



ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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17TH SUNDAY OF YEAR - ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B: 29.07.18

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 Loaves and fishes

We can find ourselves in situations beyond our abilities to cope. The challenge seems simply too great to be faced. In this gospel we have an example of that kind of apparent powerlessness. Jesus and the disciples are faced with a very large crowd of hungry people in a deserted place. They need to be fed and the resources to feed them don't appear to be there. The sense of being overwhelmed by the task that needs to be done - Philip states, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each Seeing the hungry crowd and the few loaves, Jesus was aware of the enormity of the task of feeding them all. But he did not share the apostles' sense of defeatism. He saw that in some way the small boy with the five barley loaves and two fish was the key to feeding five thousand people. Clearly this story spoke very powerfully to the early church. The early believers came to appreciate that the Lord can use our limited efforts to perform his greatest works. As Paul puts it: "God's power is often made perfect in our weakness." The Lord can work powerfully in and through the very little that we possess, if we are generous with that little. The small boy is our teacher in that regard. He gave over his few barley loaves and fish, and the Lord did the rest. All of the evangelists see a link between what happened in the desert that day and what happened at the Last Supper and what happens at every Eucharist. Just as Jesus transformed the small boy's simple gifts of five barley loaves and two fish into a feast for thousands, so he transforms our simple gifts of bread and wine into a spiritual feast for all, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. The way the Lord works in the Eucharist is how he works in the rest of our lives. He takes the little we offer him and uses it, and as Saint Paul says, he is 'able to accomplish far more than all we can ask or imagine.'

Thanks Giving Mass: Today Sunday 29th July after Parish Bazaar.
 Indeed today we Thank God for a very successful 2018 Bazaar. The weather was great and it was a wonderful community fun filled day. TG

Altar Server's Meeting: Today after 9am Mass. Important Meeting in preparation for Liturgies of Golden Jubilee Week 21st – 26th Aug

The Result of this St Pius X Parish Bazaar 28th July 2018

Community	Amount	Community	Amount	Community	Amount
St Cecilia 1b	\$6813.60	St Joseph 2	\$9097.65	St Joan of Arc 3	\$2,600.00
Peter Chanel 4a	\$14,506.45	St Patrick's 4b	\$4,639.65	St John-Bapt 4c	\$2100.00
St Michael's 5a	\$4551.45	St Columban 5b	\$12,065.90	St Paul's 6	\$3025.00
St Jacob's 7a	\$4516.10	Teresa of CJ 7b	\$4666.10	Bilo Levu	\$309.00
Opening Chief G	\$500.00	Donations	\$4,600.00	Korean Com.	\$1000.00

Total of this year's Bazaar = \$75,130.90. In 2017 = \$62,025.15 - While in 2016 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 - 1st Prize to 4a St Peter Chanel, 2nd Place to 5b St Columbans and 3rd Place 2 St Joseph Worker.

A total of 8 Communities reached the Target. Best improved Community 7b Teresa of Child Jesus. Congrats.

Thanks to our Donors and Sponsors this year: First and foremost to our Chief Guest Mr Alex O' Connor, Assistant Minister for Health for opening our Bazaar; To Courts; Pan Pacific Tours, Pure Fiji, Westpac, Goodman Fielder, Zenith Marketing/Nashua/Office 2000 + R.C. Manubhai, The Columban Fathers, William and Gosling, Carpenters, and Nasese

Buses. Also the many other donations from Religious Communities. Total Donations amounted to **\$5,100.00, while the rest came from Community Stalls. The Total being \$70,030.90. The Grand Total being \$75,130.90.**

Results of the Best Entertainment Item at the Bazaar: Shared by 7a St Jacobs and St Michael's 5a. While the Best stall for the day was 5b St Columbans.

We Thank the Bazaar Committees for their Hard Work: The Pre-Bazaar Committee; On-the-Day 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, Richard, and Angie Kainamoli (Parish Treasurer). Thanks to 360 Tech who provided the Sound System on the Day, the Green Team (Youth) and the DJ, Nua Kunau who came all the way from Nadi – to our MCs Mausio and Master Dan while good and secure sheds were erected well on time by Nabzville Scaffolding. We thank Lavinia Qalo (Smith) and her team of helpers for decorating the Stage. 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 a huge success. It was a wonderful display of Community and Parish Spirit. The day was weather-wise kind to us for a change. – The End results were gigantic. The Community stalls couldn't be better, reflection the Theme of Day – "Healthy, Happy and Resilient". 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 and those who passed the target will be rewarded.

