

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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2ND SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR A: 12/03/17

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.pm

Holy days 7:00am. & 7:00pm. except Christmas & N. Year.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions: - Friday & Saturdays after Mass.

Baptisms: The 8.30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month is reserved for Baptisms. Arrangements to be made by parents seeking the sacrament of Baptism from 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.

The Holy Father's intention for March is:

“That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognised always”.

Reflection on today's Readings 2nd Sunday of Lent: The Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor: At the centre of that complex story called «The Transfiguration of Jesus», we find a voice that comes from a strange «bright cloud», a symbol that is used in the Bible to talk about the always mysterious presence of God that is shown to us and at the same time is hidden from us. The voice says these words: «*This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him*». The disciples don't need to confuse Jesus with anyone else, not even with Moses and Elijah, representatives and witnesses of the Old Testament. Only Jesus is the beloved Son of God, only he has his face «*shining like the sun*».

But the voice adds something more: «*Listen to him*». In other times God had revealed God's will by means of the «ten commandments» of the Law. Now God's will is summed up and made concrete in only one command: listen to Jesus. Listening establishes the true relationship between Jesus and his followers. On hearing this, the disciples fall to the ground «*overcome with fear*». They are overwhelmed by that experience of being so close to God, but they are also afraid by what they have heard: can they live, only listening to Jesus, recognizing only in him God's mysterious presence?

Congratulation Pat Visanti: On your Aggregation and becoming a Permanent Member of the Missionary Society of St Columban last Sunday morning. It was a beautiful ceremony and thanks to the Youth who animated the Liturgy for the occasion. Thanks also to the St John Vianney Rotuman Community, together with members of the CCIM members and also members of the St Columban Community for providing refreshments and morning tea for Pat and his family after the Mass. Today Sunday 12th March, Pat will be Ordained Deacon with Vio Drou (Diocesan) and Tuia Afoa (Salesian of John Bosco) in the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 11.30am Mass. Our CWL members Raiwaqa with CWL members of the Suva Area will cater in St Joseph's Secondary School after the Diaconate Ordination. Thanks to all involved at this special time for Pat and the Columbans.

In Loving Memory Fr Charles Duster: of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, USA died at Bellevue, Nebraska on early morning of March 7th, 2017. Fr. Charlie served as a missionary priest in Japan, USA, Fiji and Rome. He arrived in Fiji in 1974 and served in the parishes of Nabala, Solevu, Tamavua, Raiwaqa and Labasa. He served as Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Suva for four years (1982 – 1986) and taught Canon Law at the Pacific Regional Seminary. He was also Coordinator of the Columban Lay Mission Program for six years (1995 – 2001). Thanks Fr. Charlie for your loving service and missionary zeal which drew many people to God in the various places you served. **A Memorial Mass will be held here at St Pius X – Parish Church, Raiwaqa on Tuesday 14th March at 6.30pm. Rest in Peace.**

Financial Reps & PFC Meeting: last Monday 6th March. A great meeting & all communities present. Vinaka.

The Catholic Times & the Community Financial Reps: At last Monday's the Community Finance Reps took on the responsibility for the sale of the Catholic Time at \$1.00 per copy in their communities. The Parish is grateful for this. The Reps will also distribute the Lenten Appeal envelopes and encourage people in their respective Communities to Contribute to the Parish Special Envelope Collection of \$5.00 per week.

At this meeting also the Bazaar Committee was formed for 2017. They are as follows:

Pre Bazaar Team: Mr. Samu Kaivei (Com 1B); Mr. Michael Low Chee (Com 1B); Pio Burese (Com 2); Ms. Emily Low (Com 7A); Mr. Kelemedi Rausuvanua (Parish Coordinator).

Bazaar Day Team: Mr. Dan Burese (Parish Chairperson) Ms. Angie Kainamoli (Parish Treasurer); Ms. Vamarasi Mausio (Finance Council); Ms. Vero Rausuvanua (Finance Council); Mr. Edward Lee (Com 3)

Post Bazaar Team: Ms. Torika Clark (Com 5B); Mr. Bruce V (Com 5B); Ms. Fulori Cirikisuva (Com 5A); Mr. Maciu Tuidawa (Com 4C); Ms. Marica Ratuyada (Com 4A).

RCIA: 1st Scrutiny Next Sunday 19th March - at 7am Mass in the Parish here. On Sunday 26th March - 2nd Scrutiny - 7am Mass - St Pius X Parish On Sunday 2nd April - 3rd Scrutiny - 7am Mass - St Pius X Parish. And on Saturday 15th April - Rites of Christian Initiation - Easter Vigil - St Pius X Parish.

