



# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF YEAR - ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B: 15.07.18

#### 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 Healing and reconciliation

When people ask a priest to pray for them, it may be so that they may regain peace of mind in coping with an illness or with tensions in the family, but sometimes it's hoping that some conflict in their lives will be resolved. Certainly, peace of mind is highly desirable, but for it to happen some kind of reconciliation, rooted in conversion, may be needed. This is vital for the healing of life and relationships. We are all sealed with the Spirit, and called by God to live according to His plan, but in practice my healing may need a change of attitude as much as the work of divine grace. Healing takes place in a variety of ways, physical, emotional, spiritual, but it always involves attitudes and lifestyle as much as aches and pains and trauma.

Each one of us is called to be a healer, each in our own way. All of us can learn the power of kindness, a bit of thought, a smile, and a helping hand. We are limited only by our lack of concern, by our fear, by our forgetting that (as Paul says) we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing. There untapped potential for good in all of us. It is worth remembering that peace is not just the absence of trouble. It is above all a life-force, like joy and love that helps us handle life's difficulties and threats. Its origins are in God Himself whom the Old Testament calls Yahweh-Shalom, God of Peace. Here, peace means wholeness, completeness, a reality that God wants all of us to share with one another.

So during this Mass we pray with and for each other, bless each other, support each other, forgive each other, treat each other with love and compassion. These are the things that heal and they are within everyone's reach. Of course, healing is a process; like growth itself it takes time, but who can say what the effect of a simple outreach may be? Let us trust God to complete with loving grace what we begin with his help.

**Deepest Sympathy:** Expressed to Alfred and Rosanne Tavo, Kaunitoni Street, Vatuwaqa on death (Stillborn), of baby Angela on 11<sup>th</sup> July. Mass of the Angeles celebrated in St Pius X Church on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July, followed by burial in Nasinu Cemetery. Peace and prayers requested for Angela's twin sister who is still ill in hospital.

**Retreat for Candidates preparing for their Confirmation.** This retreat took place yesterday at Sacred Heart College 14<sup>th</sup> July. Thanks is expressed to **32/33 out of 39 candidates** who turned up for this last retreat before their Confirmation on the 26<sup>th</sup> August. Thanks also to their teacher Mrs Eta Roseru, Head of Faith Commission as well as the support of parents. Thank you Fr Willie Lee who conducted the retreat on the Day. It has been a long and good journey for all.

**Ushers Meeting:** After 8.30am Mass today. Important that all Ushers attend –Golden Jubilee celebrations coming up.

**Columban Western Youth Rally:** held in Ba on the 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July. Fr Carlo accompanied 9 parish youth + 2 LMs

**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

#### Lectors for Next Sunday's Masses - 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**7.00am Mass** - Maria Waqa, Margaret Qalo, and Hanisi Mausio

**8.30am Mass** - Catherine Buresse, Samu Buresse and Salome Levula

**PPC MEETING** next Sunday at 10.00am to finalise bazaar programme – Stalls to be allocated. **Catholic Times ready** today in the Office. **Financial Reps or Community Leaders please nick**

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)

**Parish Bazaar: Summary of Bazaar Committee Meeting** on Monday night 9<sup>th</sup> July. There were **progressive reports** from only 4 Communities; 2, 4a, 6 and 7b. **There were no Reps from Communities** 1b, 3, 4b, 4c 5a, 5b and 7a.

We are still waiting for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Quote from a local scaffolding company – since it has not come in by now, we will have to go with **Rapid Scaffolding again this year**. The layout of stalls will be roughly the same as last year. **The Korean Community in Suva** was given permission to operate a stall – all proceeds to parish Bazaar Funds. **Community 4a** will have their own **portable toilet** – for women only. **Community 2** will have a **Bouncing Castle** for the Children.

