

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER - CYCLE C: 05/05/2019

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: The 8.30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month is reserved for Baptisms. Parents seeking baptism for their child make arrangements with Community Leader and Priests 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.

<p>Lost and Found: A purse with a Rosary Beads inside was found in the Church on Sat Morning. If it is yours contact Selina Ravai or Kele in the Parish Office and give a description of purse.</p>
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Reflection of the third Sunday of Easter: Caught in his net

Could we imagine ourselves as among the fish that Jesus sent Peter out to catch? Like them, we are immersed in a sea of troubles and distractions, moved by every ripple of excitement, shaken by the level of doubt and disbelief that marks our world today. We spend so much energy on what are ultimately trivialities. We dally with temptation, and let ourselves be hooked by unhealthy lures, from gambling to drugs to vacuous celebrity. It is little wonder that Christ chose simple fishermen when he chose his first apostles.

Today's story reflects the miracle of salvation as an offer. Through his church, Christ has thrown over us his net of salvation, a net of grace. He says: "The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind." Though it remains unseen beneath the surface, we are drawn into it, if we let that happen. We can make our own the prayer "may we be caught in God's net."

The miraculous catch of fish is really about the grace of God. There is no telling what size the catch will be until the net is finally drawn in at the end of time. Like today's catch, it may well astonish even the most seasoned fisherman. Who knows what queer fish will be caught there spluttering and gasping at the wonder of God's mercy? The "big catch" is Christ's answer to those prophets of gloom who imagine that most people are outside his reach.

Library Attendant: The Pacific Regional Seminary is looking to employ a young, enthusiastic individual to join the Library Staff as a Library Attendant. We would welcome your application together with updated curriculum vitae with at least 3 referees to be sent to: **The Rector - P.R.S, 461 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Private Mail Bag 79, Suva.**

Children's Catechism Children's choir practice: Today after 7am Mass in the Fr Hurley Hall. Children's Catechism Teachers & Parents Meeting – Today at 10am

Children's Catechism Teachers & Parents Committee Meeting: Sunday May 5 at 10am. Children's Catechism will start again on Sunday, May 12. (6 - 14 y/o after 7am Mass; 15-18 y/o after the 8:30am Mass) Cut of date for Holy Communion Students – Next Sunday, May 12. Cut of date for Confirmation Students – Sun. May 26

Children's Mass - Next Sunday at 7am

Mother's Day Blessings will be bestowed upon all mothers at both Masses next Sunday.

Liturgy Commission Meeting/Evaluation – Today Sunday 5th May at 10:00 am.

The **Parish Renewal Programme** – house to house rosary each day during the month of May. Community Leaders and Evangelisation reps please submit date of Community Mass to the parish office as soon as possible.

Confirmed Community Masses for the month of May.

Name Community	Date of Community Mass	Venue
St Patrick Community (4B)	14/05/2019	
St Jacob & St Therese Community (7A) & (7B)	28/05/2019	<i>Apete & Alisi Vosalevu</i>
St Peter Chanel (4A)	29/05/2019	<i>Richard & Ada Krishnan's</i>
St Michael (5A)	20/05/2019	<i>Amani & Fulori Cirikisuva's</i>

Evangelisation Commission meets next Sunday (12/05) after the 8.30am Mass in the ABM hall. All Evangelisation reps please take note. Seven Steps continues on Tuesdays following the rosary, communities to take note. Please note available dates for bookings on Community Mass are 13/05 at 8pm, 17/05 at 8pm, 18/05 at 4pm, 20/05 at 8pm. 21/05 at 8pm, 22/05 at 8pm, 24/05 at 8pm and 27/05 at 8pm. Installation of SCCs and SCC leaders will be done in the community Mass.

St. Pius Cup 2019 - Youth Sports Week: We really appreciated your support and presence during the week. We enjoyed all the games. Special thanks to Amini Qalo, Rochelle Kamsoo, Rasha Turagaiviu and Chris Wali. Our Thanksgiving Lunch is today at 12pm. Please bring a pot of "Chicken Curry" for lunch today. See you next year!

World Youth Day 2022 Meeting: If you are interested in going to WYD 2022 at Lisbon, Portugal or wish to support our parish youth, please come on **Sunday, May 19 at 10am**. We kindly ask all community leaders to discuss & promote about this topic with your own community members. (Fr Carlo).

Reminder of PPC's rulings on Reguregu Visitations: When a death occurs in a Community, the parish will join that community going on Reguregu **but the Community involved will provide the Yaqona** for the Reguregu. This did not happen with the last two deaths in the parish. With the result there was a considerable amount of time lost and a good bit of embarrassment on the part of the Communities where the death had taken place. The Parish Group on both of these occasions had to hunt for Yaqona when they arrived at the place of the death. At times the priests of the parish are often expected to come to the rescue. (Fr John McEvoy).

Talk on World Apostolate of Fatima organised by communities 5A and 5B on May 11. Programme will be at Mere Avaiki's residence, starting at 4pm. And all Apostolate of Fatima parishioners please be reminded that your meeting will be on the 8th of May 2019 at 8pm in the AB Petero Mataca hall. **World Apostolate of Fatima** Procession will be held on Monday 13th May 2019 from the Flea Market at 6pm

Men of the Parish Adult Catechism resumes on *Thursday, 16th May*. The evening begins at 7.30pm with 7 Steps Bible sharing, followed by Catechism and closes with hymn practice for third Sunday, 8.30am Mass. A special invitation is extended to the Women of the Parish. Bring along writing materials and a Bible with you.

Catholic Women's League: The Catholic Women's League Office in conjunction with the Archdiocese Synod Team is seeking a donation towards the closing of Synod 2019. Each woman in the parish is kindly asked to contribute a dollar each towards our parish contribution of \$270.00. You can give in your donation to Mere Wali or pay in to the parish office. Vinaka.

From the Columban Desk: Columban Retreat will be held this week from Monday to Friday. Prayers Please.

Thanks to St Columban Community 5B for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound. We now invite St Paul Community 6 to take on this important responsibility from tomorrow evening, 5th May.

SVDP Drop-in Box thanks and acknowledgement for contributions in cash and kind towards this Lenten initiative. Also acknowledging contribution towards secret bag collections; March - \$215.70 and April - \$179.85. Vinaka Vakalevu

Thanks for your generous Collections Last Week: The following is a summary of the collections: 1st Collection: **\$964.05**; 2nd Collection: **\$78.15**; Total Collection: **\$1042.20**. Easter Offering: **\$9.00**. *Meanwhile we offer our thanks and appreciation to all those generous individuals who signed pledge forms and have paid in their pledge amounts to the parish. We also acknowledge those who are ongoing in their pledge payments. Vinaka Vakalevu.*

Reading coming week: Third Sunday of Easter 05/05: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19; **Mon 6/5:** Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29; **Tues 7/05:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35; **Wed 8/05:** Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40; **Thur 9/05:** Acts 8:26 - 40/Jn 6:44-51; **Fri 10/05:** Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59; **Sat 11/05:** Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69; **12/05 Fourth Sunday of Easter:** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rev 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30