was a special Thanksgiving Mass for Master Dan, Patricia his wife and most of his family, pupils, teachers and many parents on Friday Morning last at the school – followed by farewell speeches by the staff and students with the usual presentation of gifts to Master Dan. Morning tea for all followed and a staff farewell later on in the afternoon. We wish Master Dan every Blessing in his retirement and thank him for his dedication to Catholic Education.

Workshop for Animators September 10/09 – 11/09 – in the Parish Hall. We are grateful to the Evangelisation Commission for organising this very important Workshop. We thank Fr Frank Hoare for facilitating the 2 day event. We thank you all for sacrificing your time to attend and consequently be a vehicle of transformation in the life of the parish. Thanks too to Sophie Shackley for looking after the kitchen so well.

Jubilee of Mercy for Widows and Widowers: A special Mass for Widows and Widowers was celebrated in the Sacred Heart Cathedral by Fr Donald McIlraith on **Thursday 8th Sept on the Feast of the Birth of Mary at the 1.00pm.** It is reported that the Cathedral was packed for this Mass and this Mass was very appreciated by all who attended - widows and widowers from the parishes of the greater Suva area. We continue to remember them in their loss and pain.

Women's Health Talk and Free Screening: Will be conducted by nurses from the Ministry of Health in the Hurley Hall on 21st Sept. from 9.30am onwards. This is meant for women's group of 28 years of age upwards.

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.

Parish Team Visitation: As agreed at the meeting with community finance rep's and commission heads, community visitation (to carry out the draft 2017 budget consultation process) has been rescheduled to commence on the 12th September, 2016. Revised visitation schedule tabulated hereunder:

Team 1 (Vama, Thomas, Dominiko)	Team 2 (Angie, Master Dan, Rafa)
12.9.16: 1b, 13.9.16:5b, 14.9.16: 7a,15.9.16: 3, 16.9.16:4c	12.9.16: 2,13.9.16: 4b, 14.9.16: 4a, 15.9.16: 5a, 16.9.16: 6, 17.9.16: 7b

That the views of parishioner's on specific proposals is sought, listened to and heard at least with a sympathetic ear. New and perhaps unanticipated budgeting ideas generated. The PFC is recognized as listening and responding to consultation feedback before the budget decisions are ultimately made.

Feedback from these consultations will be reflected in the 2nd draft for 2017 Budget discussion on 25/9/16 Finance Council:

- Parish Finance Manual adopted by council with the endorsement of the Parish Priest.
- Draft 2017 Budget & Budget guideline distributed at meeting with commission heads and community Finance representatives heads and community Finance representatives on Sunday(4.9.16).
- Commission heads for Family Life, Youth, Faith Formation and community Reps from Groups 3, 4c, and 7a are requested to pick copies from the parish office.

Meeting of the Women of the Parish Sunday 4th Sept 2016: Of those who did the Jubilee Workshop only a few turned up for this meeting. The elected the following as Office Bearers: President: Sala Navuku; Assistant President: Miliakere Rainibogi and Secretary: Veronika Rausuvanua; Committee Members: Miriama Loganimoce, Naomi Naiubi, Sera Moku and Mere Wali. Their plan for each current invite 5 members from the age of 18 years The President of the Group may tell us about the aims and aspirations of this newly formed group at Masses next Sunday.

Month of Sept Jubilee for Catechists: Parish visitation to the Catechist Centre in Navesi. On 24th Sept - 2016

Community	Contribution	Deadline to receive items
St Cecilia, 1B	1x10kg Rice and 1x10kg Flour	17 th September
St Joseph the Worker, 2	1x10kg Flour and 1x5Ltrs Cooking Oil	17 th September
St Joan of Arc, 3	1x10kg Rice and 1x10kg Flour	17 th September
St Peter Chanel, 4A	1x10kg Rice and 1xbucket biscuit	17 th September
St Patrick, 4B	1x10kg Rice and 1xbucket biscuit	17 th September
St John the Baptist, 4C	1xcarton noodles and 1xcarton toilet paper	17 th September
St Michael, 5A	1x10kg Flour and 1x10kg Rice	17 th September
St Columban, 5B	1x10kg Rice and 1xbucket biscuit	17 th September
St Paul, 6	1x10kg Rice and 1xbucket biscuit	17 th September
St. Jacob, 7A	1xcarton Rewa Life milk and 1xbucket biscuit	17 th September
St. Theresa	1x10kg Sugar	17 th September
Youth	1x5 Ltrs Cooking Oil and 1xcarton Rewa Life milk	17 th September

Individual contribution of any kind is most welcome. Parish will contribute 1xbag chicken and 2 bundle dalo and organise transportation

Thank you men of the Parish for agreeing to look after the sevusevu and grog. For arrangement of transport purpose : parishioners wishing to go must submit their names to community evangelisation reps or Evangelisation Head no later than 18th September. A return fare of \$2 to be paid before boarding the bus at 10am in front of the church.

Evangelisation Commission meets on 18th Sept at the meeting room immediately after the 8.30am Mass to finalise arrangement of Navesi trip. – To evaluate the Animators Workshop held in the Parish last weekend

First Holy Communion classes in the hall (10:00 -10:45) every Sunday. 1st Holy Communion Feast of Christ the King.

Confirmation Classes: every Sunday in church. **Parents and Candidates for Confirmation Please Note.**

Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting: Today and every Sunday in the Church at 3.00pm

Meeting 1b on Monday evening in Lasaro Kaivei's residence at 8.00pm

Men of the Parish Meeting: On Sunday evening 25th Sept in Parish Hall. Their Kati scheduled for 30th Sept.

Community 4a Meeting: On Tuesday Evening at 7.30.

St Joseph the Worker Community (2): Prayer Meeting on Tuesday in Helen Mow's residence at 7.30pm

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

Christian Meditation Retreat: Nazareth Prayer Centre: Sat. 17th Sept. from 9.00am. Mass at 3.00pm. Bring Lunch

For your Generous Contributions: Thanks to members of St Joseph the Worker, Community (2) for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of Community (3) St Joan of Arc to continue from tomorrow 12th Sept, 2016.

Details of last Sunday's Collections published here: First Collection - \$651.60; Second Collection - \$69.50 = \$721.10; Envelope Pledge \$208.60. Thank You so much.

Readings for Next Week: 24th Sunday Ordinary Time [11/9/16] Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17; Luke 15: 1-32; Mon [12/9/16] 1 Cor 11: 17-26, 33; Luke 7: 1-10; Tue [13/9/16] 1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27-31; Luke 7:11-17; Wed [14/9/16] 1 Cor 12: 31—13: 13; Luke 7: 31-35; Thurs [15/9/16] 1 Cor 15: 1-11; Luke 7: 36-50; Fri [16/9/16] 1 Cor 15: 12-20; Luke 8: 1-3; Sat [17/9/16] 1 Cor 15: 35-37, 42-49; Luke 8: 4-15

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