



ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

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10TH SUNDAY OF YEAR - ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B: 10.06.18

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.pm

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

Confessions: - Friday & Saturdays after Mass.

Baptisms: At 8.30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

Parents seeking baptism for their child make arrangements with Community Leader & Priests & Baptismal instructors.

Matrimony: Those preparing for marriage must contact a priest at least 1 month before and are required to undertake preparation sessions. Guidelines available at the Parish Office. **RCIA:** Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

Children's SCC (Seven Steps) Thanks to Sr Kalala SM she is willing to take our children – 4 years and over for a session after Mass each Sat Morning. The more children the better and Tues High School students.

Fr Pat Visanti Farewell Mass: Fr Pat will say our 8.30am Mass next Sunday. It will be his last time among us, as he returns to Pakistan in July.

Sunday Reflection: Signs of original sin (Evil in the World)

Evil is not easily rooted out of human life. The serpent raises its ugly head in many ways. Satan is alive and well, in the interminable conflicts of our world, and in the gangs that ravage our cities with heroin, cocaine and other drugs. The old maxims are often vindicated by events. "Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely." As Edmund Burke once said: "For evil to triumph, it is enough that good men do nothing." Too many people are content look the other way, while refugees throng in camps or are sent back to places of destruction.

It has become fashionable in our time to reject the doctrine of original sin, which, as the Catechism says, leaves us "prone to evil." In myriads of ways our daily newspapers confirm this doctrine. Four times each day, morning, midday, evening and night, newscasters show us and tell us in words and pictures the spectacle of man's inhumanity to man. Through our mass-media, no generation was ever better informed of the effects of original sin. We can think of many spectacular examples. Our own sins may be less newsworthy but nonetheless deadly. The psalmist speaks for all of us. "If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: For this we revere you."

Synod Seminar for Clergy, Religious and Lay Leaders: From the 5th – 10th June in St Joseph's Secondary School Hall. The Parish Priest attended all the sessions for the Clergy and Religious – about 150 attend this.

The Parish Team to the Synod Lay Leaders Seminar are: Tifanue Mausio, Jacob Kivi (replacing Angie who had work commitment on Saturday, Joana Qalo, Veronika Rausuvanua, Dan Buresse, Maria Qaranivalu and Chris Wali (Youth Representative). The Seminar ends today with Mass led by Archbishop Peter Loy Chong at 3.00pm.

Let us remember them in our prayers and thank them for their generosity and time in attending on behalf of the parish.

Thanks Expressed for their help and initiative: To **Philip Tearawa and Selina** for working their way in and out of the Sacristy – while the painting and repair works were going on, to **Andrew Grey** for fixing our processional crucifix which was wobbly for the past few years (The altar servers were always afraid that it would fall off and then they would be fired by the parish priest). Most especially to **Vuki Apao** for replacing the cracked glass in the side Church Door.

Come and See Experience: This Year of the Synod our Archbishop is urging us "To Make the Church in Fiji a more Missionary Church" Fr Willie Lee (**Columban Vocations Director**) will conduct a **Come and See** here in the Parish on Saturday 7th July. Contact Fr Willie on 7861899 or register your interest in the Parish Office.

Parish should now be in Bazaar Mode: It is only 6 weeks to our Parish Bazaar (28th July 2018). Swan Park has been booked from the City Council and has been paid for. All communities should now be doing their utmost to reach their target of \$4,500.00 in order for the parish to meet its present budget for this year. We realize that it has been a hectic time in the parish recently – with Synod Programmes and with our month of May Renewal. It has been a hard year too financially – with pledgers by the men of the Parish for the Tiling of the Church. And by the women of the Parish too

for the proposed landscaping of the front of the Church (which they have not yet undertaken). And of course all the repairs and renovations taking place in the recent times in preparation of our Golden Jubilee.

Commission for Social Justice & Ecology:

Monday June 18th Commission Meeting in AB Mataka Hall (7.30pm – 8.30pm.) Commission members from each Community are requested to attend, also members from St Vincent de Paul & Parish Disaster Management Team.

Friday 22nd June Parish Disaster Management Team:

Advocacy sessions will be conducted for community members in the AB hall at 7.30pm.

Friday June 29th: Empowerment session by representative's from Ministry of Employment, APTEC, Social Welfare, Ministry of Youth & Sports are invited to provide awareness sessions on services provided by their Agencies. Sessions are specifically for unemployed in the parish. Parents & guardians are invited to attend as well. Activity is a process of social inclusion by which efforts are made to ensure equal opportunities for all, regardless of one's background, so that one can achieve full potential in life. Community leaders are encouraged to make full use of this opportunity and attend and bring all your community executives and other interested too (7.30pm - 9pm).

