

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C: 16/10/16

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.

*If you want results, pray
without ceasing, says Jesus.
God will listen and help.*

Reflection on Twenty Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time: *Praying from the Heart*

There is a way to pray with the heart, which God cannot but hear, and he cannot but answer. To speak from the heart is to speak to the heart. God can read the human heart, and that is more important than any words I might say. It is early October, and the family were sitting around eating their dinner. For whatever reason, Christmas came into the conversation. In the course of the conversation, the mother asked young John what he wanted for Christmas, and, after a long pause, he said "A bicycle." The months went by, and the word "bicycle" was never mentioned again. Not even when the mother bought roller blades for John at Christmas, with which he was delighted. She had decided that, if he really wanted a bicycle, she would have heard about nothing else for all the weeks coming up to Christmas...

There was something that the widow wanted, and, despite all his toughness, the judge just had to give in to her eventually, because she had no intention of letting go, or giving up. After speaking about the evil judge Jesus speaks about his Father. If even the judge gave in, how much more certainly will our heavenly Father respond to our prayers? God can read the heart, and he knows whether we really want what we ask. We don't pretend to understand this, because we know parents who, at this moment, are begging for the life of their daughter or son, and it is not likely that their prayers will be answered. I like to think that God gives us what we ask for, unless he has something better to give us. For these parents, they cannot possibly see how God could have something better to give them than a daughter whom they dearly love.

The prayer in today's gospel is the prayer of petition. It is an important form of prayer, of course, but not the *most* important. Prayer of praise is the highest form of prayer; but, of course, that is greatly augmented, when my prayers of petition are granted. There can be some confusion around the whole area of prayer. If my prayers are always prayers of petition, I run the risk of being selfish and self-centred; except, of course, when the prayers of petition are for others. Like one of the ten lepers, I can ask, and, when my prayer is answered, I can return to give thanks.

Mission Experience Sharing: Sr Teresia of the SMSM will share their mission experience in Jamaica.

Mission Sunday: We are urged to support missionaries working in some of the world's poorest countries by donating the forthcoming Mission Sunday collection on 23rd October. As we thank you for your wonderful generosity to the Missions over the years, we invite you to please continue to help share the gift of faith through your prayer and whatever financial assistance you can. **Two speakers are invited to speak on this day (one for 7am and one for 8:30am)**

Best Wishes to: Mr Wesley Levula & Mrs Salome Levula who were married last Saturday; and Mr Shavneel Sharma & Mrs Lilian Sylvia who were married yesterday afternoon.

2017 Budget Consultation:

- a. 2nd Draft Budget Consultation: Session attended by communities 2, 3, 4a, 4b, 5a, 5b, Evangelisation & Bible, Liturgy and Sacraments Commissions. Commissions that failed to submit planner have been temporarily allocated \$500. FC members are currently working on meeting resolutions. The final budget will be passed in the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in November and final endorsement at the parish AGM.

Evangelisation Commission:

- a. **Charismatic Group Prayer meeting** at 3:00 pm in the Church;
- b. **Meeting on October 16, 2016** after the 8:30 am Mass in the Meeting room to finalise the Mission Sunday programme.
- c. **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. A Team from the commission will be visiting the communities to create awareness on the role the commission and the workshop scheduled on November;
- b. **Meeting** today, 10:15 am in the parish. Community Leaders please ensure that your community is presented in this meeting.

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;
- c. Music in Liturgy workshop on **22nd October, 2016** at 10:00 am-4:00 pm in the Fr Hurley Hall

Faith Formation Commission:

- a. **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:

- a. In line with the Breast Cancer Awareness this month of October, 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;
- b. **Parish Youth Meeting** today at 4:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Family Life Commission:

- a. **Theology of the Body** workshop, Saturday 22/10/16 from 3:30-5:30 pm in the Parish Hall to be facilitated by Fr Donal McIlraith for the men and women of the parish. Refreshments will be provided. For further information, please contact Mr & Mrs Kivi.
- b. **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.

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.

For your Generous Contributions: Thanks to members of St Michael Community (5a) for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of St Columban Community (5b) to continue this responsibility from tomorrow **17th October 2016.**

Details of last Sunday's Collections published here: **First Collection - \$ 640.50 ; Second Collection - \$ 97.30 = \$ 737.80 ; Envelope Pledge \$ 205.00 . Thank You so much.**

Readings for Next Week: **29th Sunday of Ordinary Time [16/10/16]** Ex 17: 8-13; 2 Tim 3: 14- 4:2; Lk 18: 1-8; Mon [17/10/16] St Ignatius of Antioch, Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21; Tue [18/10/16] St Luke, Evangelist, 2 Tim 4:10-17; Lk 10: 1-9; Wed [19/10/16] Eph 3: 2-12; Lk 12: 39-48; Thur [20/10/16] Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12: 49-53; Fri [21/10/16] Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12: 52-59; Sat [22/10/16] St John Paul II, Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13: 1-9; **30th Sunday of Ordinary Time [23/10/16]** Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Tim 4: 6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14