



ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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22ND SUNDAY OF YEAR - ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B: 02.09.18.

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: 5.30pm – 6.30pm

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.

Columban General Assembly in Taiwan starts today 2nd Sept.

Please Pray for the Columban World Wide - Meeting in Taiwan, especially Fr Donal & Iowane Gukibau attending from Fiji.

- 1) Altar Server's Meeting - Today at 9:30am
- 2) Youth Monthly Meeting - Today at 9:30am
- 3) Liturgy Commission Meeting after 8.30am Mass

Sunday Reflection: Golden Jubilee Celebrations and Confirmation Day – Fr Carlo Jung.

On Saturday, August 25, 2018 Archbishop Peter Loy Chong arrived here at St. Pius X Parish, Raiwaqa to celebrate the Eucharist for the Golden Jubilee of the parish. Members of the PPC, Men of the Parish and the Youth Legends welcomed him with the iVakasobu ceremony. Parishioners were full of excitement because the day of our Golden Jubilee had arrived. We all had participated and enjoyed the various liturgies during the Jubilee Week.

At 10.00am the bell was rung, the procession of altar servers, lectors, cantors, visiting priests and the Archbishop proceeded to the altar. The Choir filled the church with their entrance hymn “Oh Praise the Lord my Soul” There was a sense of unity in the air and that we were one as sons and daughters of Christ. Like the other priests who had celebrated the Eucharist for us during the Golden Jubilee Week, His Grace also shared his story about Raiwaqa in the early days of the parish. “Raiwaqa was a very dangerous place - people were afraid to come to Raiwaqa because of violence and crime. But he said that this “all began to change because of the influence and the work of the Churches” His Grace praised the work of the Columbans who served in the parish over the years.

Mere Fong and Michael Filipo, two of our parishioners in wheelchairs carried the bread and wine to the altar. Seeing these two people many of us had tears in our eyes. This procession fully captured the image of Raiwaqa Parish - young or old, men or women, sick or able bodied, everyone is welcome in the Lord’s House.

At the end of the Mass the Choir sang joyfully and with great passion and feeling the newly composed hymn to “St. Pius X” by Damiano Logaivau.

After Mass we gathered at Swan Park for the Fijian traditional ceremonies and entertainment. Thanks to the Jubilee Preparation Committee for organizing the program after the Eucharist on Saturday. People enjoyed the ceremonies and the entertainment items. We appreciated the hard work done on the day by the Youth Legend and the Catering Committee.

On Sunday morning 26th July, Archbishop Peter was back again with us for the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Pius X Parish. He began his homily by calling two candidates to share their experience of the Confirmation Program, Naomi Cirikisuva and Tengata Betaia (Akin). The Archbishop had met all the candidates on the previous evening to listen to their stories. In his homily, he expressed words of appreciation to the candidates and parents. He thanked them for embracing Olivia Burese (hearing-impaired candidate for Confirmation) in their confirmation class. He ended his homily by inviting the Candidates to sing the hymn, “God is so Good,” with sign language.

People were asking each other after the celebrations were over. “What’s next”? ‘Will we celebrate 55 years’? We realize that our parish was guided by the Holy Spirit over the past 50 years. We are also aware that we will be a part of the next 50 years, just as our parents and grandparents had been a part of the last 50 years. Let us play our part now so that ‘God’s Mission’ may be kept alive and flourish even more in our Parish.

Welcome to the Christian Community: Viniana Cecelia Tikoinavuli Qaranivalu, Community 5b (St Columbans) Vatuwaqa who was baptized here yesterday during the 8.30 Mass.

Sale of Souvenir Booklet: Many people were busy during the Celebrations that they were no able to buy a Souvenir Booklets.

We will sell them during the month of Sept. It is not a history of the parish but contains some good stories of the old days. All the events of our celebrations are in it. So in its own right it is a historical document now. The 40 names of the Confirmation Class are in it. It is beautifully produced in colour. **Cost \$5.00.** There should be one in every home

Sept. Season of Creation & Family Month - Each week the Family Life Commission with Justice and Ecology Commission will come up with a special liturgy like the one this morning. A few minutes before Mass will be given over to a member of the Family Life Commission and a member of the Justice and Ecology Commission. There will be a few lines read from Laudato Si and practical suggestions will be made as how we can be involved during this month called - Mission in Action: e.g. Next Sunday all

Families are requested to sit together at Mass and visit sick members/senior citizen/new babies in your community. More Info - Notice Board

