



# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### 1<sup>8</sup><sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF YEAR - ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B: 05.08.1<sup>8</sup>.

#### 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 Food that lasts

“What is it that can last?” Many things produced today are not made to last. We wonder how many of the buildings constructed in recent years in the cities will still be there in three hundred years’ time. Much of what we buy on the domestic level, like home furniture, does not seem to last very long either. The very clothes we wear have a shorter life span compared to a generation or two ago. We live in a throwaway culture, even if we always retain the capacity to create something of enduring value. On our journey through life we tend to seek out what might be of lasting value because we sense that it can enrich us and make us better human beings. Having found something of real value we often return to it, whether it is a book, a poem, a piece of music, a painting or a building. What we really value are not so much objects or things but people. A good friend is worth more to us than anything else. When Jesus called himself the “way” it is the way to live under God’s influence; he shows us how to live our life as the way to eternal life. His message is about what endures not just into successive generations but into eternity. Since human beings were created by God to live forever, Jesus came to show the way to that eternal life and to help us enter it. In a great metaphor, he speaks of himself as the bread of life who feeds us into eternity. If we stay with him our deepest hunger and thirst will be satisfied – and fully in the next life. When we wonder about what really lasts, we should think first of Jesus. He is the gateway to enduring life, for ourselves and for all we love and value.

**Welcome to the Christian Community:** Ratu Emasi Lui Naulu, 222 Fletcher Road, Vatuwaqa and Peceli Aliposi Cokanalagi (Sacramento USA) - Vausavusa Road, Vatuwaqa who were baptized here yesterday 4<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2018.

**The Euphoria of the Parish Bazaar:** The ripples of this euphoria is still felt in the Communities of the Parish and rightly so. The Parish can be proud of the great effort that everyone put into making the Annual Parish Bazaar such a success this year - especially this year the Year of the Golden Jubilee of the Parish. Once again heartfelt thanks to One and All. To all Communities that reached and surpassed the Target set for Bazaar this year – your rewards are ready and can be collected at the Presbytery by Community Leaders and Community Financial Reps. **Another generous Donation of \$2,000.00 from Classic Works came in during the week which brings our Grand Total so far for this year’s Bazaar to \$77,130.90**

**Forward to Golden Jubilee Celebrations:** There is only two weeks to get our act together. Well done so far to the Liturgical and Catering Committees who had successive meetings and have constructive ideas and plans. For the benefit of Ethnic Groups we publish here the day that is allotted to them and the name of the priest who will be leading your Mass. Hopefully this will help you make adequate preparation for the evening your liturgy is on: All Masses from Mon 20<sup>th</sup> August – 24<sup>th</sup> Aug will be celebrated at 7.00pm:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – (Feast of St Bernard). The Kiribati Community with Community 4B Main Celebrant **Fr Ipolito SM.**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> (Feast day of St Pius) Men and Women of the Parish. Main Celebrant **Fr Timoci Kolodisi PP Nadera.**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> (Our Lady Mother and Queen) Children of the Parish/ Altar Servers/Parents – **Fr Carlo Jung SSC.**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Parish Youth and Youth Legends. Main Celebrant – **Fr Tom Rouse SSC (Former PP and NZ)**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – (St Bartholomew) Mandali & St John Vianny – **Main Celebrant Fr Simon Mani MSC Rector PRS.**

**Gold Jubilee Postponed Meetings of Logistics etc. after 8.30 Mass. To Continue the Planning for the Golden Jubilee celebrations. It is of the utmost important that all groups involved attend.**

**Altar Server's Meeting: Today after 8.30am Mass. Important Meeting in preparation for Liturgies of Golden Jubilee Week 20<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Aug**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> **Golden Jubilee Celebration: Mass at 10.00am.** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Mass at 7.00 and **Confirmation at 9.00am.**

**All Golden Jubilee Committees to meet after 8.30am Mass today:** We request members of all Committees to meet after Mass today to discuss and finalise other matters for the Jubilee. In fact anyone else interested come along also. Just like Bazaar last weekend we will need all hands on deck for this celebration of the parish. Matters that we need to look at and consider again today are the following: The program for the day (mostly done). The site plan for the ceremonies and entertainment. Setting up marquees and tents. Sound system. Oversee the preparation of dining areas (tables and chairs) with WOP/Catering Committee. Roster wash room cleanliness and placement of litter bins around the parish premises. Communications and production of Souvenir Booklet and the Recording of the event. And of course the preparation and distribution of yaqona during the day. **Anything left out – please let us know.**

