



ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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19TH SUNDAY OF YEAR - ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B: 12.08.18.

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 Refrain from complaining

We all do our share of complaining, and sometimes with good reason. We complain about the weather. We complain about all kinds of things. We can get ourselves into a very negative frame of mind. We see the problems but we see nothing else. We fail to see the bigger picture which usually has brighter shades in it. Today's gospel opens with the Jews complaining to each other about Jesus. As far as they were concerned he was one of themselves. They had always known him as the son of Joseph, the carpenter from Nazareth; they knew his family and his mother. Yet, here he was claiming to be the bread that came down from heaven. We cannot come to Jesus on our own; we need God's help. The good news is that God the Father is always drawing us to his Son. Jesus calls himself the bread that comes down from heaven and calls us to eat this bread. When we hear that kind of language we probably think instinctively of the Eucharist. Yet those words have wider application. The Lord invites us come to him and to feed on his presence, and in particular to feed on his word. In the Jewish Scriptures bread is often a symbol of the word of God. We may be familiar with the quotation from the Jewish Scriptures, 'we do not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' We need physical bread, but we also need the spiritual bread of God's word. We come to Jesus to be nourished by his word. The food of his word will sustain us on our journey through life, just as, in the first reading, the baked scones sustained Elijah, until he reached his destination, the mountain of God. When we keep coming to Jesus and feeding on his word, that word will shape our lives. It empowers us to live the kind of life that Saint Paul puts before us in this morning's 2nd Reading, a life of love essentially, a life in which we love one another as Christ as loved us, forgive one another as God forgives us.

In Loving Memory: **Jone Matavewa**, Delainavesi, father of Maciu Vatuloka (Community 4b) died on Sat 4th Aug and buried on Tuesday 7th Aug. Suva Cemetery after Requiem Mass in Delainavesi. **Molisa Sisilia Apao**, Greig Place, Vatuwaqa 5b. Died Tues 7th Aug and buried on Sat 11th Aug in Nasinu Cemetery after Requiem Mass here. **Pio Koroiyadi** (nephew of the Late Toni Raisele), died in American Samoa during the week and will be buried after Requiem Mass here on Wednesday 22nd August. May they rest in Peace.

Guide to GJ Celebrations: Parish Novena Starts today: Today before our Masses we start our Novena in preparation for our Golden Jubilee. It will take place about 10/15 minutes before all our Masses until the 20th Aug. The Ethnic Groups, and Communities taking part in the Liturgy for the week of the Jubilee and the Main Celebrant: - **Monday 20th** – (Feast of St Bernard). The Kiribati Community with Community 4B **Main Celebrant Fr Ipolito SM**. **Tuesday 21st** (Feast day of St Pius) Men and Women of the Parish. **Main Celebrant Fr Timoci Kolodisi PP Nadera**. **Wednesday 22nd** (Our Lady Mother and Queen) Children of the Parish/ Altar Servers/Parents – **Fr Carlo Jung SSC**. **Thursday 23rd** – Parish Youth and Youth Legends. Main Celebrant – **Fr Tom Rouse SSC (Former PP and NZ)** **Friday 24th** – (St Bartholomew) Mandali & St John Vianny – **Main Celebrant Fr Simon Mani MSC, Rector PRS**. **Saturday 25th Golden Jubilee Celebration: Mass at 10.00am**. Sunday 26th Mass at 7.00 and **Confirmation at 9.00am**.
All Masses from Mon 20th August – 24th Aug will be celebrated at 7.00pm

Gold Jubilee Committees and PPC Meeting after 8.30 Mass today. 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 8.30 Mass. Important Meeting in preparation for Liturgies of Golden Jubilee Week 20st – 26th

For Jubilee week: Each night after Mass function will be looked after by the Ethnic Group/Community involved. But on the night of our Feast Day Tuesday 21st Aug. it will be a pot luck evening by all the communities of the Parish.

