

ST. PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) 17/03/2019 - ST PATRICKS' DAY

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

Friday Holy Hour: Friday before the First Sunday (Youth Sunday) - 6:30pm (Mass) adoration until 8:30pm. World Apostolate of Fatima continues the Adoration until 10pm.

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 wishing for baptism of their child make arrangements with the assistance of Community Leaders in seeking Sacrament Priests before commencing preparation Baptismal Helpers.

Matrimony: Those preparing for marriage must contact a priest to seek for the Sacrament and are required to undertake preparation sessions earnestly. Guidelines are available at the Parish Office.

RCIA: Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass, as for now programs are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5pm and Saturdays at 3pm to 5pm.

Reflection for 2nd Sunday of Lent: The Transfiguration - The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent gives us the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. There is always something awe-inspiring about mountains. On the top the air is clean and crisp. The panoramic view of the surrounding country-side lifts us from the hustle and bustle of the rat-race, and raises our mind and heart to God. The top of a mountain is a natural place for encountering God. It is small wonder then that in the Bible God often chooses a mountain top to reveal Himself and His plans. It was on Mount Sinai that God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. Jesus gave his first teachings in the Sermon on the Mount. He often retired to the mountain at night to pray. He was crucified on Mount Calvary and ascended to heaven from Mount Olivet.

In today's Gospel he is Transfigured before his apostles on Mount Tabor. Peter, James and John are with him. And they will be with him in the agony of the garden. This will be a preparation for that ordeal. Moses and Elijah are also present speaking with Jesus about his approaching death. Moses is the great law giver and Elijah the great prophet. In the presence of these two, representing the law and the prophets the voice of the Father is heard, "This is my beloved son listen to him." Slowly, the transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant is taking place.

The Transfiguration was the mountain-top experience of the apostles which prepared them for their future trials. The Mass ought to be our mountain-top experience which prepares us for the trials of our day. In the Mass bread and wine are transformed into the glorious Risen Jesus. And in the joy and consolation of Communion can we say with Peter, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." And we do not want to leave. But it is not to be. Soon we will hear the words, "The Mass is ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." So we pick up our cross and leave to face the trials of the day. But having been to the top of the mountain we know that "nothing can separate us from the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The Columban wellness Programme: is off to a great start in Raiwaqa Parish. There are 4 teams Registered and weighed in on Saturday morning 16th March – Joana's Team has 11+ members; Pius' Team has 9+ members; Tina's Team has 12+ members and Sr Kalala's Team – is made up of some of the teachers in Marcellin Champagne Institute. There will be an Aerobics Sessions in the Hall here ever Wednesday evening after Mass at 7.30pm.

Finance Committee Meeting: (All Community Finance Reps) Will take place on Wednesday 20th March at 7.30 in the Conference Room. Important that all Reps turn up.

Family Life Commission: PRS Pastoral Training Program continues into its third week at St Cecelia's 1B tonight.

RCIA Events Schedule: 10 Mar – 20 April.

24 Mar: *First Scrutiny*; St Pius X Parish; 7.00am Mass.

31 Mar: *Second Scrutiny*; St Pius X Parish; 7.00am Mass.

7 April: *Third Scrutiny*; St Pius X Parish; 7.00am Mass.

14 April: Palm Sunday

14 – 21 April: Holy Week

20 April: *Rite of Christian Initiation*; Easter Vigil Mass, St Pius X Parish, 9.00pm.

Lenten Appeal Box: This will be available inside Church for those who have enough to help the unfortunate in our Communities or you could drop off at the Parish Office.

Stations of the Cross: Wednesday (Fijian) and Friday (English) at 5:45 pm; Adoration on Thursday at 5:30 pm - to be led by community in charge.

Women Ministry of the Caritas Fiji Office There will be a visit from the Women Ministry of Caritas Fiji on Wednesday, 20th March at 2.30pm, in the AB Mataca hall. All women in the parish are welcome to attend.

Parish Jubilee Celebration Video Discs are ready for sale at \$30.00 with Jubilee Magazine. Those interested could place cash order now at the parish office.

Columban Calendars: Prepared from Australia (flip Calendar) for \$5 and Fiji Columban Wall Calendars for \$2.00

Bible Diary is available. (\$15.00 – Sr. Lavinia)

Senior Youth 7 Steps Venue Tuesday, March 19th: A(1B+4A) Tyana Kainamoli, B(2+3+7A+7B) Bale Morell, C(4B+4C) Bridget Tavutonivalu, D(5AB+Veidogo) Bruce Vute, E(5B Nanuku) Adriu Conaliku, F(6) Leo Roqica

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Tuesday, April 2 - A(1B+4A) Amini Qalo, B(2+3+7A+7B) Mrs. Nawalu, C(4B+4C) Maciu Vatuloka,

D(5AB+Veidogo) Bruce Vute, E(5B Nanuku) Adriu Conaliku, F(6) Leo Roqica

Tuesday, April 16 – A (1B+4A) Eroni Vira, B(2+3+7A+7B) Terrence, (4B+4C) Vasemaca(5AB+Veidogo) Bruce Vute, E (5B Nanuku) Adriu Conaliku (6) Leo Roqica,

Seven Steps Animators: Visit to St. Paul community (6) this afternoon. Community Leader or Evangelization Rep please advise HOC venue and time. Tuesday (19/03) animators will visit St. Joan of Arc (3). Community Leader please advise office of venue and time.

CCD Classes continue this morning. Thanks to St Paul for the refreshments today. St Jacob refreshments next week.

Confirmation registration deadline Sunday May 5th - last day for registration for Confirmation. *We start with the two-year program on Sunday 12th May.*

Catholic Women's League: Invitation extended to interested women 18years and above to join. Please see Mere Wali or Christina Robinson for further details.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion –Seven parishioners have indicated their interest in joining this Ministry. We need one or two youth to be part of this important group.

Parish Meetings and Prayers Today and during the week:

1. **Faith Formation** (CCD, RCIA, Adult Catechism, Baptism and Marriage Instructors) meet at 10.00am today in the AB Mataca Hall.

2. **Charismatic Prayer** meeting at 3.00pm. Followed by Divine Mercy and World Apostolate of Fatima.

3. **St Columban Community:** SCC 7 Steps Venues: 1. Nanuku (Sabina's) 2. Housing (Naituku's) 3. Veidogo (Delasau's)

4. **St Patrick Community:** 7 Steps this Tuesday at 8.00pm at Mosese Tuiroro's residence. Please bring a plate for refreshments this afternoon. The Community will celebrate St Patrick's Day in the AB Mataca Hall at 5.00pm.

Parish Pastoral Council will have its first sitting on Sunday, 31 March at 1000. Venue is the AB Mataca Hall.

Thanks: to St Cecilia Community 1B, for animating the Liturgies during the week and the Church cleaning yesterday. We now invite St Joseph the Worker Community 2, to take on these important responsibilities from tomorrow (**including Thursday Adoration**).

Thanks for last Sunday's Collection: 1st Collection: **\$1226.70**; 2nd Collection: **\$161.50** Total: **\$1,3882.20**

Readings Today: Second Sunday of Lent 17/03: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36;
Mon 18/03: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46; **Tue 19/03:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24; **Wed 20/03:** Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28; **Thurs 21/03:** Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31; **Fri 22/03:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46; **Sat 23/03:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32; **Third Sunday of Lent 24/03:** Ex 3:1-8, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9