

# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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**THE 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - CYCLE A: - 25/06/17**

### 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:** 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 available at the Parish Office.

**RCIA:** Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

### Bazaar Time Just 6 Weeks Away

**All communities should be working hard towards this special annual fundraising event. We need a good bazaar this year to continue maintenance work in the parish.**

**Well done 4c - St John the Baptist for coming together yesterday morning to celebrate your Feast Day in the Hall with Breakfast.**

**Reflection for the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: A prophetic people:** Today's first reading reminds us of the hardships that the prophet Jeremiah had to endure, and the Gospel speaks of our duty of witnessing to Christ in the world. Both are reminders that all members of the People of God are potentially *prophets* and that all should play some part in handing on the truth about God. In a sense, we are all successors to Jeremiah and to the apostles, whose vocation it was to share Christ's message with the world. Like Jeremiah and other Old Testament prophets, they remind their people of *God's revealed will* and of the high moral standards God asks of us. And like the prophets, ordained Christian ministers can often expect criticism and opposition, just for doing their job.

The Second Vatican Council taught that every Christian should give a living witness to Christ, at least through *living a life of faith and charity* and by joining in worship and prayer.

This is not such an easy task. The spirit of today's society, the example of our contemporaries, and the irreligious mood of much of the media do not always foster God-fearing attitudes or encourage sound moral standards. Christians today are not generally *persecuted* for showing faith in Christ and his Gospel, but when she or he lives according to this teaching they will be swimming against the tide of a materialistic culture and will not find the going easy. Jesus warns that being a Christian will cost sacrifice and suffering. We are bound to face opposition from a world that does not gladly submit to the word of God, that makes so many demands on human nature. But there is real satisfaction, too, in standing up for the truth of things. In the centre of their souls, prophetic people have the happiness of working with the Lord, who is the ultimate truth on whom we all depend.

**In Loving Memory: Mervin Maharaj:** Derrick St - Community 3 St Joan of Arc, who died on Friday afternoon 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Requiem Mass on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am. Deepest Sympathy to Yvonne and Family. May he rest in Peace.

**CCD Classes:** Are in progress every Sunday now. Classes take place after the 7.00am Mass. There are about 45 candidates in Confirmation Class, 20 in 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Class while some 9 candidates have registered for the RCIA programme this year. It is of the utmost importance that all attending CCD classes attend the 7.00am Mass. Thanks to you, parents for sending your children to these classes and to our Catholic Teachers who sacrifice their time to prepare our children for the Sacraments. Vinaka.

**The Meeting of the PPC:** At 10.00am this morning. All Community Leaders and Commission Heads are requested to attend.

**Our Annual Corpus Christi Procession took place last Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June:** It started with Benediction at the old Raiwaqa Market followed by the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Church for another Benediction and Mass at 9.00am. Thanks to all who attended and witnessed to their faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Thanks to the members of the Liturgy and Evangelization Commissions – to the flower girls, altar servers, ushers, canopy makers and bearers, the parish choir, the youth, parish team and all who made the event possible. We were blessed with a beautiful morning and the procession went very smoothly. Perhaps next year we will have only one Mass at 9.00am to have more present at the procession!!

**Archdiocesan Questionnaire – Parish Pilot Project:** May I sincerely thank all those who took the time to answer the call of the Archdiocesan Consultative Sub-Committee of the Synod Committee and fill in the Questionnaire they issued.

From the 270 Questionnaire Forms given out – 111 returned (on time) and 9 were late = 120 altogether; that is 44% return rate. For your interest, here are the return rate from each Community: 4a – 14; 4c – 13; 7a -13; 1b – 11; 5a – 11; 5b – 11;

7b – 11; Community 6 – 10; Community 2 – 8; Community 3 – 8; 4b – only 4 from individuals. There were 4 other individuals submitted as well as a submission from the Youth. Once again thank you so much. The ones submitted on time has been processed and analysed. Those involved in the process were very impressed at the depth and maturity of answers given to the various questions asked. Another Parish Project – fairly well accomplished. Report from that Sub Committee to follow. *Parish Priest and parish team.*

**From Fr Frank re Questionnaire and your responses:** We thank Fr John McEvoy and the Raiwaqa parishioners for their participation in the pilot project to test the Synod Questionnaire. We thank the parish also for doing the photocopying of the questionnaires and for the very fine response rate (41%). Responses were returned in English (75%), Fijian (20%) and Kiribati (5%). **Evaluation of the Questionnaire: Does the Questionnaire Evoke the Information We Need?** On the whole, we would say that the questionnaire does evoke the needed information. It was felt that questions in B are more straight-forward and less 'wordy'. **So, Questionnaire B** will be used for the rest of the parishes of the Archdiocese. **Other Suggestions?** That the scripture passages before each question be omitted and replaced with one scripture passage for each of the three questions be discussed and answered. **From Alisi Daurewa and the Youth Response:** In Raiwaqa, my work was made easier with the assistance of a cooperative parish priest and the parish council and the preparatory visit with Father Frank. While it took 2 hours to complete the questions in Raiwaqa with the youth, it could take more in other parishes depending on preparedness and level of understanding by the participants.