Golden Jubilee Committees & PPC to meet after 8.30am Mass today: This is to discuss and finalise the last matters for the Jubilee. In fact anyone else interested come along also. We will need all hands on deck for this celebration Matters to be revisited and refined today are: The program, 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.

Evangelisation Commission: Steps workshop after 8.30am Mass today in the hall. All Evangelization Reps and Community Leaders are encouraged to attend. Please bring writing materials and bible.

Animators visitation: to 7A SCCs this coming Tues. Please advise venues for all SCC venues

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

Archdiocese Men Synod Seminar Korolevu from Fri 10th – 12th Aug 2018. Remember our Team of Men at this Synod Seminar this weekend. They are: - Pio Burese, Jacob Kivi, Visoni Ravai, Fono Josaia and Peni Nabou. The weekend programme looked very impressive and very challenging. We look forward to their return late this evening.

Urgent meeting for all Lectors after the 0830 this Sunday. All Lectors rostered for the Jubilee Week PS attend.

St Patrick community and Gilbertese Community will meet this Sunday 12/08 5pm at the AB Mataca Hall.

Children's Choir Practice for Jubilee Celebration – Today at 4pm / Sat. Aug. 18 at 4pm

Catering Meeting: All ladies involved in Catering for GJ – Meeting after Mass 13th Aug & Fri 17th Aug.

Youth 7 Steps Meeting + Jubilee Hymn Practice: At 5B (Bruce Vute's Huse) on Tue. Aug 14 at 7:30pm

Agape (Archdiocesan Multi-ethnic group) Choir Practice: Thur. Aug 16 at 7pm at AB Hall – Agape group has kindly requested to St. John Vianney Community of St. Pius to lead the Hymn Practice

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

Social & Ecological Justice Commission Meeting, Monday (13.8.18), 7.45pm, Board Room

Women of the Parish: Gather in the parish hall on Monday (13.8.18) at 7.15pm to support presentation of 'I Tatau' to parish priest from the CWL going for their AGM to Taveuni. Choir Practice with the men of the Parish follows.

Car Park in Front of The Church: At the request of the Women of the Parish – the parish has undertaken this work which will be completed Monday/Tuesday. The WOP will make a substantial contribution towards this work.

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.

General Clean up – all our usual good Samaritans are requested to come on board this week. There are still a few areas on the compound that needs urgent attention for our celebrations – The Notice Board needs painting badly.

Visitation of the Sick of the Parish by the priests in Preparation of the Jubilee will take place on Tues & Wed.

Family Life Commission: in unison with the Liturgy, Evangelization and the Social & Ecological Justice Commissions will strive to make the Month of Sept. Family Month with special talks and topics addressed on the evenings of the 14th, 21st and 28th and then on Sunday 30th (Children's Liturgy) Wedding anniversary of couples who have been married 10, 15 and 20 years will be acknowledged during that liturgy also.

Ordination of Rev Edward Vakatora & Semi Ulunasobu will take place on 15th Sept at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 9.00am. Reception in St Joseph's Hall afterwards. Allocation of Food for St Pius X Parish – Chicken Curry with Rice and Chutney + one KG of yaqona and one item of entertainment per parish.

Sept - Creation Month: Saturday, September 1 is the first day in the Season of Creation. Nearly 100 volunteer leaders have stepped forward in love and hope to register their events. **As a Parish we are challenged to organize a Creation event in our community.** Whether it is a simple prayer service, a hands-on event, or a bold statement of advocacy, action in your community is vital to lifting up a shared spirit of hope. (GCCM) Global Catholic Climate Movement.

Nadera Parish Bazaar: 24th and 25th August – Also day of our Golden Jubilee

Thanks: To 3 St Joan of Arc Community for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning and getting ready the Church for today. We invite Community 4a St Peter Chanel to take over tomorrow Monday 13th August.

Thanks for your Collections Last Week: 1st Collection: **703.15**; 2nd Collection: **\$87.10**; Envelopes **\$10.00**

Total Collection: **\$800.25** **St. Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection for July amount to \$135.00**

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;