**Parish Pastoral Management Workshop:** Took place in St Joseph's Hall on the 31<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> August – The 1<sup>st</sup> two days were attended by Fr Carlo, Master Dan and Kele, while the same team attended on the 3day which was given over to Parrish Financial Councils was attended by the Parish Treasurer, Angie Kainamoli, Joe Mow, and Fr McEvoy. Parishes will 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. This workshop will help to bring about the changes necessary in parish pastoral structures and procedures in order to bring about the first of its kind – An Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan in the coming years. **Thank You to you who attended.**

**Archdiocese Men Synod Seminar Korolevu from Fri 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Aug 2018.** The Number of Seminars and Workshops in preparation for Synod 2019 has been quite taxing and at times we struggle to make the numbers required by the Archdiocesan Office. But so far so good. We have managed to meet our quota. Next weekend we hope to get a few good men to travel down the coast for yet another Seminar. **Not known who yet – we have registered 5.** **Details of the requirements are:** The Seminar is for the men in the Archdiocese; Registration fee is **\$25.00 per person;** Meals will be provided (inclusive of Friday and Sunday Dinner); The Number of participants will be capped at the first 100 names received. Topics to be covered will abuse and domestic violence.

**Women of the Parish Meeting today (5.8.18),** 4pm – 5pm in the AB Hall to discuss CWL Taveuni AGM Trip. The purpose of the Women of the Parish is to provide activities which are specifically directed to the nurturing of women in one's faith journey and provide opportunities for service. All women (18 years & above) are encouraged to attend the meeting from 10am - 11.00am in the AB hall. Item for discussion - Golden Jubilee Catering.

**7 Steps Workshop Next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Youth Monthly Meeting:** After 8:30am Mass. Parish youth (14~35) invited to prepare for their Golden Jubilee Mass.

**Cenacle, Divine Mercy, Charismatic prayers** continues today from 2pm till 5pm. All Welcome

**Children's Choir Practice:** Today at 4pm / Sat. Aug 11 at 3pm – Children (up to 13 y/o) – For their GJ Mass.

**Commission of Ecological & Social Justice Meeting** on Monday (6.8.18), 7.45pm – 8.30pm in the parish.

**Animators visitation** this Tuesday (07/08) to 5A. Community leader/evangel. Rep please advise Vama the venues.

**Youth 7 Steps Prayer Meeting:** Tuesday, Aug 7 at 7:30pm at 7A

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

**Community 2 St Joseph the Worker:** 7 Steps and bible sharing Tuesday Aug 7<sup>th</sup> at the Colata's Residence.

**Confessions for Confirmation Candidates, Parents and Sponsors:** Friday, Aug. 10 after 6:30pm Mass

**Agape (Archdiocesan Multi-ethnic group) Monthly Meeting:** Thur., Aug 9 @ 5:30pm at Nicolas House. Rotumans, Kiribati, Indo-Fijians, Tongans, Samoans, Chinese, Japanese and other ethnic groups from Raiwaqa are welcome.

**Columban Lay Missionaries – Come and See:** on August 18, 2018, 9:00am at the LM House Nasese. Youths and Young Professionals, consider giving 3 years of your life on overseas Missionary work. Contact Marj@ 8040634.

**Next Sunday:** There will be further discussions on Jubilee Celebration Preparations by member of Committees/PPC.

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

**Thanks:** To 1b St Joseph the Worker for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning and getting ready the Church for today. We invite Community 3 St Joan of Arc to take over tomorrow Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August..

**Thanks for your Collections Last Week:** 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: **668.50:** Envelopes **\$35.00**

Total Collection: **\$703.50**

**Reading coming week:** *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* [5/8/18] Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15; Eph 4: 17, 20-24; Jn 6: 24-35; Mon [6/8/18] Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord: Dan 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1: 16-19; Mk 9: 2-10; Tue [7/8/18] Jer 30: 1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14: 22-36; Wed [8/8/18] Jer 31: 1-7; Mt 15: 21-28; Thurs [9/8/18] St Teresa Benedicta: Hosea 2: 16-17; 21-22; Mt 25: 1-13; Fri [10/8/18] St Lawrence: 2 Cor 9: 6-10; Jn 12: 24-26; Sat [11/8/18] Hab 1: 12-2:4; Mt 17: 14-20; *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* [12/8/18] 1 Kings 19: 4-8; Eph 4: 32-5:2; Jn 6: 41-51;