



# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF YEAR - ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B: 08.07.18

#### 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.

#### Sunday Reflection: Making change possible

Today's Scriptures raise serious issues for anyone who wishes to follow Jesus along the way. Ezekiel says that the Spirit of God "set him on his feet." Without the Holy Spirit, without grace, without the energy that is God's gracious gift, we cannot live the life of faith, and true inner change is not possible. It is easier to do nothing than to get actively involved, to be negative than positive, to be cynical rather than creative ... and we humans are an amalgam of these contradictory tendencies. So often we are stiff-necked, stubborn and even cynical, because shirking responsibility takes little effort and less understanding. But to live the covenant God offers us calls for an awareness of grace and that grace must find expression in real, forgiving, growth oriented patterns of life and relationship. If we take today's gospel to heart, we will examine our tendency to judge others, to take hurt and offence from them, reject them, and make them scapegoats of our own aversions and resentments. If we become aware of how we spread negativity at home, at work or wherever, we must try to act on that awareness. How easy it is to confuse reality with our own ingrained prejudices and preferred viewpoints. Let us see that every story has another side, every person has his/her own reasons for doing what they do.

**In Loving Memory:** Salote Veibote, died Sat 30<sup>th</sup> June. She lived in Jittu Estate for the past number of years – cared for and was looked after by Bibiana. Originally she came from Naelekoro, Natovi Parish, mother of Jeke Bale, former parishioner and grandmother of Maciu Tuidama. She was mother of 7, had 31 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren She was buried in Nasinu Cemetery on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July after Requiem Mass in Naulu, Nausori Parish. Rest in Peace.

**Come and See held here in the Parish Yesterday Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> July:** Fr Willie Lee and Fr Carlo and Columban Seminarians conducted this day of reflection and retreat for the 7 young men who attended. Thanks to you all for your co-operation – in striving to make our local church more Missionary. Thanks also to the members of CCIM for catering on the day.

**Further Synod Seminar for Lay Leaders:** from 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> July in St Joseph's Secondary School Hall. Attending on behalf of the Parish are: Tupou Nawalu, Barbara King, Vama Mausio, Rafaele Roqica. Peni Naikelekelevesi (4C) & Maciu Vatuloka on behalf of the Youth. Each Parish requested to pay \$200.00 towards expenses. Thanks Parishioners.

**Effective Disaster Response Training by National Disaster Management Officer,** Saturday (7.7.18), 10am - 4pm. Ten parishioners attended this workshop yesterday – Two Reps from the NDMO attended and created awareness and are prepared to work with our Parish Team – in times of Crisis. Ben Lee heads our Parish Disaster Management Team.

**Montfort Boys Towns, Lami and Savusavu** expect more Catholic students in 2019 a Catholic institution - run by the Montfort Brothers. The minimum qualification is completion of Year 10 which means the students had completed his study in the three Terms at Year 10. Students who have completed Year 11 or Year 12 or Year 13 are most welcome. The Boarding Fees of \$600 can be paid periodically by parents. But the cost of uniforms \$519 must be paid at the time of admission. Job placement is done during the second term of the final year. If some of students or former students are interested; contact Bro. Jim, Director. Mobile 7685274, E- mail: [jimmadavana@gmail.com](mailto:jimmadavana@gmail.com)

**Urgent Lectors meeting** for all lectors straight after the 8.30am Mass in the Church. For the past few weeks, we have had people miss their rostered days. This does not lend for good liturgies.

**OUR NEXT PPC MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, 22ND JULY AT 10.00am FINALIZATION OF BAZAAR PROGRAM.**

**Parish Bazaar: Summary of Bazaar Committee Meeting** on Monday night last: There were **progressive reports** from 6 Communities; 1b, 2, 4a, 5a, 6 and 7b. **There were no Reps from Communities** 3, 4b, 4c 5b, 7a.

**Rapid Scaffolding** was contacted to erect the stalls again with the same layout as last year. **The Bilo Levu Club** has confirmed they are coming. **Tech 360 are prepared to do the Sound** for us on the day. **All Parishes** in the Central Eastern Division have

been notified. **Sponsorship Letters** are being prepared for distribution to companies this coming week. **Religious Houses will also be notified** this coming week. **Flyers and Advertisement both on Radio and Papers** are being looked into. **A Chief Guest** is being considered, **A separate Stall/Tent** will be made ready for visiting parishes/visitors.

