

# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD - CYCLE A: - 06/08/17

#### 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.

#### Parish Broadcast Mass next Sunday

The Liturgical Meeting will discuss this at their meeting today and choose good readers and canter for the occasion. The Central Eastern Clergy express a lot of dissatisfaction and uncertainty about these Sunday Broadcast Masses on the part of FBC and CC Office Suva

**The Catholic Times:** Very little payment from the Communities have come in yet. So please Financial Reps and Communities Leaders can you see into this.

#### Reflection for the for the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year: Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord:

**Out of our comfort-zone:** Sooner or later, we all face the danger of settling in with our lives, in a comfort-zone that lets us live peacefully, without undue worries. Having attained a certain standing, it's easy to let ourselves be trapped by an easy-going conformity ...Savour some nice vacations. Set up some pleasant weekends...

But then we discover that happiness doesn't coincide with well-being. The comfort-zone lacks something, and we're left empty and unsatisfied. Something that you can't buy with money or guarantee with a comfortable life. Simply put what's missing is the very joy of someone who knows how to be moved by the problems and needs of others, feel oneself in solidarity with people in need, and somehow live closer to the ones mistreated by society.

St Peter's on-going temptation is one that all too often stalks us Christians: to «set up our tents on the mountain top». That is: seeking our well-being in religion, avoiding our responsibility to seek a more human coexistence with and for others. Here, Jesus' message is clear. Our devotion isn't truly Christian if it isolates us and comfortably distances us from the service of the most needy. Listening to Jesus, we're invited to critically examine the way of living in which we are perhaps comfortably settled, and begin to live more attentive to the challenge that comes to us from the most destitute of our society. (José Antonio Pagola).

**Words of Thanks and Appreciation from Parish Chairperson:** There was no dust to speak of, settling at Swann Park after the Bazaar, but rather mud and slush in the chilly Saturday night air as those who cared made their way to Fr Hurley Hall to find solace and warmth in the company of each other. This they called the after-match function. The music there, just fitted the occasion. We were grateful too to Nua – DJ on the ground for the day. He did a wonderful job for us and we must make sure he comes back again and again in the future.

I am penning these few lines to personally thank all you hard working people who actually made things happen for us. The list is endless, if I had to go through the details of what you put together right up to the last minute and to the finest detail. I personally felt I was not even worthy to make the announcement on Sunday in light of what just transpired 24 hours previous. \$62,000 is the sum total of everything... blood, sweat and tears. Thank you again.

The idea of gathering all leaders and community treasurers for a 'i vakavinavinaka' during the final count must be a norm for years to come. We make them feel special as we acknowledge them as the movers and shakers in this sometimes-cruel world of fundraising, when we do so. They can go back to their communities and say their efforts are very much appreciated.

In closing my first PPC meeting in March this year I remember uttering some words to this effect. *There are three types of people in this world: (1) Those who make things happen, (2) Those who watch things happen, and (3) Those who don't know what's happening.* God Bless Us. (Photos of Bazaar on website: [www.stpiusxfj.com](http://www.stpiusxfj.com)) (Master Dan Burese).

**Welcome to the Christian Community: Johnson Pio Vunidilo,** Lot 6 Udal St, Howell Rd. and **Ratu Lino Roseru,** 22 Duivosavosa Lane, Bryce St. who were baptised here today at the 8.30am Mass. **Congratulations and Welcome.**

**Emergency Preparedness Workshop 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> August:** This training of trainers was made possible through the support of Caritas Aotearoa, Caritas Australia and Catholic Relief Services, conducted at St Joseph's Secondary School. After Winston, the Archbishop saw the need to setup disaster management teams in each parish. This was a four-day training for a member from each parish in the Archdiocese of Suva. About 40 of us attended. The week-long training empowered the participants with basic knowledge on disaster management practises, community early warning systems, immediate needs assessment and also logistics for a rapid response operation, first at parish level and then at Archdiocesan level. The course also gave us the opportunity to enable networking with other parishes in preparation/anticipation of a major disaster. Everything culminated on Friday with NDMO (National Disaster Management Office) who gave us a brief account of how they work and finally the Archbishop's way forward for the Archdiocese - ready to tackle any disaster in partnership with all the parishes. *Vinaka. Mue Mausio.*

