

- ◆ **Parish Finance Council** – meet at the Parish Board Room on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept at 7.15pm
- ◆ **Parish Pastoral Council**-meet on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept at 10am please all members be mindful
- ◆ **St Joan of Arc (3)** 7 steps will be held at Kelera and Michael Johns residence this Tuesday 01/9
- ◆ **Our Lady of Hope** 7 steps on Tuesday 8/9 to the Katoni's residence 2 Talbot Lane, at 7.30pm
- ◆ **St John the Baptist Community** will be held at Suliano and Miriama Naikelekelevesi's residence on Tuesday 8/9 at 7.30pm
- ◆ **Evangelization meeting** next Sunday (13/09) after 9am Mass in the hall. Repls please take note.
- ◆ **Communities** are requested to continue with 7 Steps on Tuesdays.
- ◆ **Animators** to meet on Wednesday immediately after evening Mass in the hall.
- ◆ **St. Gabriel SCC** to meet at Mausio's place this Tuesday at 7.30pm.

### **THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO...**

1. St Cecelia Community for the church cleaning yesterday and to the communities who animated the Masses on Saturday and Sunday last week.
2. St Therese the Child of 7B for having our Priests for lunch last Sunday.
3. To all parishioners for the generous collection last Sunday which was \$878.05

### **READINGS:**

- 06/9** Twenty third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
- 07/9 Mon** Weekday 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11
- 08/9 Tue** **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast**  
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
- 9/9 Wed** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
- 10/9 Thu** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38;
- 11/9 Fri** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42
- 12/9 Sat** [The Most Holy Name of Mary; BVM]  
1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49
- 13/9** Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

### **What is Carbon Fast in this month of Creation**

A carbon fast is a way to be mindful for our consumption while participating in self-imposed restrictions. These restrictions can be simple to moderately challenging depending on an individual's comfort level with energy moderation

## **ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST**

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## **23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A, 06TH SEPTEMBER, 2020.**

### **Sunday and Weekday Mass Schedule**

**Sundays:** 7:00 am & 9:00 am

**Weekday** 6:30 pm - [Monday to Friday]

**Saturday Public Holidays:** - 8.30am. **Vigil:** 5:00pm

**Wednesday** Fijian Mass [Misa Vakaviti]

**Thurs Holy Hour** & Benediction: 5.25pm – 6.25pm

**Holy days** 7:00am & 7:00 pm. except Christmas & New Year

**Confessions:** - Friday & Saturdays after Mass



**Sacrament of Baptism/Marriage** Parishioners wishing to receive the mentioned sacraments are to see the Parish Priests first who will then give permission for Helpers to do preparation with the Community Leaders being aware.

**Exposition of the Blessed Eucharistic:** We will continue with our usual holy hour in adoration on Thursdays and we are welcome to come and spend time in the presence of Jesus from 5.25pm to 6.25pm.

**CCD Classes:** Continues after 9am Mass on Sunday at the Fr. Hurley Hall.

### **Reflection for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

I see as an aim for the Month of Creation the ongoing educating of ourselves regarding concern for Mother Earth, our common home. May be we are overburdened with all the information but really these days are a call to action. Pope Francis reminds us; “Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.” (Laudato Si, no. 217) From today’s gospel we know that Jesus is with us when we pray and in other ways as well. “Christ Jesus ...is present in many ways to his Church; in his word, in his Church’s prayer, “where two or three are gathered in my name,” in the poor, in the sick and the imprisoned, in the sacraments of which he is author, in the Sacrifice of the Mass, and in the person of the minister, But ‘he is present...most especially in the Eucharistic species.’” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1373.) Our praying must lead to action particularly in reconciling people with the Church and therefore closer to Christ.

## Environmental Degradation Facts

- 27% of our coral reefs have been destroyed. If the rate continues, remaining 60% will be gone in 30 years.
- We are using up 50% more natural resources than the Earth can provide. At our current population, we need 1.5 Earths, which we do not have.
- Every hour, 1,692 acres of productive dry land become desert
- We have a garbage island floating in our ocean, mostly comprised of plastics - the size of India, Europe and Mexico combined!

**Columban Come and See:** To be held on the 19th of September 2020, at the Columban Formation House, 239 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Nasese. For further details please see the parish priest.

