



ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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13TH SUNDAY OF YEAR - ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B: 01.07.18

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.

Archdiocesan Collection in all Parishes today: St Peter the Apostle Collection for the Propagation of the Faith. The Second Collection taken up today will be sent to the Archdiocese for this purpose.

Pope's Intention: Priests and their Pastoral Ministry: That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

Sunday Reflection: The Hem of His Garment: The woman with the haemorrhage in today's gospel had suffered painful treatment under various doctors, without getting better. Of course, up to the 19th century medicine was fairly primitive. For most of history sick people prayed for a miraculous cure. The centre of every church was its shrine containing relics of the saints. People flocked to these shrines in search of cures. Many travelled great distances to Rome, to the Holy Land, to Compostella, believing, like the woman with the haemorrhage, that it would suffice to touch an important relic to restore them to health. But the world has changed dramatically since then. Happily, there are cures for almost every human ailment nowadays. The few surviving holy relics serve as embarrassing reminders of our naïve past. But was it totally naive? Christ claimed nothing else for these two miracles than the faith of the participants. "Your faith has restored you to health," he told the woman who was cured of her haemorrhage. What separates her from most of us is the depth of our faith. Even modern medicine, with its wonderful successes, can recognise the importance of the patient's faith in his cure. Christ, now as then, can cure our sicknesses. All he needs is our faith. Of that, Lourdes is proof, if proof were needed. God does trail his coat in our shabby little world. With a little faith we could find it; with a little courage we could touch it. "Do not be afraid," he says to us, as he said to Jairus, "only have faith."

Come and See Here in the Parish Next Sat. Intended for young men in year 9 and upwards please attend. Program starts at 8.00am and ends at 4.00pm. Community Leaders please submit the names of possible candidates to Fr Carlo during this coming week. Thanks for your co-operation – in striving to make our local church more Missionary.

Further Synod Seminar for Lay Leaders: Will take place from 6th – 8th July in St Joseph's Secondary School Hall. We have 3 ladies signed up for this weekend – we need 2 more men and possibly a member of the Youth to attend. Registration takes place at 6.00pm. Contact Vama Mausio for further details on the programme for Seminar. Each Parish is asked to send 5 more Reps for this Seminar. And Parishes requested to pay \$200.00 towards expenses.

Missionary Society of St Columban Centenary Celebrations 1918 -2018. May I Sincerely thank the many parishioners of St Pius X Parish who turned up to celebrated with the Columbans, the Centenary of their Foundation of on the 29th June and on the 30th to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Lay Missionaries in Fiji. Although not given any official task for the celebrations – our parishioners filled in many gaps on both days and helped out in the background where ever needed e.g. with the decorations, providing mats, altar servers, liturgical requirements, taking part in the choirs etc etc. I say Thank You for this good will and for your presence there on Friday and Saturday. Congratulations to the Choir from Labasa on winning. Vinaka (JME)

Commission for Social & Ecological Justice meeting, Monday (25.6.18), 7.30pm – 8.30pm in the Commiss.Room. Improved turnout with representative from 4b,4c,5b, parish youth, 6, and SVdP, Other Communities are encouraged to attend next meeting on 16.7.18. Update of meeting listed hereunder:

Coordinator's for Activities: (a) **Community Rubbish Disposal Project** : Shane Moli, Pipiana Mua & Michael Low Chee (Jnr) (b) **Parish Census** (to be conducted in September) : Mere Naulu & Sr Lavinia Henry.

Workshop: Effective Response to Disaster (7.7.18), AB Hall, 10am – 4pm. Apart from the Social & Ecological Commission member's, Communities encouraged to extend invitation to non - Catholic's, Sports personnel in their communities to attend. Confirmation of attendees be made known to the Parish by Mon. 2nd July.

Forthcoming Meeting Dates: 16.7.18; 6.8.18; 17.6.18; 15.10.18; and 5.11.18.