**All Parishes and Religious Communities** in the Central Eastern Division has been invited. Over **30 letters seeking Sponsorship to Local Companies** has been delivered. (Thanks to our parish couriers for given of their time to do this). **The Chief Guest**: – not yet confirmed. **Visitors from other Parishes** to be looked after on a section of the main Stage by **Master Dan Burese**. **Community leaders** are **requested not to take tables or chairs from the Parish Halls or Meeting Rooms for our Bazaar** – except those needed for the main Stage. **The Bilo Levu Club** has confirmed they are coming. **Tech 360 are prepared to do the Sound** for us on the day. **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**. Last weekend an **Urgent Plea went out to all Communities** for Security reasons & for the Ease of the Financial Team that they **start banking with the Parish**.

**Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Communities** that raise the most. There will be a 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: **Theme for this year's Bazaar "Healthy, Happy and Resilient"**.

**There will be no electricity provided in the stalls** except on the main Stage for the Music and speaker system.

**Nest Bazaar Committee Meeting**: Monday after 6.30pm Mass – All Financial Reps should attend and have your Say.

- **Liturgy Commission**: Music Directors Meeting/Workshop - meet this Sunday 15th July after 8:30 am Mass. Could each Community send in 2 reps please for this important ministry. Didn't take place last Sun.
  - **Liturgy Committee for 50th Celebration** - If anyone is interested to be part of this committee is most welcome to join, please see Joana Qalo. Meeting will be Wednesday evening 18th July, after Mass.
  - **Community of St Cecilia: Choir Practice for Thanksgiving after Bazaar** will be at 4:00pm this afternoon. Please contact Celine Ravai for Venue.
1. **Evangelisation Commission meets after 8.30am in the hall today**. Reps please take note and attend
  2. **7 Steps – Animators** will be visiting communities 1B and 2 on Tuesday 17/07. Team 1 (Karalo, Mausio and Visoni). Team 2 (Dan, Vero and Vama) to St. Joseph the Worker Community also on the 17/07. Leaders or Evangelisation reps please inform Kele or Vama of the venues for these meetings.
  3. **7 Steps Workshop** for SCC leaders and animators is planned for 12/08/2018 after 8.30am Mass in the hall. Communities are asked to send in SCC leaders to the workshop. Those interested in becoming an Animator is asked to attend as well.
  4. **Nadera Parish 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.
  5. **Cenacle, Divine Mercy, Charismatic prayers** continues today from 2pm till 5pm. All Welcome.

**New RCIA Programme**: Started last week. Only one candidate turned up. Hopefully the new Programme will be blessed with success and many more will join after a few weeks when word gets out. It has come to light that some mature parishioners have not yet received Confirmation. All Community leaders should notify these senior parishioners to see Sala and Eroni Navuku, the Coordinator for the RCIA program. The same applies to anybody in the Community who wish to be received into the Church.

**Social & Ecological Justice Commission**: Meeting, Monday (16.7.18). Thanks & appreciation to the handful that responded to the invite for the **Effective Response to Disaster** training on Saturday (7.7.18). Presentation on the Workshop update and action plan by Ben. Lee.

**Women of the parish**: Meeting on Sunday (22.7.18), 3pm -5pm (Please bring a plate for refreshments).

**"Columban Beach/Suva Sea Wall Clean Up"** has been postponed until Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August.

**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 Sat. morning after 8.30am Mass

**Thanks**: To 7a St Jacob's for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church yesterday. You turned out in good numbers. Choir Practices good also. We invite 7b St Theresa of the Child Jesus to take over tomorrow.

**Thanks for your Collections Last Week**: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: **\$943.10**; 2nd Collection: **\$278.80**: Envelopes **\$5.00**

Total Collection: **\$1226.90**

**Reading coming week:** *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* [15/7/18] Amos 7: 12-15; Ephesians 1: 3-14; Mk 6: 7-13; Mon [16/7/18] Our Lady of Mt Carmel: Is 1: 10-17; Mt 10: 34—11:1; Tue [17/7/18] Is 7: 1-9; Mt 11: 20-29; Wed [18/7/18] Is 10: 5-7, 13-16; Mt 11: 25-27; Thurs [19/7/18] Is 26: 7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11: 28-30; Fri [20/7/18] Is 38: 1-6, 21-22; Mt 12: 1-8; Sat [21/7/18] Micah 2: 1-5; Mt 12: 14-21; *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* [22/7/18] Jer 23: 1-6; Eph 2: 13-18; Mk 6: 30-34;