### Season of Creation 2020 Prayer

Creator of Life,

At Your word, the Earth brought forth plants yielding seed and trees of every kind bearing fruit. The rivers, mountains, minerals, seas and forests sustained life. The eyes of all looked to You to satisfy the needs of every living thing. And throughout time the Earth has sustained life. Through the planetary cycles of days and seasons, renewal and growth, you open your hand to give creatures our food in the proper time. In your Wisdom, you granted a Sabbath; a blessed time to rest in gratitude for all that you have given; a time to liberate ourselves from vicious consumption; a time to allow the land and all creatures to rest from the burden of production. But these days our living pushes the planet beyond its limits. Our demands for growth, and our never-ending cycle of production and consumption are exhausting our world. The forests are leached, the topsoil erodes, the fields fail, the deserts advance, the seas acidify, the storms intensify. We have not allowed the land to observe her Sabbath, and the Earth is struggling to be renewed. During this Season of Creation, we ask you to grant us courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet. Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence. Inspire us with the creativity to share what we have been given. Teach us to be satisfied with enough. And as we proclaim a Jubilee for the Earth, send Your Holy Spirit to renew the face of creation. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*(Please could this be recited in family and community prayer meet this month)*

### Mass Animation Roster for the Sundays in September

		Community	Liturgy Animating Community			
			<i>September 5th &amp; 6th</i>	<i>September 12th &amp; 13th</i>	<i>September 19th &amp; 20th</i>	<i>September 26th &amp; 27th</i>
Saturday	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>1, 4B, 5B.</b>	4B	5B	1 (Fijian)	4B
Sunday	<b>7:00am</b>	<b>2, 4C, 5A, 7B.</b>	5A	7B	2	4C (Fijian)
	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>3, 4A, 6, 7A.</b>	3	4A	6	7A

We continue to seek your cooperation in abiding with what is requested of us by filling in the- **Attendance book, washing hands with soap and water or using hand sanitizer and practising 1.5 metre social distancing while in the queue and when sitting inside the church.**

The benches marked X are for sitting on, though 50% the total number have been approved please continue with preventive measures.

### Mass Animation Roster for Weekdays

Mon. 31st Aug	Tues. 1st Sept	Wed. 2nd Sept	Thur. 3rd Sept	Fri. 4th Sept	Sat. 5th Sept
<i>St John the Baptist, 4C</i>		<i>St Michael, 5A</i>		<i>St Columban, 5B</i>	
Mon. 7th Sept	Tues. 8th Sept	Wed. 9th Sept	Thur. 10th Sept	Fri. 11th Sept	Sat. 12th Sept
<i>St Paul, 6</i>		<i>St Jacob, 7A</i>		<i>St. Theresa, 7B</i>	
Mon. 14th Sept	Tues. 15th Sept	Wed. 16th Sept	Thur. 17th Sept	Fri. 18th Sept	Sat. 19th Sept
<i>St Cecilia, 1</i>		<i>St Joseph the Worker, 2</i>		<i>St Joan of Arc, 3</i>	
Mon. 21st Sept	Tues. 22nd Sept	Wed. 23rd Sept	Thur. 24th Sept	Fri. 25th Sept	Sat. 26th Sept
<i>St. Peter Chanel, 4A</i>		<i>St Patrick, 4B</i>		<i>St John the Baptist, 4C</i>	

### REMINDER TO ALL COMMUNITIES:

**1. Communities Animating the Liturgy** must select hymns (relative to the Sunday Readings) and send them through email to Thomas by WEDNESDAY. Thomas ([ttavuton@gmail.com](mailto:ttavuton@gmail.com)), Kele ([rush1234yawa@gmail.com](mailto:rush1234yawa@gmail.com)) have to prepare slides for mass .

- Weekday Mass hymns and readers please do choose hymns accordingly and prepare completely
- Parishioners be advised that we won't be having 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the next Sundays and Community Liturgy reps please see to the flow of Mass.
- Please be mindful all communities animating mass on Sundays that you are responsible also for organising Ushers and Altar Servers.

**2. Catholic Women's League Raiwaqa** will be holding a Fundraising Gunu Soli / Curry Night on Friday 11th Sep. 2020, in the parish, to prepare for the upcoming National AGM on the 19th Sep. 2020 at St. Joseph's Sec. School. Invitation extended to all parishioners.

**3. Constitution Day (Public Holiday)** is on Monday 07th Sep. 2020, Mass will be at 8:30am in the morning.

### MEETINGS

- ♦ **Liturgy Commission** meeting will be held today at 10:15 am at the AB P. Mataca hall