

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C: 04/09/16

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.

Reflection on Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Wisd. 9:13-18 Philemon 1:1:9-10, 12-17 Luke 14:25-33

The first reading, a prayer for wisdom spoken by Solomon. The passage proclaims the superiority of God's wisdom over human wisdom. Simple concepts that humans should understand often escape us. How, then, can heavenly things be understood by earthly creatures? God sent Lady Wisdom to humans to offer understanding on how to live. In the New Testament, Jesus is the incarnation of God's wisdom, the teacher who taught humans how to live. He uses examples from human common sense to illustrate messages with deeper meanings. Just as a builder first calculates and assembles the resources necessary to complete the project, so also the disciple must understand and be prepared to pay the cost of following Jesus. The cost is beyond human calculation.

The disciple must be prepared to abandon all human possessions and all human ties, even those most dear. The disciple must be willing to sacrifice life itself for discipleship. Only one who is willing to sacrifice life itself for discipleship. Only one who is willing to pay the cost should attempt discipleship. One who does not believe that the rewards of following Jesus are greater than any cost does not understand discipleship. That person understands only human wisdom. Only thought the gift of **God's** wisdom could anyone assume the cost of discipleship?

In loving Memory: Baby Royce Edward Barry Gibson: 15 Greene St, Howell Road (Community 6) who was buried in the New Extension Cemetery 29th Sept. We express Sympathy to Rosemary Maharaj (mother) and Edward & Stella Maharaj (grandparents). Angel with God.

Welcome to the Christian Community: Claire Anne Frances Danfort, 16 Tamani Lane, Wilson Mofred Richard Francis Fuata, Block 6, Flat 5, Milverton Rd., Victor Mervin Molia, 37 Dhanji Street, Jone Matakiverata Masuvale, Gaji Road, Mosese Vesiquaqa, Gaji Road, who were baptised today at 8.30am Mass.

Meeting of the Women of the Parish: Thanks to the Women who sacrifice last Saturday to attend and celebrate the Parish Jubilee of Women. There will be a short meeting of those who attended the Saturday's workshop immediately after the 8.30 Mass – to make further plans for other activities and future programmes for women of the parish.

Jubilee of Mercy for Widows and Widowers: A special Mass for Widows and Widowers is being celebrated in the Sacred Heart Cathedral by Fr Donald McIlraith (Columban) on **Thursday 8th September on the Feast of the Birth of Mary at the 1.00pm Mass.** All widows and widowers in the greater Suva area are invited. Ladies are humbly requested to bring a plate for tea to be held in the Crypt after Mass. For details contact Ms Selai Narruhn 9475574.

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.

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.

Canonization of Mother Teresa: August 16th Pope Francis held a meeting of Cardinals and Bishops in which, among others causes, the Canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa was approved. The canonization will take place today **4th September** in Rome during the Sunday Mass celebrated of the Jubilee for Workers and Volunteers of Mercy.

September 2016: The month of September is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows**, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15. September

Constitution Day: Will be celebrated on 7th September. It is a public Holiday. Thus Mass here in the parish will be at 8.30am Wed. next.

Meeting of the Parish Financial Council Meeting: A very good Meeting of the Council took place on Tues. 1st Sept in the parish Hall. All Council members were present and the following topics were discussed:

- a) Parish Operational matters (payments, receipts etc.).
- b) 2017 Draft Budget to reflect parish preparation for 50th Jubilee celebration (2018).
- c) 2nd Quarter Financial Statement. (To be given out to Community Finance Reps at this Sunday's Meeting)
- d) Meeting with community finance rep's and commission heads on today at 10.15am – 11.15am (Fr Hurley Hall).

Meeting Parish Pastoral Council: Held on Wed 2nd Sept. in the Parish Hall. The following were discussed:

1. Community reports to be inclusive of pastoral issues, for example elaboration of sacraments received by member's deaths, social problems experienced by people etc.
2. Animator's workshop (10.9 – 11.9.16) Compulsory attendance of community leaders and community evangelization rep's. Registration of interested parishioner's will take place after the 7am & 8.30am Mass this Sunday 4th September – this is important – as regards numbers to be catered for.
3. Parishioner's encouraged to access and visit parish website which is updated with parish activities and the Newsletter every week. It is a good source of information for family members living overseas etc.
4. Communities without any scheduled program are encouraged to attend the ones organized in the parish.
5. Parents of Confirmation candidates are request to encourage their children to attend classes which will resume today after 8.30am mass today. Congratulations and thanks to Mrs Eta Mow Roseru, who after giving birth to her 5th child, Lino, is back with the Confirmation Class on Sunday.
6. Parish Priest will be out of the parish mid-Sept. In his absence Fr Clement and Fr Donal will cover for him.

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" style="width: 100%;"> <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: 4a 8.9.16: 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: 4a 8.9.16: 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.				

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.

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.

Evangelisation Commission meets after 8.30am Mass in the meeting room – To discuss and plan Animators Workshop.

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.**

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

Lectors Meeting: To evaluate programme and progress of new Readers and Cantors on Monday 5th Sept after Mass.

Men of the Parish Meeting: On Tuesday evening 6th Sept in Parish Hall at 7.30. Their Kati scheduled for 30th Sept.

Community 4a Meeting: On Tuesday Evening at 7.30 in Filo Ratuyada's Residence – followed by visit to Mrs Kamsoo.

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

CCIM Meeting: On Wednesday Evening at 7.30 in the Parish Hall.

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 Cecelia, Community (1b) for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of Community (2) St Joseph the Worker to continue from tomorrow 5th Sept, 2016.

Details of last Sunday's Collections published here: First Collection - \$611.40; Second Collection - \$61.50 = \$672.90; Envelope Pledge \$65.00. Thank You so much.

Readings for Next Week: 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time [4/9/16] Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14: 25-33; Mon [5/9/16] 1 Cor 5: 1-8; Luke 6: 6-11 Tue [6/9/16] 1 Cor 6: 1-11; Luke 6: 12-19; Wed [7/9/16] 1 Cor 7:25-31; Luke 6: 20-26; Thurs [8/9/16] *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:* Micah 5: 1-4; Matt 1: 1-16, 18-23 Fri [9/9/16] 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-27; Luke 6: 39-42 Sat [10/9/16] 1 Cor 10: 14-22; Luke 6: 43-49.