



ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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20TH SUNDAY OF YEAR - ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B: 19.08.18.

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 – 6pm

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.

Gold Jubilee Committees Meeting after 10.00am Mass today. The final throw of the dice: Golden Jubilee celebrations starts tomorrow evening. Let us hold hands be involved and welcoming.

Altar Server's Meeting: Today after 8.30 Mass. Important Meeting in preparation for Liturgies of Golden Jubilee Week 20st – 26th Aug. (Fr Carlo).

Sunday Reflection After dining with Jesus

If ever we move into a new house or get a refurbishment done, it's time for a little celebration. We might call it a house warming, as if the house needs a good presence of others to be properly launched. Today's first reading evokes that spirit, where Wisdom builds herself a house, clearly a very elegant home with no less than seven pillars. She throws a feast of fine wine and food and sends out her servants into the streets to gather people to her table. In that reading the building of a house, the making of a feast, the invitation to come and eat and drink, is an imaginative way, speaking about God as the wise host who invites all of humanity to learn from his wisdom. It is interesting that God is portrayed as a woman in this reading, Woman-Wisdom. That Woman-Wisdom figure who says, 'Come and eat of my bread, drink the wine I have prepared' is echoed by Jesus in the gospel who declares, 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.' Like Woman-Wisdom Jesus invites us to come and eat of his bread, but unlike Wisdom he declares himself to be that bread.

When we invite people to visit us, we offer them food and drink to nourish and cherish them. Jesus invites us to his table and he puts himself before us as food and drink to nourish our spirit. In daring language, he declares himself to be our food and drink, the one who can satisfy our deepest hungers and thirsts, our hunger and thirst for life. Jesus promises that 'whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.' We receive the Eucharist to draw spiritual life and motivation from the risen Lord. We are then sent out from the Eucharist to be channels of that life for each other. In a real sense we are sent out from the Eucharist as life givers, as agents of God's life and love for our homes, our society, our world.

In Loving Memory: Savirio (Kadrati) Malaucake died suddenly of a heart attack on Tuesday morning. Burial yesterday 18th Aug at Vaturua, Nakelo Tailevu. Savirio served Mass here the day that the Church was blessed and opened.

Pio Koroiyadi (nephew of the Late Toni Raisele), died in American Samoa. (No family contact with the presbytery yet) Leader of 7a informs us that the Requiem Mass will be here on Wednesday 22nd August. May they rest in Peace.

Guide to GJ Celebrations: Parish Novena ends tomorrow: Thanks to Vama who led our Novena to St Pius X in preparation for our Golden Jubilee. Thanks to Pauliasi for the overheads and to all who attended every evening.

The Ethnic Groups, and Communities taking part in the Liturgy this week of the Jubilee is printed here in short for you.

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

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.

A week in the life of St Pius X, Parish Raiwaqa: Thanks and gratitude to all who heeded the call on last Sunday's newsletter. Great enthusiasm, good-will and cooperation was in evidence everywhere last week – The confirmations candidates turning up for their practices – our children too turning up in great numbers for choir practices – the youth and youth legends organising themselves for their night on liturgy – the various combined choirs, Mandali and Rotuman, Kiribati and 1b as well as the Parish choir, were all afire with enthusiasm. And of course at the helm were the teachers choir conductors and Heads of Commissions. Thanks you so much. A huge word of thanks to Lasaro Kaivei and the Daku Community for donating and fitting the beautiful new red carpet on the Sanctuary – so generous of you. Indeed, all the parish team were busy in their own areas of expertise, catering, cleaning, getting kalavatas and material ready for the celebrations. Last photos and contributions to the Golden Jubilee Souvenir Booklet had to be found before dispatched to the printers. The renovation of the Car Park was completed and work by our well-known local 'Good Samaritans' got working on the parish notice boards (for better or for worse). Letters of invitation to other parishes and religious houses were delivered. Top soil was found and barrowed in for our newly walled in flower-bed. Of course the sacristans with eagle eyes were on the watch out as what is needed to better the altar and statue areas. We look forward to their final results and creations. Pots, tables, chairs tents, stalls food and lovos were uppermost in the minds of the women of the parish. Lot of items were hired. 20 members of CWL were farewelled before leaving for their AGM in Taveuni. Another important aspect of the busy week was the fact that all the sick and house bound (24) were visited and received the Sacraments and the news of the coming week was shared with them. It was indeed good to be around the parish during the past week (**i.e. until yesterday when a General clean-up was planned and the overall RESULT 0000.**) God Bless and good luck to us all for the Golden Jubilee of the parish (Fr John McEvoy).