(Global Catholic Climate Movement): Tomás Insua Executive Director, GCCM.

When we sign up to this movement – we received emails with suggestions and challenges from their Office and Tomas their Executive Director – to keep us focused on Climate Change and Care for the Earth. He writes this week “Because you signed the Laudato Si’ Pledge, I know that you have a heart to protect our common home. **I’d like to ask whether St Pius X Parish, Raiwaqa can make changes to shrink its carbon footprint.** Perhaps you can change - turn off computers and lights when you leave for the day. Please, take a moment to plan. Speak as a **parish council or environmental committee.** Identify two or three changes you can make. **I invite you to commit to one or two**”.

Towards Parish Jubilee: T-shirt & Material for Jubilee Kalavata: T-shirts (collar: \$25.00 & Round Neck: \$20.00. Order's & cash in regards to material for Kalavata (\$8.00 per metre) & sublimated t-shirt - to be placed with Parish Treasurer & Merchandising team after Sunday Mass.

Columban Parish's Choir Competition for Centenary Year: The Columban Centenary Committee are organising this for our 3 Parishes, Raiwaqa, Ba and Labasa - to be performed on the afternoon 30th June. Each parish is invited to compose a melody for the hymn. Each parish - only one (1) choir. Each choir to have only 15 members including instrumentalists and conductor. Each choir entry is allowed 8 minutes of stage time including entrance and exit. A substantial cash Prize for winning Parish. **Our choir has already started with practice and composing – Thank You.**

Parish Meetings: Evangelisation meeting this Sunday, 10th June at 10am in the parish. Members please note.

Liturgy Commissions: m

meeting today after 8.30am Mass in the Parish. Liturgy Reps please take note

Evangelization: Cenacle, Divine Mercy, Charismatic prayers continues today from 2pm till 5pm. All Welcome.

Small Christian Community – Communities come together for the Seven Steps Gospel Sharing every Tues @ 7.30pm.

Community 4a Seven Steps Prayer Meetings: This Tuesday evening in your respective groups (5 in all) at 7.30pm.

Community 2 St Joseph the Worker: Seven Steps Tues 12th June in Petero Loli's Home at 7.30 pm.

Youth 7 Steps Prayer Meeting: Every Tues. evening now in preparation of Golden Jubilee and Synod. Vinaka Youth.

Annual Parish Bazaar: this year is on Saturday, 28th July. The target per community is \$4,500.00

Painting of Church & Premises: Work still progressing well – with some inconvenience caused - Sorry folks.

Thanks: To 4B, St Patrick's Community for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church yesterday. We invite 4C St John the Baptists to take over responsibilities tomorrow Monday 11th June.

Thanks for your Collections Last Week: Wet Sunday Morning: 1st Collection: **\$753.00** 2nd Collection: **\$70.60**, Total Collection: **\$823.60.** **St Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection for month of May: \$136.90.**

Reading coming week: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [10/6/18] Gen 3: 9-15, 20; 2 Cor 4: 13—5:1; Mk 3: 20-25; Mon [11/6/18] St Barnabas, Apostle: Acts 11: 21-26; 13: 1-3; Mt 10: 7-13; Tue [12/6/18] 1 Kings 17: 7-16; Mt 5: 13-16; Wed [13/6/18] **St Anthony of Padua:** 1 Kings 18: 20-39; Mt 5: 17-19; Thur [14/6/18] 1 Kings 18: 41-46; Mt 5: 20-26; Fri [15/6/18] 1 Kings 19: 9-16; Mt 5: 27-32; Sat [16/6/18] 1 Kings 19: 19-21; Mt 5: 33-37; **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** [17/6/18] Ez 17: 22-24; 2 Cor 5: 6-10; Mk 4: 26-34.

Continuation of A Brief History of the Parish: (Under Original Layout) Work provided locally saved a lot of money. On the other hand it took up a lot of time. Women would prepare lunches and cook dinner for these men who were at the beck-and-call' of Monsignor Petero Mataka whenever the need

arose. Soon the Men's Club was formed and apart from gathering to social over a game of billiards or snooker their central theme was clear. They were the working group or Task Force of the Parish. John Lee and Eroni Tamani were appointed first Committee by Monsignor Petero Mataca. Till recently they have carried out work requiring skill and manpower for any undertaking by the parish. As with the women's club they also got together for recreational purposes and catering for important parish functions.