



ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST THE KING - 21ST NOVEMBER 2021.

Solemnity of Christ the King

We all have our own ideas about what makes a true king. They are coloured from the world of sport, the ‘King of Sevens’; in the world of music, Elvis ‘The King’ Presley; in the world of films, ‘The Lion King’; in the world of books, ‘Lord of the Rings’; and the kings of our beauty pageants. Most countries that have royalty the king or queen does not have a major say in the day-to-day running of government. Yet the one thing that holds these together is that they all have some kind of following.

Jesus has his followers as well. His way of being king though is completely different altogether. It is not about the bright lights, the fame or the adoring fans. Rather, it’s about being “handed over to men who will kill him. Three days later, however, he will rise to life”(Mk.9:31). What about the crowds on Palm Sunday? Where were they on Good Friday?

Jesus established a kingdom that is not of this world. We see the plan of God in the opening lines of the Book to the Hebrews. “In the past God spoke to our ancestors many times and in many ways through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken through his Son. He is the one whom God created the universe, the one whom God has chosen to possess all things at the end of time. He reflects the brightness of God’s glory and is the exact likeness of God’s own being, sustaining the universe with his powerful word. After achieving the forgiveness for sins of mankind, he sat down in heaven at the right side of God, the Supreme Power”(1:1-3).

To get the full picture we must see that Jesus is not just king, “to serve is to reign” but also priest, offering up his life in sacrifice, and prophet, standing up for the truth. These three functions were present in the Old Testament as we see in the coronation of Solomon. “King David said, ‘Call to me Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet...’(1Kings 1:32-5). Yet they were not always in harmony. At the beginning of Israel’s history there were no kings as God was seen as their king. The prophets, in their time, often spoke against the rulers of the day. The priests were mostly, though not completely, involved with the Temple in Jerusalem. With the destruction of that building in 70 AD they no longer had a part to play.

These three responsibilities have also been handed on to us at the anointing after our baptism. The celebrant says, “He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation, so that, united with his people, you may remain forever a member of Christ who is Priest, Prophet, and King”. We are priests in the offering of our lives to God; we are prophets in giving witness to the truth; we are kings in our ruling as servants. Of course, the Second Vatican Council supports this. “Let missionaries as God’s co-workers (cf. 1Cor.3:9), raise up congregations of the faithful who will walk in a manner worthy of their vocation to which they have been called(cf.4:1) and will exercise their priestly, prophetic and royal office which God has entrusted to them. In this way, the Christian community becomes a sign of God’s presence in the world....By their prayers and active labours, religious men and women play an indispensable role too in rooting and strengthening the kingdom of Christ in souls and in causing it to expand”(‘on the Missions’, no. 15).

PARISH NEWS

- **Welcome** to the newly baptized infant Augustine Ravovo, *son of* Marika and Ana Ravovo of St Patricks' Community 4B.
 - **Congratulations** to Joeli Bogitini and Elizabeth Aitcheson of St Peter Chanel community 4A for exchanging lifetime commitment of vows in the sacrament of matrimony on Saturday 20th November.
 - **All Souls Month** Please feel free to write the names of your deceased loved ones and place them in the Prayer Intentions box that is beside the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
 - **Marriage** – Couples intending to receive the sacrament are kindly requested to meet up with the Parish Priest today, Sunday 21st November after the 9am Mass in the AB Mataka Hall.
 - **Baptism** – Parents are to see the Parish Priest before commencing sessions of preparation.
 - **Columban Mission Wall Calendars** for 2022 will be on sale after Mass in the church porch @\$2.00 each.
 - **Columban Art Flip calendars** will be on sale also after mass @\$5.00 each.
- Meetings**
- **Evangelization Commission** meets today Sunday 21st November after the 9am Mass at the carport.
 - **All 6 Commission heads and Executives** are to meet with the Parish Priest on the Wednesday 24th November 2021 at 6.30pm in the parish hall.
 - **Parish Pastoral Council** last meeting for this year will be held on Saturday 27th November after the 5pm Mass in the parish hall. All concerned please take note.

- **Break-down of Collection for last Sunday;**

Loose Collections: 486.95

Envelopes: 165.00

Total Collection **\$559.95**

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

- **Disaster Preparedness - Cyclone**

During a cyclone and after a cyclone:

- Drink boiled/ bottled water.
- Keep your doors and windows shut.
- Rely only on official warnings/news.
- Switch off electrical mains and gas supply.
- Keep listening to the weather updates.
- Keep spare batteries for your radio and torches.
- If your house is unsafe, relocate yourself to the nearest evacuation center, before the onset of a cyclone.