Thanks Expressed to the many who contributed to the Success of the Parish Golden Jubilee: To His Grace the Archbishop who spent two whole days with us. To the visiting priests and religious. To our overseas visitors and former parishioners, the Browns, Lavulo's and the Morrells – to mention a few. To Master Dan Burese, Kele and the Parish Executives who set up the various committees over a year ago – the Catering Committee under the direction of Torika Clarke and Vero Rausuvania and the women of the Parish, The Logistic Committee, The Liturgy Committee under Joana and Fr Carlo. The Communications Committee under Ema Mua, the Merchandise Committee under Angie Kainamoli. I thank the men of the parish under Pius Burese and Fono Josaia who helped out with the Lovos, also the men who performed the Fijian ceremonies of welcome and those who provided the yau for these same ceremonies – To Lavinia Qalo (Smith) and Emily Tabua and their teams who did all the decorations, in front of the church – the halls and the stage for the Day of Celebrations, The Sacristans - Selina Ravai and Maria Qaranivalu and Sophie Shackley who looked after all the Altar linen and Altar servers cloths, The Parish Choir and Musicians, The Youth and Youth Legend who did so much on the day, not forgetting those on Liturgy during the Jubilee Week - The Kiribati Community and St Patrick's, The Men and Women of the Parish – on our feast day, The Children of the Parish, The Youth and Youth Legends and the Mandali and St John Vianey Group. To the Burese children who turned up to sweep the Church every morning of the Golden Jubilee week. To the florists and those who so delicately decorated the sanctuary of the church – the Daku Community for the new carpet in the sanctuary, to Nabzville Hire for erecting the stage and food stations, To TLTB and FNPF for lending us their Marquees, To Anita of New Millennium Video for recording the week's celebrations which will be available later, to those who wrote articles and sent in photos for the Souvenir Booklet, to Marjorie for the layout and formatting of the Booklet, to Nanise Qaranivalu for live streaming the Mass on the 25th – which meant that many of our overseas parishioners were able to join in which they did – this received over 4000 hits on Social Media, to Andrew Grey, Alan Smith and Pauliasi Vodivodi who did so much during the week by way of preparation and cleaning of the compound – to Community leaders and Financial Council, to the 40 candidates for Confirmation who were so well prepared and looked lovely and were so well behaved on the day. Thank you Mrs Eta Roseru and your team of teachers for your dedication to this special class over the last 2/3 years. I also say a big thank you to our families in San Francisco who sent us so much for our celebrations: Daini Naulu, Milika Nabou, Elisabeta Burese, Usenia Naguilevu, Mosese Dominiko and Torika Narokete. Thanks to all who sacrificing so much of your time and personal money for the sake of the celebrations and for the sake of the Parish. Of course someone had to drag my Birthday into the event too. However, the cake was heavenly!! Finally, thanks to the members of PPC and HOCs who came back to meet and talk to the Archbishop at 5.00pm on Sunday. You reported honestly to him the workings of the parish. He stayed on with us until after 9.00pm. It will be a long time before such an event will take place in the parish again. And to those who were not pleased with the efforts of the above good people who did their best and spent hours of their time for the parish and the GJ. – I say sorry on their behalf. (*Fr John McEvoy, P. P.*)

The Youth Synod: Date: 28/09/2018 – 30/09/2018. Venue: St Joseph's Secondary School Hall. Participants to include 10 per parish (8 Youth members and a Parental Couple. Registration Fee - \$100 per parish. Age Group - 18years and above (participants will return to their respective parishes and present to the remaining parish youths accordingly).

Evangelisation: Visitation by animators to St. Jacob and St. Theresa this Tuesday (04/09). Community leaders please advise HOC or office venues and time. **Charismatic Prayer** meeting at 3.30pm inside church. There will be a short meeting after the praise and worship – members please take note. **Evangelisation meets on 9/09/2018 after 8.30am Mass in the hall.**

The Agape Ministry of the Archdiocese: invites all minority communities [non-iTaukei] to the Annual Agape Festival & Synod workshop at the St Joseph's Hall Waimanu Road Suva on 8th September 2018. The program begins at 8.30am concluding with Mass at 5pm followed by cultural items. Meals provided. Contact Elizabeth Krishna on 9234464/9803869 for further information **St Vincent de Paul News:**

- The Society here in Raiwaqa will host the meeting of the Central Eastern Executives on Saturday 22nd Sept.
- Thursday 27th Sept Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul. S.V.d.P members here will visit Fr Law Home, Wailekutu.
- Saturday 29th Sept St Vincent's Parish Nausori will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of their parish. Most of the Conferences of SVDP will celebrate both Golden Jubilee and Feast Day there on that day.

World Apostolate of Fatima: From the 13th Oct until 15th Oct there will be a Retreat in Natovi for all members of the Central Eastern Region. Each parish is expected to bring \$200.00. Raiwaqa Group will have a gathering in AB Peter Mataca Hall at 7.30 next Friday night on 14/9/ 2018 for a Soli and to fix details. All members World Apostolate of Prayer in the parish please attend.

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.

St Joseph the Worker Community 2: Prayer meeting and Seven Steps – Tuesday 4th Sept at Tina Poate's House **Seven Steps Prayer Meetings** in all Communities on Tuesday 4th Sept.

Adoration on Thursday Evenings Commences on 6th Sept **from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.** Could Community on Liturgy take charge.

Columban General Assembly Starts on Sunday 2nd Sept. A candle will light on our Altar to remind us to prayer for it success.

Thanks: To Community 4c St John the Baptist for animating the Liturgy during the week and cleaning the church yesterday. We invite Community 5a St Michael's to take over tomorrow Monday 3rd Sept.

Thanks for your Generous Collection: 1st Collection: **\$971.10;** 2nd Collection: **\$95.40;** Envelopes **\$25.00;** Total **\$1,091.50**
St Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection for Month July: \$111.55

Reading coming week: *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time* [2/8/18] Deut 4: 1-2, 6-8; James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23; Mon [3/9/18] St Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church: 1 Cor 2: 1-5; Lk 4: 16-30; Tue [4/9/18] 1 Cor 2:10-16; Lk 4: 31-37; Wed [5/9/18] 1 Cor 3: 1-9; Lk 4: 38-44; Thurs [6/9/18] 1 Cor 3: 18-23; Lk 5: 1-11; Fri [7/9/18] 1 Cor 4: 1-5; Lk 5: 33-39; Sat [8/9/18] The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Micah 5: 1-4; Rom 8: 28-30; Mt 1: 1-6, 18-23; ***Twenty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time*** [9/9/18] Is 35: 4-7; James 2: 1-5; Mk 7: 31-37.