Golden Jubilee Week: 21 to 26th August: As the dust settles on Swann Park after yesterday's Bazaar our focus shifts to the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Parish. Since here are only weeks at the most, we must start thinking and making final preparations for this our next big Parish event. We will set the engine in motion tomorrow evening:

- **Catering Committee meet** on Monday night after Mass at 7.30pm
- **Logistics Committee meet** on Wednesday night after Mass at 7.30pm
- **Golden Jubilee Committee Meeting for ALL subcommittees** on Thursday night after Mass at 7.30pm.

Parish Pastoral Management Workshop: To the Priest of Central Eastern Division: 'I invite you with four of your parishioners to this workshop to be held on 31st July to 2nd August, 2018 at St Joseph's Secondary School Hall. The workshop is part of the build-up to the Synod whereby parishes will be required to provide the necessary platform and foundation to plan and implement the resolutions of the Synod.

Parishes would be required to adopt and realign their Pastoral Plan with that of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan which would envisage a new Vision and Mission of the Archdiocese of Suva.

Therefore, the above mentioned workshop would assist and facilitate in the transition of necessary changes in the parish pastoral structures and procedures in order to holistically accommodate our first of its kind Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan in the coming years until the next synod. I look forward to your support and presence.

+ Archbishop Peter Loy Chong'.

(A Parish Team – will be present at this workshop – Fr John McEvoy).

Evangelization Commission:

1. **Animator's visitation** this Tuesday (31/07) to 4B and 5B. Community leaders/evangelisation reps please advise the office of the venues for these visitations.
2. **7 Steps workshop on 12th August** in the hall, starts at 10am and targets all SCC leaders (both for the big communities and for every small community), evangelisation reps, community leaders those interested.
3. **Cenacle, Divine Mercy, Charismatic prayers** continues today from 2pm till 5pm. All Welcome.

Liturgy Meetings: Golden Jubilee Liturgy Meetings tomorrow 30th July. Liturgy Commission Meeting next Sunday.

Youth 7Steps at St. Patrick Community (4B) on Tuesday, July 31 at 730pm (with Jubilee Preparation Meeting)

Youth Social Night & Hymn Practice: at Fr. Hurley Hall on Friday, August 3 at 730pm – New Youth are welcomed.

Columban "Beach Clean Up: Saturday, August 4 at 7am. Raiwaqa parishioners are expected.

Jubilee Children Choir: All children (under 14y/o) are welcome to join the Parish Children's Choir. Practice will be on Saturday, Aug 4 at 5pm (church) Sunday, Aug 5 at 4pm (AB Hall) / Saturday, Aug 11 at 3pm (church). s.

Columban Lay Missionaries- Come and See on August 18, 2015, 9:00 AM at the LM House in Nase. Interested Youths and Young Professionals, please see or contact Marj @ 8040634.

CWL AGM Meeting & Trip to Taveuni is still on under a new Interim Leadership Team.

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

World Apostolate of Fatima: Organizing a Music Festival for Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Youth on 13th Oct.

Preschool Week: Started yesterday with a march from The Raiwaqa Market to John Welsey Primary School. Our preschool is clustered with preschools from Raiwaqa, Raiwai and Vatuwaqa. A week of activities follows in preschools.

Thanks: To 1b St Cecelia for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning and getting ready the Church for today Thanksgiving Mass. We invite Community 2 St Joseph the Worker to take over tomorrow Monday 30th July.

Thanks for your Collections Last Week: 1st Collection: **\$818.10**; 2nd Collection: **\$76.40**; Envelopes **\$15.00**

Total Collection: **\$909.50**

Reading coming week: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [29/7/18]: 2 Kings 4: 42-44; Eph 4: 1-6; Jn 6: 1-15; Mon

[30/7/18] Jer 13: 1-11; Mt 13: 31-35; Tue [31/7/18] St Ignatius of Loyola: Jer 14: 17-22; Mt 13: 36-43; Wed [1/8/18] Jer 15: 10,

16-21; Mt 13: 44-46; Thurs [2/8/18] Jer 18: 1-6; Mt 13: 47-53; Fri [3/8/18] Jer 26: 1-9; Mt 13: 54-58; Sat [4/8/18] Jer 26: 11-16,

24; Mt 14: 1-12; **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** [5/8/18] Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15; Eph 4: 17, 20-24; Jn 6: 24-35;