

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C: 01/10/16

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.

*Faith the size of a
mustard seed can
achieve great things.*

Reflection on Twenty Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time: *If they could see me now...*

Certainly the opinions of others matter. But what counts in the long run is how our God sees us, not mere “opinion,” but God’s unerring vision, compassionate yet total. Nothing compares with that judgment. The basic question is this: have you been faithful in serving? Because of fidelity, the righteous will live. Life in God’s friendship, the state of grace, does not depend on social stature or reputation, but on a secret, inner quality. As St. Paul says, one cannot even fully judge oneself. Upon this profound question of righteousness, we can only trust in God’s mercy, while making an honest effort to serve Him. Then the principle will apply: for the one who loves God, all things work together unto good.

Unprofitable servants? A better word might be ordinary. The servants had done their duty, which was what could be expected of them. Too often we Christians take a casual attitude towards the service of God. We treat prayer as a casual option, the commandments as a burden and restriction to be periodically neglected, and works of charity as a rare event for which should expect congratulations. But if we take the words of Christ to heart, we would regard all these things as normal service. The standards he sets are much higher than those we habitually live by. What a new complexion things would have if we all became willing servants towards God, doing each ordinary thing according to His will.

Ultimately, this is the way to salvation. The just person shall live by fidelity. When all of life’s days have been lived, and the Master comes to judge our individual performance, only those who have given generous service will feel at home in his company. And then we will realize that this was the right way to live in God’s sight “Well done good and faithful servant,” God will say; and we will answer simply it was no more than our duty.”

Prayer for the Repose: of the soul of the late Lusiana Rokodovu, a member of St Peter Chanel Community (4a) who was buried yesterday. Eternal rest grant to her, o Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon her.

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.

Finance Council:

- a) 2nd Oct 2016: 2nd draft budget consultation; and
- b) 16th Oct 2016: Joint PPC and PFC Executives meeting to finalize budget.

PPC Meeting: convened on Wednesday (28th September) was poorly attended by Communities 1B, 5A, 5B, and 6; Commission Heads—SJHD, Evangelisation & Bible, Liturgy & Sacraments, Faith Formation and Family Life; and apologies received from Community 7B. There was no message received from Communities 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 4C, 7A and Youth Commission. Leaders are reminded of your commitment to your respective communities.

Evangelisation Commission:

- a. **Commission Meeting on today 2nd October, 2016** after the 8:30 am Mass in the Meeting Room;
- b. **SCC Animators’ Meeting on Sunday 9th October 2016** after the 8:30 am Mass in the Meeting Room.

Social Justice Commission: Committee will start visitation to the communities to solicit support for commission activities, (will begin this month of October) and the workshop schedule 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.

- c) Visitation to the communities to create awareness on mass changes will be done whole of this month (October); and
- d) **Commission Meeting** today 2nd October 2016, straight after the 8:30 am Mass

Faith Formation Commission: CCD classes continue after the 8:30 AM Mass:

- a) **First Holy Communion**, classes (10:00-10:45 am) inside the Parish Hall. Candidates will receive their First Holy Communion during the feast of Christ the King;
Candidates will visit Mal Street on the 8th October, 2016 to see how the hosts for communion are made.
- b) **Confirmation** classes are in full swing inside the church. **Parents and Candidates for this sacrament**, please note.

Companions in Mission: Companions in Mission are gathering in Holy Family Parish, Labasa on October 7-10, 2016. Patterson has assured that the boat will operate on Monday. Please give your name to Joana Qalo or Maria Soela at the Columban Central House, Nasese (call 3308290). Registration is \$ 5.00.

- a. **Meeting** today, 2nd October 2016 after the 8:30 AM Mass in the Fr Hurley Hall. This is to finalise the list of members who are attending this year’s gathering and other details.

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

St Columban Community (5B): Below is the Rosary Procession program for next week. St Columban Community members to take note of. Procession on Sunday will begin from the Chandra’s Residence (Fletcher Road):

1/10/16	Chandra Residence	5/10/16	Sepo& Ana Residence
2/10/16	Jale/Mareta Residence	6/10/16	PenisoniNakaayaca Residence
3/10/16	Keleo Residence	7/10/16	Sireli&MakitalenaTakayawa Residence
4/10/16	Adriu& Family	8/10/16	Mere Lawe Residence

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

For your Generous Contributions: Thanks to members of St PatrickCommunity (4a) for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of St John the Baptist Community (4c)to continue from tomorrow 3rd October2016.

Details of last Sunday’s Collections published here: **First Collection - \$ 621.85; Second Collection - \$ 35.25 = \$ 657.10; Envelope Pledge \$ 165.00. Thank You so much.**

Readings for Next Week: 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time [2/10/16] Habbakuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10; Mon [3/10/16] Gal 1: 6-12, Lk 10: 25-37; Tue [4/10/16] **St Francis of Asisi**Gal 1: 13-24, Lk 10: 38-42; Wed [5/10/16] Gal 2: 1-2, 7-14, Lk 11: 1-4; Thurs [6/10/16] Gal 3: 1-5; Lk 11: 5-13; Fri [7/10/16] **Our Lady of the Rosary**Acts 1: 12-14, Lk 1: 26-38; Sat [8/10/16] Gal 3: 22-29, Lk 11: 27-28; **28th Sunday of Ordinary Time** [9/10/16] 2 Kings 5: 14-17, 2 Tim 2: 8-13, Lk 17: 11-19

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