Bazaar Bazaar Bazaar: Only four weeks away – Now with the Columban Celebrations out of the way we head for our Annual Bazaar on the 28th July. There were two tentative committees formed - before the Bazaar Committee and On the Day Committee. Our next Bazaar meeting will be tomorrow Monday July 2nd and every Monday until Bazaar Day. Please Note the following:

1. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Communities that raise the most. There will be also prizes for the best stall on the day and for the best entertainment and for the most improved Community. There will be a bag of chickens for each Community that reaches or surpasses the target of \$4,500.00:
2. There will be no electricity provided in the stalls except on the main Stage for the Music and speaker system.
3. **Theme for this year's Bazaar "Healthy, Happy and Resilient"**.

Women at the Well: Representation from the parish is required at these meetings that are held at Nicolas House. The 2nd meeting is scheduled for Tuesday (3.7.18). Workshop attendees, Ema Mua and Babara Edwards to meet with Commission Head after 8.30am mass on Sunday (1.7.18) to ascertain the awareness in the parish.

Restoration of the Stations of the Cross. The Catholic Communications Office, Suva is doing this job for us and they should be finished this week. When completed and with new frames on the stations - they should enhance the Church.

Liturgy Commission Meeting: Takes place today after 8.30 Mass this Sunday - 1st July 2018. We invite anyone who can play any musical instrument plus Singers/Cantors to meet next Sunday the 8th July after 8:30am Mass.

Youth Commission Meeting: Also after 8.30am Mass today.

Evangelization: Commission Meeting Next Sunday 8th July after 8.30am Mass.

(1) Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Nadera is having an **8 weeks Charismatic Renewal** from next Sunday (24/06) and has extended invitation to Raiwaqa parishioners. The Renewal starts at 10.30am every Sunday until 12th August. Interested members, please take bible and writing materials and find own transport to Nadera.

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.

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

Sr Kalala and Children's 7 Steps: Sister is taking our children for SCC and CD sessions every Saturday morning after 8.30 Mass. She is willing to take our school going pupils on Saturday afternoons at 4.00pm. **Thank You Sr Kalala.**

Bazaar Committee Meetings: Tomorrow evening after the 6.30on Mass. It is important that all members attend.

Effective Disaster Response Training by National Disaster Management Officer, Saturday (7.7.18), 10am - 4pm.

Thanks: To 5a, St Columban's for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church yesterday. We invite 6 St Paul's to take over tomorrow Monday 2nd July.

Thanks for your Collections Last Week: 1st Collection: **\$1009.00**; 2nd Collection: **\$514.35**; Envelops: **\$50.00**

Total Collection: **\$1573.35**

Reading coming week: *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* [1/7/18] Wisdom 1: 13-15, 2: 23-24; 2 Cor 8: 7, 9, 13-15; Mk 4: 21-43; Mon [2/7/18] Amos 2: 6-10, 13-16; Mt 8: 18-22; Tue [3/7/18] St Thomas, Apostle: Eph 2: 19-21; Jn 20: 24-29; Wed 4/7/18] Amos 5: 14-15, 21-24; Mt 8: 28-34; Thurs [5/7/18] Amos 7: 10-17; Mt 9: 1-8; Fri [6/7/18] Amos 8: 4-6, 9-12; Mt 9: 9-13; Sat [7/7/18] Amos 9: 11-15; Mt 9: 14-17; *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* [8/7/18]: Ez 2: 2-5; 2 Cor 12: 7-10; Mk 6: 1-6

Continuation of A Brief History of the Parish: SECTOR AREAS (GROUPS)

For the past 25 years the sectors have been the mainstay of the parish. Leaders are elected annually and they become the area representatives to the various Parish Committees. The original sectors were fewer than today's eleven, but since other areas began to experience population growth with more new families, the number of sectors were extended either by creating more groups or splitting larger groups into two's or three's. Incidentally, the first Annual General Meeting of the parish was convened at the Raiwaqa Youth Centre (now Public Rental Board next to Raiwaqa Health Centre). It was a Sunday afternoon 2.00 p.m.

Present at this historic meeting were: Monsignor Petero Mataca - Parish Priest; Josefa Dinata - Chairman; Veronika Ralogaivau – Secretary; Jim Bingwor - Treasurer.

Other members were present: Samu Raduna; Gabriele Dawai; John Croker; Robert Santos; Dan Burese (Snr); Suliano Lilidamu; Severo Barawai; MariaBarawai; Seini Drivat; just to name a few.