

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C: 28/08/16

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.

Jubilee of Women: August 27/28 in Parish Hall.

Thanks to the Heads of Family Life, Gina and Jacob Kivi – the women of the parish was able to celebrate the Jubilee of Women this weekend.

Thanks to Fr Donal for his two input sessions.

Also thanks to the men of the parish and Sophie for catering for the women during the weekend.

Reflection on Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: When you invite, invite those who can't pay back:

We are invited to consider what true wisdom means, according to the mind of Jesus Christ. The gospel sets this challenge within the context of controversy and dispute. We are told that the disciple must stand out against prevailing social *mores* based on class, status, aggression and dominance.

If one is truly attempting to follow Jesus, then gentleness, compassion, concern, acceptance of the other, must become guiding values, core values in that person's way of life. In a society based on ambition, aggression, "going for it" regardless of consequences, being meek and humble can seem like a recipe for social disaster. But this is the point. The Gospel presents the direction we must take in order to build a just society with room in it for all. Violence of whatever kind is a recipe for disaster for humanity. Yet this is a hard lesson to learn. We are afraid to lose face or status. We connive in an unjust *status quo*, while pretending to be Christian. Jesus wants us to experience life to the full, wants us to hear truth that carries freedom as its gift.

Charismatic Convention at the Lambert Hall. About 20 from the Parish attended last weekend's Charismatic Convention and over 1000 from all over Fiji were present for the Closing Healing Mass at 5.00pm on Sunday evening. (Photos of closing Mass and account of Convention by Vama Mausio - on parish website - www.stpiusxfj.com)

The Jubilee for Women – Year of Mercy: We congratulate the women of the parish who turned up to celebrate their special jubilee yesterday and today 27/28 August – and for animating the liturgy today. (Visit parish website during the week for photos and fuller account of this event. www.stpiusxfj.com)

Central Eastern Liturgy Workshop: On the General Instruction of Roman Missal (GIRM) is taking place this weekend in St Joseph's Secondary School Hall. Sister Carmel, Australia is the facilitator. We are represented at this workshop by Maria Qaranivalu, Betty Chandra, Bruce Vute, Ana Apao and Petero Lalagavivi. We express thanks to you who are attending and members of the Parish Liturgy Commission for organising this team for us.

Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council: Because the Jubilee of Women Workshop ends after Mass today, this month's PPC meeting is postponed to Wednesday evening, 31st August, 7.45pm in the Parish Hall. All Community Leaders and Heads of Commissions please take note and attend. There are lots of topics to be discussed – the Parish Focus from now on will be towards the preparation for the celebration of our Golden Jubilee in 2018.

St Pius Pre-School Walkathon: Took place in 'My Suva Park' yesterday. It was a fundraiser organised by the parents & teachers to upgrade school facilities - chairs and tables. We thank the parents committee and teachers Ms Savaira Mow and Aloisia Tugaga for this initiative and organising this fun day for both children and parents in 'My Suva Park'. (Read & see photos of the recent 'Pre-School Week' activities (www.stpiusxfj.com))

The 2017 Parish Budget: It is that time of year again for the Parish Financial Council and indeed the entire Parish to begin thinking of formalizing the annual budget for next year. The ultimate aim of the Parish Budget is to carry out the Vision and Mission of the Parish in the areas of Evangelization, Liturgy, Social Justice, Faith Formation, promoting Family Values and Principles, for the welfare of our parish priest and the upkeep and maintenance of Parish Property.

The Parish Finance Council: serves as an advisory body to the parish priest. Due to sickness and work commitment of some former Council members (whom we thank very much for their time and advice in the past), the parish priest has asked Joe Mow & Dominiko Tabuarua to join Angie Kainamoli, Vero Rausuvanua, Vamarasi Mausio & himself on the Parish Finance Council for the coming year.

The following is the Budget time frame and visitation schedule re the Preparation of 2017 Budget:

Date	Activity				
04.9.16	<p>First draft discussion of 2017 pastoral plan/budget and PFC committee budget submission. Presentation by PFC team to commission heads and community finance representatives. Parish team will assist PFC in the community visitation that will take place thereafter – as below</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Team 1 (Vama, Thomas)</th> <th>Team 2 (Angie, Master Dan, Rafa)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>5.9.16: 1b, 6.9.16:5b, 7.9.16: 7a 8.9.16: 3, 11.9.16:4c</td> <td>5.9.16: 2, 6.9.16: 4b, 7.9.16: 4a8.9.16: 5a, 11.9.16: 6, 12.9.16: 7b</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Team 1 (Vama, Thomas)	Team 2 (Angie, Master Dan, Rafa)	5.9.16: 1b, 6.9.16:5b, 7.9.16: 7a 8.9.16: 3, 11.9.16:4c	5.9.16: 2, 6.9.16: 4b, 7.9.16: 4a8.9.16: 5a, 11.9.16: 6, 12.9.16: 7b
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25.9.16	<p>Second draft discussion Joint Meeting with commission heads & community finance reps. PFC will present revised budget.</p>				
16.10.16	Joint PPC and PFC Executives meeting to finalize budget.				
20.11.16	Final budget ready.				

Month of Sept Jubilee for Catechists: Our Parish work of Mercy will be a visitation to the Catechist Centre in Navesi. On 24th Sept - this Parish visitation will take place. Further information on community donations, transportation and programme will be provided later.

Marriage Encounter Weekend: Friday 2nd Sept – Sunday 4th 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. 1st Holy Communion Feast of Christ the King.

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

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

St Peter Chanel Community (4A): Prayer Meeting, 7:30 pm, Tuesday @ Mr & Mrs Kunau’s residence.

St Joseph the Worker Community (2): Prayer Meeting on Tuesday.

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 Teresa of the Child Jesus Community (7b) for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of St Cecelia, Community (1b) to continue from tomorrow 29th August, 2016.

Details of last Sunday’s Collections published here: First Collection - \$746.80; Second Collection - \$84.35 = \$831.15; Envelope Pledge \$167.00. Thank You so much.

Readings for the coming Week:

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time [28/8/16] Ecclesiasticus 3: 17-20, 28-29; Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24; Luke 14: 1, 7-14; Mon [29/8/16] *The Passion of St John the Baptist:* Jer 1: 17-19; Luke 4: 31-37; Tue [30/8/16] 1 Cor 2: 10-16; Luke 4: 31-37; Wed [31/8/16] 1 Cor 3: 1-9; Luke 4: 38-44; Thurs [1/9/16] 1 Cor 3: 18-23; Luke 5: 1-11; Fri [2/9/16] 1 Cor 4: 1-5; Luke 5: 33-39; Sat [3/9/16] *St Gregory the Great:* 2 Cor 4: 1-2, 5-7; Luke 22: 24-30;