**Summary of the Eastern Clergy Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017:** Our Parish did the catering for the meeting this month: **Thanks**, expressed to Sophie and a few of the CWL who helped her with the catering. They did the parish proud with the menu they served. **The Marriage Tribunal:** The meeting was addressed by Lusi Kuriuci from the Marriage Tribunal Office \* That they have over 100 cases for annulment pending. \* The 3 Forms needed for an Annulment Case to get started (1) Civil Decree of Divorce, (2) Full Marriage Cert from Suvavou House and (3) Baptismal Cert and The Pre-Nuptial Form that was filled up in the parish where the marriage took place. The **Communications Office:** Ronald Sorby also addressed the meeting – told us the Office will be making available cards for every occasion - birthdays, anniversaries, sympathy, Mass cards etc etc. They will be available in the Bookshop at Nicolas House. \* **Archbishop wishes to keep in contact with priests and parishioners via text messages.** The company that is setting up the service is **NewNet** (only available to those on Vodaphone and Inkk). As well as a source of information from the Archbishop, it will also be a source of income for the Archdiocese. If you wish to subscribe give in your name and mobile No. to the Office or Presbytery. 18cents will be deducted from your phone credit for each text. \* **The Catholic Times:** would like to have a designated correspondent in Each Parish. **Dates for Parish Bazaars** are still clashing: Date of Our Bazaar 29<sup>th</sup> July – clashes with the Home of Compassion Bazaar, as well as the Catechists Bazaar. The Meeting requested that the Catechists reconsider their Date.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo Chosen:** Brendan Gibbons (4b) entered the successful Logo entitled "A New Chapter, A New Beginning". The New Logo can be seen on the Parish website [www.stpiusxfj.com](http://www.stpiusxfj.com) Brendan was presented with his prize of \$200.00 on Wednesday evening last by the Chairperson of PPC and Chair of the Merchandising Committee. Congratulations Brendan. Marketing & Merchandising (MMC) will now obtain quotes to make the Jubilee Year banner for the launching date (one or two for inside the Church and one in the parish hall?? Georgina Kivi will be requested to activate **Parish Facebook page**. Parish Priest, Fr McEvoy, Mrs. Helen Mow and Rev Kolodisi will be requested to unveil a plaque dedicating our upper Parish Hall to the memory of Archbishop Petero Mataca. The unveiling of the Jubilee Banner will take place after Communion on 21<sup>st</sup> Aug. After Mass, there will be refreshments provided by each community. A special Prayer will be composed and printed for the Jubilee Year.

#### **Continuation with Parish Renovation for the Golden Jubilee of the Parish Aug in 2018.**

**The replacement** of all the Church Louvres with new aluminium louvres and frames have been completed and look very good.

**The welding** of the mesh to the boundary fence is still in progress. This coming week should see it complete DV.

**The dangerous tree** over-hanging our Garage has been cut down, thanks to the Suva City Council and Usa's Cooperation. Vinaka.

**We still await action from the Water Authority of Fiji** to raise the man hole at the side of the boundary.

**Parish Sewage Line** became completely blocked again last week/due to what is put into the toilet bowls. **Cost a lot to clear.**

#### **Meetings Today Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June:**

The Cenacle @ 2.00pm; Divine Mercy @ 3.00pm; Charismatics @ 3.30pm; World Apostolate of Fatima @ 4.00pm. Also, a **special meeting of the Central Eastern Division of the St Vincent de Paul** will also take place here this afternoon at 3.30pm. Sunday Evening at 5.00pm **Meeting in Mere Avaiki's Residence (Community 5b, St Columban's)** to prepare for the Bazaar.

#### **Meetings during the Week:**

1. **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June Solo Parents Support Group:** Newly formed group will at 7.30pm with Heads of Family Life.
2. **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – Seven Steps Prayer in most Communities
3. **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June:** Prayer Meeting and Bible Sharing in Community 2 at 7.30pm at the Mow's Residence.
4. **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June:** Praying the Seven Steps in 4a Community. Children at Master Dan's and adults at Katoni's home.
5. **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June: SCC Animators Visitation:** Team 1 to Community 6 and Team 2 to Community 4a. Team 3 to 5b.
6. **Wednesday 28<sup>st</sup> June:** "Family Life Commission meeting" at 7.15 pm after Mass, at the Parish Hall. All Reps to attend.
7. **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Catholic Social Teachings (1915 – 2130) for PPC members. Put on by JPHD Commission.
8. **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June: Public Holiday** – National Sports Day. Parish Youth hike to Mt Korobaba. **Parish Mass at 8.30am.**
9. **Bible Week started on Saturday and continues all this week.**
10. **One Day Workshop:** To look at Guidelines dealing with Sexual Abuse - 4th July in St Joseph's Hall starting at 8.30am.

**Thanks, and Appreciation:** To Community (7a) St Jacob's for animating the Liturgy during the week and for cleaning of the Church & compound. We invite Community 7b St Teresa of the Child Jesus to continue from tomorrow 26<sup>th</sup> June.

**Thanks too for your generous Collection for last week. The following is a summary:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$734.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$95.00 and Envelope Pledge: \$432.00 = \$1261.00**

**Reading coming week: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary** [25/6/17] Jer 20: 10-13; Rom 5: 12-15; Matt 10: 26-33; Mon [26/6/17] Gen 12: 1-9; Matt 7: 1-5; Tue [27/6/17] Gen 13: 2, 5-18; Matt 7: 6, 12-14; Wed [28/6/17] *Irenaeus*: Gen 15: 1-12, 17-18; Matt 7: 15-20; Thurs [29/6/17] Gen 16:1-12, 15-26; Matt 7:21-29; Fri [30/6/17] *First Martyrs of the Roman Church*: Gen 17: 1, 9-10, 15-22; Matt 8: 1-4; Sat [1/7/17] Gen 18: 1-15; Matt 8: 5-17;

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July Sts Peter and Paul: 1st Reading: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tim 4: 6-8, 17-18; Matt 16: 13-19.**