



ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 07TH NOVEMBER 2021.

Reflection for 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who is this no-name woman that we see before us? Why is she singled out for attention? We know that she is a widow. St. Luke mentions widows on several occasions which is not surprising as his Gospel is also known as the ‘Gospel of Women’ and ‘Gospel of the Poor’. In fact, throughout the Bible they are linked with orphans and strangers because of God’s concern for them in their vulnerability. In the Book of Zechariah it says “Do not oppress widows, orphans, foreigners who live among you, or anyone else in need. And do not plan ways of harming one another”(7:10). In 2Kings there is this story. “Sir, my husband has just died! As you know he was a God-fearing man, but now a man to whom he owed money to has come to take away my two sons as slaves in payment for my husband’s debt”(4:1). In the Psalms we read “God, who lives in his sacred Temple, cares for orphans and protects widows”(68:5). In the Acts of the Apostle “there was a quarrel between the Greek-speaking Jews and the native Jews. The Greek-speaking Jews claimed that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of foods”(6:1). In one of his letters St. Paul devotes nearly a whole chapter to explaining their place in the Church (1Tim.5). “The dead man was the only son of a woman who was a widow...When the Lord saw her, his heart was full of pity for her, and said to her, “Don’t cry”(Lk.7). St. John Paul II explains the feminine response to Jesus as follows; “In all of Jesus’ teaching, as well as his behavior, one can see nothing of the discrimination against women prevalent in his day. On the contrary, his words and works always express the respect and honour due to women...In Christ’s sphere of action their position is transformed. They feel that Jesus is speaking to them about matters which in those times one did not discuss with a woman” (‘Dignity and Vocation of Women’, nos. 13,15).

Jesus makes his Father’s concern visible. The Church continues this concern down through the ages and we as its members are to make it shine in our own time. ‘Today more than ever, the Church is aware that her social message will gain credibility more immediately from the witness of actions than as a result of the internal logic and consistency. The awareness is also a source of her preferential option for the poor which is never exclusive or discriminatory to other groups. This option is not limited to material poverty, since it is well known that there are many other forms of poverty, especially in modern society- not only economic but cultural and spiritual as well (St. John Paul II, CA, no. 57).

Jesus calls his disciples over to him for a very important teaching from the example of the widow compared to the scribes. She shows complete trust in God; she could have kept one of the coins for herself. It signifies also what is shortly going to happen to Jesus (we are almost at the end of the gospel) in the giving of his life on our behalf. Jesus also calls us over to accept his divine message.

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- **All Souls Month** Prayer Intention box for those of our family members relatives and parishoners that have died We can write the names of the deceased and place them in the box that is beside the tabernacle.
- **Marriage** –Those intending to receive the sacrament meet up with the Parish Priest on the Sunday 21st November after the 9am Mass before proceeding with preparation.
- Marriage preparation helpers are requested to please confirm your availability with the parish office.
- **Baptism** – Parents are to see the Parish Priest before commencing sessions of preparation.
- **Newly Baptized:** We welcome to our faith community:
Iowane Petero Builavakarua Lomani, Beverly (4A) Grace Louise Lomani (4A) Harika Julie Varea (4A) may we be responsible in the nurturing their faith.
- **Columban Mission Wall Calendars** for 2022 will be on sale after Mass in the church porch @\$2.00 each.
Meetings
 - Liturgy and Sacrament Commission meets today Sunday 7/11 at 10.15am in the parish hall.
 - Evangelisation Commission meets on Sunday 21st November after the 9am Mass.
 - **All 6 Commission heads and Executives** are to meet with the Parish Priest on the 24th November 2021 after the 5pm Mass.
- Communities are encouraged to continue with their weekly Seven Steps sharing / prayer on the Word of Life.
- **Break-down of Collection for last Sunday:**

Loose Collections:	569.70
Envelopes:	<u>20.00</u>
Total Collection	589.70

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.
- **COVID Safe Protocols**

Please remember to bring your Vaccination Card every time you enter the church premises. Whether it is to attend Mass, meetings or to visit the parish office.
- **Cyclone Season - Nov to April**

Save yourself from stress and the possibility of missing out by preparing your cyclone kit now!
Your emergency kit should include:

 - A portable radio, torch and spare batteries.
 - Fresh drinking water and dried/ canned non-perishable food items.
 - Matches and cooking utensils.
 - A first aid kit.
 - Medication, toiletries and sanitary supplies.
 - Blankets and other items seen as necessary for you and your family.

THANKS & APPRECIATION

We would like to thank St Patrick Community 4B for animating the liturgy from Monday to Friday and also the church cleaning We now invite St John the Baptist 4C to take on this important responsibility from tomorrow morning.

SYNOD PRAYER

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]*

MASU NI SINOTI

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 maulumalumu 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.**

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF ALL SOULS

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise.

OTHER NEWS



The Church of God is convoked in Synod. With this convocation, Pope Francis invites the whole Church to question itself

on synodality: a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church. This is a two-year journey (2021-2023) of reflection and sharing of the whole Church. "By walking together, and together reflecting on the journey made, the Church will be able to learn from what it will experience which processes can help it to live communion, to achieve participation to open itself to mission."

Excerpts from the Diwali Message by Archbishop Peter Loy Chong

On behalf of the Catholic Church and the Fiji Council of Churches we wish our Hindu sisters and brothers and the people of Fiji a Happy Diwali.

We pray that God who is light and love will remove the darkness of sin from our lives.

As we face the darkness and suffering brought by COVID-19 and Climate Change, we need symbols of hope. Religious festivals like Diwali, give us hope and remind us of how God is working to save the world. attitudes. *(Nov 3rd, 2021)*

LITURGY ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY

DATE	Communities	5:00 PM	
13th November	St. Peter Chanel	St. Peter Chanel, Community 4A to animate.	
	St. Michael		
	St. Patrick		
14th November	Communities 6/7B to animate	7:00 AM	9:00 AM
		St. Jacob	St. Theresa of the Child Jesus
		St. Paul	St. Joseph the Worker
		St. Columban	St. Cecilia
		St. John the Baptist	St. Joan of Arc

REVISED MASS TIMES

WEEKDAYS: Monday to Friday **TIME:** 8:30AM

SATURDAY: 5:00PM

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

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays **TIME:** 8:30am - 9:30am

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

07/11	32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time - 1 King 17:10-16 / Hebrews 9: 24-28 / Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
08/11	Wisdom 1:1-7 / Luke 17:1-6
09/11	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica [white, Feast] Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 / John2:13-22
10/11	Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church [white, Memorial] Wisdom 6:1-11 / Luke 17:11-19
11/11	Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop [white, Memorial] Wisdom 7:22b—8:1 / Luke 17:20-25
12/11	Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr [Memorial] Wis 13:1-9 / Luke 17:26-37
13/11	Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin [white, Memorial] Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9 / Luke 18:1-8
14/11	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Deuteronomy 12:1-3 / Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18 / Mark 13:24-32