

# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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## TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C: 25/09/16

### 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.

A big vinaka vakalevu to ALL who came to Navesi Catechist Centre and to the communities and individuals for your contributions and presence during the visitation.

### Reflection on Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: *With Empty Hands*

The parable of “Mr. Rich and Mr. Poor” is a warning for prosperous people in our prosperous countries. Indifference to the needs of the poor is against the gospel. The gospel contrasts the two attitudes, that of Lazarus, the image of the poor, the downtrodden, those left penniless by the greed of the wealthy and the tax-collectors, and whose only hope was in the mercy of God, and on the other hand that of the rich man, clothed extravagantly, and feasting magnificently every day, self-sufficient, not seeing any need whatsoever to beg for God’s mercy.

Help is at hand for the poor, who for a short while share in Christ’s sufferings so as to share in his glory. For as St Paul tells us, “What we suffer in this life can’t be compared to the glory which is awaiting us.” But for anyone who *stores up treasure* in this world instead of becoming rich in the sight of God, death brings the realisation that his life was wasted, that his spirit wants to be possessed by God, but cannot do so because it has become fixed in its ways. As a man lives, so shall he die.

How should we set about ensuring that we are on the way to heaven? Firstly, desire it above all else. “There is one thing I ask of the Lord; for this I long; to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life” (Ps 26). Secondly, to try to bear life’s crosses with patience and faith. Thirdly, to use this world without becoming engrossed in it, as St Paul says, “because the world as we know it is passing away.” (1 Cor 7:31). Take each day as a gift and try to live it well. The closer we live to God in our daily lives the more intense will be our longing to see him face to face. With the Psalmist we will find ourselves saying, “my soul thirsts for God, the God of my life. When can I enter and see the face of God” (Ps 42).

**Feast days during the Week:** Happy feast day to the following communities: a) St Vincent de Paul Organisation-27<sup>th</sup> September (Tuesday); b) St Michael the Archangel Community-29<sup>th</sup> September (Thursday); c) St Therese of the Child of the Child Jesus-1<sup>st</sup> October (Saturday).

**Marriage Encounter Weekend:** Now moved to Oct 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> at St John Bosco’s 9 miles. Interested couples contact Head of Family Life Commission, Jacob or Gina Kivi @ 7777731.

### 2017 Draft Budget Consultation:

- a) **25<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2016:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft discussion—joint meeting with commission heads and community finance reps on revised budget;
- b) **26<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2016:** Session with St Therese of the Child Jesus Community (7B) at Jane & Tukana’s residence (Leys Road, Raiwai)
- c) **16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016:** Joint PPC and PFC Executives meeting to finalize budget.

**PPC Meeting:** is on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2016, 7:45 pm-9:45 pm at the parish hall. Community Heads and Community Leaders, please take note.

**Evangelisation Commission:** Thank you to the communities and individuals for your contributions, men of the parish and parishioners for the visitation to Navesi Catechist Centre yesterday as part of the Parish work of mercy project and the celebration of the Jubilee for Catechists.

- a. **Commission Meeting on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2016** after the 8:30 am Mass in the Meeting Room;
- b. **SCC Animators' Meeting on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> Sept** at 7:30 pm in the parish hall.

**Social Justice Commission: Meeting** today, after the 8:30 am Mass. Community reps, your presence is sincerely requested.

**Youth Commission: Meeting** today at 10:00 am. Parish youths, your presence is sincerely encouraged.

**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 next month.

**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;
- b) **Confirmation** classes are in full swing inside the church. **Parents and Candidates for this sacrament**, please note;
- c) **CCD Teachers** meeting at 11am today.

**Men of the Parish: Meeting** today at 10:00 AM in the parish.

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

**St Columban Community (5B): Meeting** this Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2016, 7:30 pm at the Qaranivalu's residence. Community members, your presence is highly encouraged.

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

**For your Generous Contributions:** Thanks to members of St Peter Chanel Community (4a) for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of St Patrick Community (4b) to continue from tomorrow 26<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2016.

**Details of last Sunday's Collections published here:** First Collection - \$730.95; Second Collection - \$126.25 = \$857.20; Envelope Pledge \$392. Thank You so much.

**Readings for Next Week: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time** [25/9/16] Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tim 6: 11-16; Luke 16: 19-31; Mon [26/9/16] Job 3: 1-3; Luke 9:46-50; Tue [27/9/16] **St Vincent de Paul** Job 3:1-3; Luke 9:51-56; Wed [28/9/16] Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62; Thur [29/9/16] **Sts Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels** Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-62; Fri [30/9/16] **St Jerome** Job 38: 1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10: 13-16 Sat [1/10/16] **St Therese of the Child Jesus** Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24; **27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time** [2/10/16] Habbakuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6ff; Luke 17:5-10

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