

# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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**THE 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - CYCLE A: - 30/07/17**

### 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.p.m

**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.

### Over for another Year

Tired and worn out we can now congratulate ourselves for a Job Well Done. Our 2017 Bazaar was a blazing success and thanks to you all for the sacrifices, hard work, worries and toils.

**Pope Francis Tweets:** How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage, essential for each and every society.

**Reflection for the for the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year: That Priceless Pearl:** Those of us from a rural background will know how fiercely an old farmer can cling to his land. But hanging on is not the answer. It only sows bitterness and frustration in sons whose best years are wasted in waiting. Sons who in turn never learn themselves from the mistakes of their fathers. Love alone can guarantee security and care in one's declining years. Possessions provide only the illusion of security.

The ageing farmer is not the only one tempted to cling to things for a sense of security. Others have their own holdings from which only death can separate them. It may be property and wealth, status and prestige or power and influence. It may be the sense of importance that comes from being in charge, or a status & reputation we can no longer live up to.

“Ask what you would like me to give you,” God said to Solomon; and the young king replied, “Give your servant a heart to discern between good and evil.” That *wisdom* the kind of substantial gift that we all need.

Solomon did not pray for wealth or splendour. At root, it is not so much *things* that we should rid ourselves of, as the lust of possession itself. Poverty is usually a negative term, and the poor are often despised. We should not let an African famine or a faraway disaster make us forget that poverty is also named as a *beatitude*. It is no accident that Christ began his Sermon on the Mount with “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” This eventually leads to the call to “leave all things.” A modern equivalent of the rich young man might wonder what he or she might give, to gain the pearl of great price. The trouble with most of us is that we want it both ways: all this and the good life too.

There is a pearl out there, for everyone. And there is a price for everyone to pay, to gain that. Detachment is that price. To be able to move on from what we cherish without looking back with regret. Often our dilemma is not that we can't find the pearl but that we're unwilling to pay the price.

### **The Result of this St Pius X Parish Bazaar 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Community	Amount	Community	Amount	Community	Amount
St Cecilia 1b	\$8690.35	St Joseph 2	\$7005.00	St Joan of Arc 3	\$1720.00
Peter Chanel 4a	\$8000.15	St Patrick's 4b	\$4700.00	St John-Bapt 4c	\$2000.00
St Michael's 5a	\$4700.00	S Columban 5b	\$11,182.35	St Paul's 6	\$3040.00
St Jacob's 7a	4604.00	St Teresa's 7b	\$1575.00	Donations	\$4810.00

**Total raised in this year's Bazaar was \$62,025.15 - While last year's Bazaar realised \$ 50, 437.75**

This result was a great sacrifice on your part – all you who committed to this year's annual Parish Bazaar. The end result amazed us all. To all you who made the effort, The Parish Team and Financial Council are grateful and thank you most sincerely. In Short - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize goes to St Columban's again, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place to St Cecilia's and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place to St Peter Chanel.

**A total of 7 Communities reached their Target. Best improved Community was St Jacobs 7a. Congratulations.**

**Thanks also to our Donors and Sponsors:** Classic Works, Courts; DHL, Pan Pacific Tours, Pure Fiji, Westpac, Mrs Mary Bainimarama, R.C. Manubhai, Printmate, JAD Travel, Goodman Fielder, Zenith Marketing/Nashua/Richo, The Columban Fathers, The Cathedral Parish, St Agnes, Samabula. There are some more donations promised. Some of the above Companies gave lots of merchandise while others were generous with substantial cash Donations, like Classic Works, The Cathedral Parish and The Columbans.

**Results of the Best Stall and Best Entertainment Item at the Bazaar:** St Columban's 5b & St Joseph the Worker 2.

**We Thank the Three Bazaar Committees for their Hard Work :** The Pre-Bazaar Committee; On-the-Day Committee; and After-Bazaar Committee, they did a great job. Their many meetings in preparation paid off on the day and things ran smoothly without too much stress – Thanks to our Security Team, our counters, Lillian and Rosemary and Angie Kainamoli (Parish Treasurer). Thanks to Stage Tech who provided the Sound System on the Day and the DJ, Nua Kunau who came all the way from Nadi – to our Announcers Dan and Mausio while good and secure sheds were erected well on time by Rapid Scaffolding. And not forgetting the lovely social evening that was organised in the Fr Hurley Hall. The Bazaar Committees are appreciative of the effort and good will in all of the Communities during the year. The Parish Team also recognises and salutes the great effort Community leaders and the Financial Reps made to make this year's Bazaar such a huge success. It was a wonderful display of Community and Parish Spirit. The day (weather-wise) was not bad – spared heavy rain but the end results were gigantic. The Community stalls couldn't be better, reflection the Theme of Day – "Moving forward in Faith and Good Health". To everyone involved in one-way or other Vinaka Vakalevu. Communities will surely be having their Vakaciri Salusalu celebrations in the next week or so.