- **Change in Weekday Mass Times**

Please be advised that Mass times during the weekdays will change from **29th November, 2021**. Please refer to the table under the heading 'Liturgy News' (*next page*) for the revised Mass times.

The following Mass & Confession Times remain the same for now.

SATURDAY: 5:00PM

SUNDAYS: 7:00AM, & 9:00AM
(Live Stream).

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays

TIME: 8:30am - 9:30am

THANKS & APPRECIATION

We would like to thank St Michaels' Community 5A for animating the liturgy from Monday to Friday and also the church cleaning. We now invite St Columbans' Community 5B to take on this important responsibility from tomorrow morning.

SYNOD PRAYER / MASU NI SINOTI

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father, and the Son, forever and ever. **Amen.** [St. Isadore of Seville, 560-636]



Keimami tucake tu e matamuni na Yalo Tabu, ena neimami mai soqoni vata ena yacamuni. Ni o kemuni duadua ga na dau veituberi, mesa mai nomuni vale na utoi keimami. Ni vakatavulici keimami na gaunisala me keimami muria, kei na neimami muria vakacava. Keimami sa rui malumalumu ka dau i valavalaca, moni kua ni vakaraitaki kemuni ena kena vakauqeti na veibasai ni bula. Me kua ni uli keimami na gaunisala cala, na lecaika kei na vakatikina ni bula. Me keimami raici kemuni ena vua ni nemami duaga me rawa kina ni keimami taubale vata kina tawamudu ni bula. Ka me kua ni keimami lako sese tani mai na gaunisala ni dina kei na dodonu. Keimami kerea na veika kece oqo, o kemuni oni cakacaka tiko ena veivanua kei na vei gauna, ena dua kei na Kalou o Tamada kei Luvena, ena gauna ni vei gauna. **Ameni.**

LITURGY NEWS

Revised weekday Mass Times during Advent.

MONDAY	6:30pm
TUESDAY	8:30am
WEDNESDAY	8:30am
THURSDAY	5:15pm - 6.15pm Adoration 6:30pm - Mass
FRIDAY	8:30am

- Advent season begins on the 28th November and leading communities are to prepare fresh green leaves for the advent wreath.
- No flowers and Jessie Tree will be put up.
- Parish Reconciliation (Communal confessions) will be held on the 15th of December at 6.30pm. Several priests will be around for confessions.

Lectors Roster

Saturday 20th Nov. - 5pm
Miliakere Rainibogi
Joana Qalo

Sunday 21st Nov. - 7am
Milika Nabou
Angeline Furivai

9am - Vasemaca Luvu
Maria Waqavanua

Eucharistic Ministers

All concerned are kindly requested to attend a meeting on **Thursday 9th December** at the parish carport after the 6:30pm

LITURGY ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY (1st Sunday of Advent)

DATE	Communities	5:00 PM	
27th November	St. Jacob	St. Columban, Community 5B to animate.	
	St. Paul		
	St. Columban		
	St. John the Baptist		
28th November	Communities 3 & 5A to animate	7:00 AM	9:00 AM
		St. Theresa of the Child Jesus	St. Peter Chanel
		St. Joseph the Worker	St. Michael
		St. Cecilia	St. Patrick
		St. Joan of Arc	

OTHER NEWS

- No Day Light Savings for Fiji this year. Time remains the same.
- Nation wide Curfew time effective from Thursday 18th November is: **12am to 4am.**
- COVID-19 Vaccination for children ages 12-14 began on Monday 15th November. Parents with children within this age category are encouraged to teach them this moral obligation to receive one of the new coronavirus vaccines as soon as possible.
- No major changes to COVID Safety Protocols for Churches at the moment, so please continue to abide by protocols that are in place. You will be updated once changes come in to effect.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

21/11	Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe [Solemnity] Daniel 7:13-14 / Apocalypse 1:5-8 / John 18:33b-37
22/11	Saint Cecilia, [Virgin and Martyr, red] (Thirty-Fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time)
23/11	Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Daniel 2:31-45 / Luke 21:5-11
24/11	Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, [Martyrs] Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 / Luke 21:12-19
25/11	Daniel 6:12-28 / Luke 21:20-28 (506)
26/11	Daniel 7:2-14 / Luke 21:29-33
27/11	Daniel 7:15-27 / Luke 21:34-36
28/11	First Sunday of Advent - Jeremiah 33:14-16 / 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2 / Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 [Year C]