**The Youth** are requested to be the **Green Team** for the Day. The Bazaar will open at 9.30am after the 8.30am Mass. **The First Call will be at 11.30am; 2<sup>nd</sup> Call at 1.00pm and 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Call at 3.00pm.**

**Urgent Urgent Urgent Plea to all Communities:** for Security reason & for the Ease of the Financial Team on the day, it was requested and suggested that **Communities start banking with the Parish immediately.** Only one Community is doing this at present. This would free up a lot of time at the end of the day before the Winners are announced.

**Please Note the following from last week's Newsletter:**

1. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Communities that raise the most. There will be prizes for the best stall 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"**.

**Goods from California USA handed over to the Parish:** Our former parishioners in California were asked to contribute towards our Golden Jubilee Celebrations. They did so in style and shipped 6 large cartons of kitchen ware to the parish which were opened on Friday night 6<sup>th</sup> July. The Women of the Parish are so grateful for this generous gift – which obviously cost a lot to ship and clear custom regulations – all expenses paid. Suitable storage space will be found for these goods as they will be in use time and again after our Jubilee celebrations. Thank You friends in California.

**New RCIA Programme:** is due to get off the ground today. Hopefully the new Programme will be Blessed with success.

**Next weekend:** Retreat for our 39 Candidates preparing for their Confirmation from the 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July.

**Columban Western Youth Rally:** This will be held in Ba on the 13<sup>th</sup> July from 6.00pm to 6am Sat 14<sup>th</sup> July.

**Music Director's Meeting:** After 8.30am Mass today. Invitation issued to all those who play any music instruments and Cantors/Singers. This will be the 1<sup>st</sup> and introductory meeting for Music and Liturgy.

**Commission for Social & Ecological Justice Next Meeting,** on 16.7.18. CSEJ Communities Reps please Note.

**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.

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

**"Columban Beach/Suva Sea Wall Clean Up"** on Saturday, July 21. Different Institutions and faith groups along Queen Elizabeth Drive are invited to take part in this clean up. Raiwaqa Parish, are also invited to take part. Details will be available soon. Please, mark this date members of CSEJ Commission.

**Restoration of the Stations of the Cross.** The Catholic Communications Office, Suva did this for us. Hung yesterday.

**Evangelization:** Commission Meeting transferred to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July after 8.30am Mass.

- (1) Our Lady of Fatima Parish, **Nadera is having an 8 weeks Charismatic Renewal** every Sunday starting at 10.30am every Sunday until 12<sup>th</sup> August. Interested members, please take bible and writing materials.
- (2) **Cenacle, Divine Mercy, Charismatic prayers** continues today from 2pm till 5pm. All Welcome.
- (3) **Seven Steps Animators Meeting:** Tomorrow evening Mon 9<sup>th</sup> July in the Hall.

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

**Sr Kalala and Children's 7 Steps:** Sister is taking our children for SCC 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.

**Thanks:** To 6 St Paul's for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church yesterday. You turned out in good numbers and will new faces. Choir Practices good also. We invite 7a St Jacob's to take over tomorrow.

**Thanks for your Collections Last Week:** 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: **\$1024.20**; 2nd Collection: **\$444.90**; Envelopes **\$5.00**  
Total Collection: **\$1469.10**

**Reading coming week: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** [8/7/18]: Ez 2: 2-5; 2 Cor 12: 7-10; Mk 6: 1-6; Mon [9/7/18] Hosea 2: 16-18, 21-22; Mt 9: 18-26; Tue [10/7/18] Hosea 8: 4-7, 11-13; Mt 9: 32-38; Wed [11/7/18] St Benedict, Abbot: Proverbs 2: 1-10; Mt 19: 27-29; Thurs [12/7/18] Hosea: 11: 1-4, 8-9; Mt 10: 7-15; Fri [13/7/18] Hosea 14: 2-9; Mt 10: 16-23; Sat [14/7/18] Isaiah 6: 1-8; Mt 10: 24-33; **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** [15/7/18] Amos 7: 12-15; Ephesians 1: 3-14; Mk 6: 7-13.