**Welcome Home Rev. John Fong MSC.** Today's Mass – Mass of Thanksgiving after the Parish Bazaar at 9.00am is the only Mass today. **Rev John Fong MSC** was the Deacon at the Mass. John is from St Michael's Community 5a in the parish. Welcome Home Rev John among your own. For the past number of Sundays **Rev Pat Visanti** was our Deacon. Pat will be back with us as Deacon next Sunday where hopefully he will officiate at his 1<sup>st</sup> Baptism in the Parish.

**Mue Mausio 4a Member of our Parish Disaster Team:** attending a special training workshop on Disaster Management during the week Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Thursday/Friday 27/28<sup>th</sup> July in St Joseph's Secondary School Hall. He did so on behalf our Parish Disaster Management Team. This training was conducted by Caritas personnel from overseas, one from Caritas Australia, one from Caritas New Zealand and one from Caritas International, Rome. Looking forward to having a report from Mue soon. Thanks for attending.

**JPHD Commission Breakfast meeting for 13.8.17 in the parish hall from 10am - 11.30am.** All Reps please attend.

**Fr Donal McIlraith & The Marian Movement of Priests** invites you to join Fr Francis Geremia CS at a Cenacle and Eucharist at the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 5 pm on Wed Aug 1<sup>st</sup>. Fr Geremia was a good friend of Fr Gobbi. He will lead the Cenacle and also speak after Mass.

**Students of PRS in Concert:** performing Mekes, Dances and Songs from all national groups on the 18<sup>th</sup> August at Lambert Hall. Tickets on sale now. \$15.00. Available from PRS. They are in short supply. So, hurry and get one immediately. While on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Aug. Rev Pat and year 7 students and launching a new CD with 16 original tracks, a number of which he composed himself. The CD will cost \$25.00

**Early Childhood Education Week:** For children in Kindergartens started on the 28<sup>th</sup> July and will continue all this week until 4<sup>th</sup> August. All the programmes are School Based with visitors coming to speak to the children, nurses, fire men and police etc.

1. **Men of the Parish and their Faith Formation Programme:** They have set up from now until the end of the Year.
2. **New Faith Formation Leaders** - Joseph Qalo and Peni Nabou (coming in for Walusio Buatava and Jacob Kivi)
3. **Proposal for Further Works - Erection of a Memorial Plaque** somewhere in the front of the church next year commemorating the Golden Jubilee and the pioneering families who toiled for the Parish in its early years.

**Meetings Today Sunday 30<sup>rd</sup> July:**

**The Cenacle @ 2.00pm; Divine Mercy @ 3.00pm; Charismatics @ 3.30pm; World Apostolate of Fatima @ 4.30pm.**

**Meetings during the Week:**

1. **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Aug:** – Seven Steps Prayer in most Communities.
2. **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Aug.** Youth Seven Steps prayer meeting. Thank you, Youth, for being so faithful to the Seven Steps.
3. **Liturgy Meeting Next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August:** Let all Liturgical Community Reps please take note and attend this meeting.

**Thanks:** To Community 4a St Peter Chanel for animating the Liturgy during the week and for cleaning of the Church & compound. Friday night. There was a great attendance at the evening Masses. We invite St Patrick's 4b to start tomorrow Mon 31<sup>st</sup> July.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$524.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$77.80 and Envelop \$165.00 = \$766.80.**

**Reading coming week: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** [30/7/17] 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8: 28-30; Matt 13: 44-52; Mon [31/7/17] **St Ignatius of Loyola:** Ex 32: 15-24, 30-34; Matt 13: 31-35; Tue [1/8/17] **St Alphonsus Liguori** Ex 33: 7-11, 34: 5b-9, 28; Matt 13: 36-43; Wed [2/8/17] Ex 34: 29-35; Matt 13: 44-46; Thur [3/8/17] Ex 40: 16-21, 34-38; Matt 13: 47-53; Fri [4/8/17] **St John Mary Vianney:** Lev 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matt 13: 54-58; Sat [5/8/17] **Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major in Rome** Lev 25: 1, 8-17; Matt 14: 1-12; **Transfiguration of the Lord** [6/8/17] Dan 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1: 16-19; Matt 17: 1-9