Lenten Retreat: Nazareth Prayer Centre Today March 12th starting at 9.00am and finishing with Mass at 3.00pm. This Retreat Day is in Fijian. – Anyone interested Fee is \$10.00 (includes lunch). The Retreat given by Fr Kiade.

Joint SJHD retreat with Evangelization Bible Commission members at the **Wailekutu Prayer Centre**.

Transport pick up at 9am in front of the church. Please come with your Bibles and note book.

Stations of the Cross: Same as other years on Wednesday Evenings in Fijian and on Friday Evenings in English at 5.45pm before the evening Masses. The Youth has volunteered to lead the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening. This year the Parish Liturgy Commission have made out texts for 16 Stations in Fijian and English.

Catholic Bibles on Sale for \$15.00 in Parish Office from Parish Coordinator or Evangelization Commission Head.

1st Meeting of the 50th Anniversary Committee: Will be held this Thursday Evening after 6.30 Mass. All members of Men's Social and Cultural Committee are asked to attend.

Constitution Review Team Meeting: To meet on Monday night to finalize the process of updating the Constitution to reflect the Changes brought about in the Archdiocese re the Commissions. Meeting at Rausuvanua's Residence.

Meetings Today Sunday 12th March, 2017

1. **SJHD Meeting today Sunday (12.3.17) from 10am - 11am. Planning session.**
2. **Family Life Commission Meeting** after 8.30 Mass today. All reps please attend (Refreshments provided)
3. **Evangelization Meeting with Head of Commission & all Community Reps** after the 8.30 Mass.
4. **Ushers Meeting after 8.30 Mass today.** All those interested in joining the Ushers team come along.
5. **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** at 3.00pm in the Church. **World Apostolate of Fatima Meeting** at 4.00pm.
6. **St Paul Community 6, 7** steps will be at Jacob Kivi's residence this Sunday evening at 5pm.

Meetings during the Week:

- St Columban Prayer Meeting (7 Steps) - Tuesday 14/3/17 at 7:30 pm @ Mareta Vakaruru's residence, Nanuku.
- Altar Servers Meeting on Thursday, 16th March after the 6:30 pm Mass, Fr Hurley Hall.
- Animators Meeting on Wednesday evening 15th March at 7.30pm.
- Prayer Meeting in 4c – Varanise Luvu house on Tues 14th. Members of the Liturgical Commission will visit.
- Prayer Meeting in Community 2 in Tina Poate Residence on Tuesday evening 14th March at 7.30pm
- AGM of Pre-School Committee on Thursday Evening 16th March at 5.00pm.
- Youth Prayer Meeting (7 Steps) Every Friday straight after the 6:30 pm Mass
- Youth Meeting: 19th March at the Fr Hurley Hall, straight after the 8:30 am Mass.
- St Columban Community Meeting - Sunday 19/3/17, 5:00 pm at Mere Avaiki's residence, Craig Place. All Members are asked to attend this very important meeting.
- **Youth Monthly meeting nest Sunday the 19th March.**
- **St Vincent de Paul Meeting 19th March.** They are seeking new Members. **The Youth are invited to join.**
- **1st Marriage Encounter Weekend on 24th March at St John Bosco School 9 miles.**

Thanks and Appreciation: To Community 4c St John the Baptist for animating the Liturgy during the week and for cleaning of the Church & compound. We invite Community 5a St Michael's to continue tomorrow 13th March. Thanks too for your generous Mass Collections last weekend.

1st Collection \$634.60; 2nd Collection \$84.10; Envelopes \$130.00 = \$848.70.

Reading coming week: 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year A [12/3/17] Gen 12: 1-4; 2 Timothy 1: 8-10; Matt 17:1-9; Mon [13/3/17] Dan 9: 4-10; Luke 6: 36-38; Tue [14/3/17] Is 1:10, 16-20; Matt 23: 1-12; Wed [15/3/17] St Louise de Marillac: Jer 18: 18-20; Matt 20: 17-28; Thurs [16/3/17] Jer 17: 5-10; Luke 16: 19-31; Fri [17/3/17] St Patrick's; Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Matt 21: 33-43, 45-46; Sat [18/3/17] St Cyril of Jerusalem: Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32 [19/3/17] **3rd Sunday of Lent:** Ex 17:3-7; Rom. 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42.