Pot Luck Dinner for Parish Feast Day: Tuesday Evening 21st August: Distributions of Food

Chicken Curry with rice / puri / roti - Communities 1B, 2, 5B

Chicken Palau - Communities 3 and 4B

Rourou with mutton and tavioka - Communities 4A and 4C

Fish 'n' lolo with tavioka - Community 5A

Sweet 'n' sour fish - Community 7A

Chicken in tomato sauce - Community 7B:

Beef Chop suey - Community 6

Presentation of the Golden Jubilee Hymn: The Parish Choir will present this to the priests and Parishioner at 9.30am.

Meeting of Ushers / Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers / Lectors Meeting all at 10am today (Jubilee Practice).

Holy Communion Teachers: will meet with parents of Holy Communion Class after 8.30 Mass.

Children's Choir – Today (Sunday) at 4pm / Monday & Tuesday 4pm / Wednesday Mass – White Shirts/final rehearsal Wednesday at 4.00pm: **Confirmation Candidates Final Practice at 10.00am on Wednesday Morning.**

Youth Choir – Today (Sunday) at 6pm (Practice + Final Meeting for Jubilee) Practice on Wed. at 8pm.

Parish Choir Practice today at 6.00pm/Tuesday Group final rehearsal on Monday at 8.00pm

Jubilee Monday Group (4b + Gilbertese) Choir final rehearsal today at 5.00pm (Choir, Offertory, Lector, Cantor, Prayer of the Faithful, etc)

Jubilee Friday Group (St John Vinney + Mandali) Final Rehearsal on Thurs. at 8.00pm. **Please Note All Rotumans.**

Men of the Parish MOP and Women of the Parish will be having a meeting after 8:30 am mass to finalise the Liturgy for Tuesday 21/08. And also to

The last meeting for Catering will be held on Wednesday night at 8.00pm in the Fr Hurley Hall. All those involved with the Catering - men, women, Youth and Lovo Boys, please be there.

Evangelisation Commission: No visitation by animators this coming week

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

Evangelisation meeting on Tuesday 9/09/2018 after 8.30am Mass in the hall.

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

Thanks: To Community 4a St Peter Chanel for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning and getting ready the Church for today. We invite Community 4b St Patrick's to take over tomorrow Monday 20th August.

Thanks for your Collections: 1st Collection: **\$691.25**; 2nd Collection: **\$130.55**; Envelopes **\$10.00**: Total **\$831.80**

Reading coming week: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [19/8/18] Proverbs 9: 1-6; Eph 5: 15-20; Jn 6: 51-58; Mon [20/8/18] Ez 28: 1-10; Mt 19: 23-30; Tue [21/8/18] Ez 28: 1-10; Mt 19: 23-30; Wed [22/8/18] Queenship of Mary: Is 9: 1-6; Lk 1: 26-38; Thurs [23/8/18] Ez 36: 23-28; Mt 22: 1-14; Fri [24/8/18] Ez 37: 1-14; Mt 22: 34-40; Sat [25/8/18] Ez 43:1-7; Mt 23:1-12; **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time** [26/8/18] Joshua 24: 1-2; Eph 5: 21-32; Jn 6: 60-69.