**Election of New Community Leader for Community 6:** The meeting will take place in Seeto's Residence today 6<sup>th</sup> Aug. at 5.00pm to elect a new Community Leader. All community members please attend. Attention Parish Executives.  
**The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee:** meeting on Monday, 7th August after evening Mass to discuss and finalise the preparations for Launching of our Jubilee Year on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017. **T- Shirts now on sale after Sunday Masses.**

**New Confirmation Preparation Programme in St Pius X Parish:** Since we were the very first Parish to have embraced this programme and are really the pioneers of the course as we were the only parish to started on the very Sunday that it was meant to start. Reports about our classes has reached the attention of the **Liturgy and Sacrament Commission** in the Archdiocese. They have requested us to write a short account of how the course is going in Raiwaqa and have it published in the Catholic Times – for the benefit of other parishes who have not started yet. Confirmation teachers liaise with Emma - Parish Reporter? Thanks.

**Pre-Marriage Training Weekend:** His Grace Archbishop Peter Loy will be conducting a 2-day marriage preparation training for couples intending to get married. Venue: Nicolas House on Saturday 19/08/2017 from 9 am- 5 pm & Sunday 20/08/2017 from 10 am - 5 pm (Couples are requested to attend 8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart). All interested couples must register with Mr Waqa Cavuilati on email: ckwaqa@gmail.com or cwaqa@yahoo.com

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

**Men of the Parish:** Please be reminded of your Social Night in the Hall on Friday night 11<sup>th</sup> August at 8.00pm. All concerned please bring some Grog, Guitars, Cards and Vidividi Boards.

**Early Childhood Education Week:** For children in Kindergartens ended on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August. They had a wonderful week of inhouse programmes – with nurses, firemen and road safety personal visiting them.

**Students of PRS in Concert:** on the 18<sup>th</sup> August at Lambert Hall. Mekes, Dances and Songs from national will be performed. Tickets on sale now from PRS at \$15.00. They are nearly sold out. So, hurry and get one immediately. While on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Aug. Rev Pat and year 7 students launched a new CD with 16 tracks, a number of which he composed himself. The CD will cost \$25.00

#### **Meetings Today Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Aug:**

1. **Liturgy Meeting today Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August:** Let all Liturgical Community Reps place take note and attend this meeting.
2. **Women of the Parish Meeting today 6<sup>th</sup> August** in the Fr Hurley Hall.
3. **Altar Servers Meeting:** Today at 3.00pm in the Church. Please all Servers attend this meeting today
4. **The Cenacle @ 2.00pm; Divine Mercy @ 3.00pm; Charismatics @ 3.30pm; World Apostolate of Prayer - 4.30.**

#### **Meetings during the Week:**

1. **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Aug:** – Seven Steps Prayer in most Communities.
2. **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Aug:** Prayer Meeting and Bible Sharing in Community 2 at 7.30pm in Tina Poate's Residence.
3. **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Aug:** Prayer Meeting Community 4a St Perter Chanel at 7.30pm in Sauto's Residence.
4. **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Aug:** Family Commission meeting at 7.15pm at the Parish hall. All reps are asked to attend
5. **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Aug:** Men of the Parish Committee meeting after Mass. All concerned please attend.
6. **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Aug:** Justice and Development meeting at 7.45pm in the Hall.
7. **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Aug.** Youth Seven Steps prayer meeting. Thank you, Youth, for being so faithful to the Seven Steps.

**Thanks:** To Community 4b St Patrick's 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 John the Baptism 4c to start tomorrow Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Aug.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$369.25; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$38.95 and Envelop \$235.00 = \$643.20.**

**Reading coming week: Transfiguration of the Lord** [6/8/17] Dan 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1: 16-19; Matt 17: 1-9 Mon [7/8/17] Num 11: 4-15; Matt 14: 13-21; Tue [8/8/17] **Saint Dominic:** Num 12: 1-13; Matt 14: 22-36; Wed [9/8/17] Hosea 2: 16-17; 21-22; Matt 25: 1-13; Thurs [10/8/17] **St Lawrence:** 2 Cor 9: 6-10; John 12: 24-26; Fri [11/8/17] **St Claire:** Deut 4: 32-40; Matt 16: 24-28; Sat [12/8/17] Deut 6: 4-13; Matt 17: 14-20; **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** [13/8/17] 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Matt 14: 23-33