



# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - CYCLE B: 21/1/18

#### 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 – 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.

#### Back to School or Continuing Acquiring

New Skill for Employment: Montfort Boy's Town invites Year 12 school leavers to apply for Technical Studies programs this year (preferably those from poorer backgrounds).

**Parish AGM will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 in AB Mataca Hall at 10.am.**

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time: Open to Change

We can all become rather set in our ways. We get into certain ways of doing things and it can be easy to stay with those ways and rather difficult to change from them. We develop routines and those routines keep us going. It often takes someone else to broaden our horizons a little, to open us up to areas of life that we would never otherwise have ventured into. We each might be able to identify such people in our own lives, those who introduced us to something that proved to be very enriching and that helped us to grow as human beings.

Jesus was such a person for the two sets of brothers in this morning's gospel. Peter, Andrew, James and John lived in a world that was very much defined by the Sea of Galilee. They were fishermen. The tools of their trade were their boats and their nets; the fruit of their trade was the fish that they caught and the money they received for selling on the fish. They had every reason to believe that this would always be their way of life. Then, one day Jesus entered their lives and the impact he had on them was such that they left their boats and their nets, and even their families, to follow this man and to share in his mission. 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of people', he said to them. Instead of gathering fish into their nets, they would now share in Jesus' work of gathering people to God. It is hard to imagine a greater change. God's horizon is so much wider than ours. To answer the call of Jesus involves letting our own limited horizons be stretched to embrace God's vision for our lives. The kingdom of God has no borders or boundaries; it needs no walls to keep people out. Saint Paul calls on us not to become engrossed in the world. While living in the world we are called to look beyond it towards that endless horizon of God's kingdom.

**In Loving Memory: Maria Fuata** – Community 2, Sister of Karalo and Ita Vosalevu who died in Lautoka hospital on Thursday afternoon 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2018. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. Rest in Peace.

**Welcome to the Christin Community:** Maria Marama and Mareta Botoitoga from Lot 30, Stage 8, Sharma Lane, Raiwaqa who were baptised here yesterday morning on the special occasion of Mareta's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday.

**Deaconate Ordinations:** Of Diocesan Students and Martin Korociri (Columban) will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. Like previous Deaconate Ordinations – the Parish of the Central Eastern Division are requested to cater for the meal afterwards. Our parish has been allotted the cooking and providing Chicken Curry and 1KG of yagona for the occasion.

**The Archbishop's Diary:** Confirmed that he will be with us on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August (Main Day of our Jubilee Celebrations) as well as Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**CCD Classes** for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA will commence again this weekend after 7.00am Mass. The Parish is looking at **Sunday Aug 26<sup>th</sup>** as the date for Confirmation – the last day of our Jubilee celebration.

**New Fijian translation of the New Testament** (Na Veiyalayalati Vou) can be bought soon at \$7.00 a copy. It is a beautifully bound book with big print and easy to read Fijian. Should be a great help with the 7 Steps prayer meetings.

**A House Key was Found in the back of the Church recently:** The owner can claim it at the Presbytery.

**Thinking ahead to Parish Jubilee:** This first meeting of the year for the Steering Committee was held in the Conference Room with Frs John and Carlo in attendance, together with Vero, Barbara, Joana, Mausio and Master Dan. Thus of the 8 Sub Committees; Liturgy, Finance, Marketing, Logics, Social, Works, Catering and Communications – only the Heads of three of these Committees turned up – Communications, Liturgy, and Logistics and an apology from Social– but a very good discussion took place and a number of workable suggestions were put forward – That most important being that (1) we start our Celebrations on the Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August – the Feast Day of our Parton Saint Pius X. (2)The Anniversary week will have Mass each day, animated by the different parish organizations and ethnic groups as the Liturgy Commission sees appropriate. (3) The rest of the week’s programme was also discussed. (4) Information on the celebrations to be publicised in the media (news bulletins). (5) A Souvenir Booklet (1000 copies) to be put together with the engagement of Marjorie and other people who have the experience in working with publications. (6) The Calendar of Events for the Year was also looked at. The month of May was deemed to be a good time to have a Parish Renewal Week. Fr Carlo was to look into the possibility of getting a good speaker to conduct this parish renewal. (7) Costing to be worked out with the assistance of sponsorship secured by Merchandizing Committee. Donors to be sought vis promotion on Facebook, media, website, letter, etc. (8) More sample prints for Kala Vata to be produced at next meeting. (9) T- shirts and round necks still available and will be on sale after Sunday Masses. Sublimated t - shirts still a work in progress. (10) Suggestions for golden jubilee stickers and key rings / holders. (11) Pending works include refurbishing of church benches by Montfort Boys Town, tiling of church floor, painting inside and outside of the church, revamping of the altar area, etc. The next meeting of the entire 8 Heads of Committees is scheduled for Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb.

**Jubilee Renovations Continue this Week:** Next on the list is the repair, sanding, painting and varnishing of our Church Seats. This will commence tomorrow morning. The **Brothers, students and staff of Boystown** has been awarded this job. They will remove 5/6 church benches on Monday mornings and replace them on Friday evenings. They will continue the process until all the seats in the Church are complete and restored.

**Parish Meetings: Women of the Parish** meeting, today Sunday (21.1.18), 10.15am – 11.15am, AB Mataca Hall.

**Men of the Parish meeting today after 8.30 Mass.**

**Liturgy Meeting:** Music Directors, Lectors, Ushers, Alter Services, E. Ministers, and Sacristan after 8:30 am Mass.

**Prayer meetings:** Cenacle @ 2pm; Divine Mercy @ 3pm and Charismatic @ 3.30pm and meeting in Hall.

**Animators - 7 Steps meeting tomorrow** after 6.30pm Mass. Animators please take note – attendance important.

**Evangelisation news:** 7 Steps in 4a in Kamsoo’s Home. Youth 7 Steps also and all other Communities meetings too.

**Music Directors & Archdiocese Choir Member** at Laucala Parish - Monday 22nd January at 7:00 pm.

**Thanks:** To Community 5a – Michael’s for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound yesterday. Community 5b St Columban’s starts this week from tomorrow Mon, 22nd Jan 2018.

**Thanks for your generous Collections Last Week:** The following is a summary:

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$854.40; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$108.15; Envelops \$60.00 = \$1022.55**

**Reading coming week: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** [21/1/18] Jon 3: 1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7: 29-31; Mk 1: 14-20; Mon [22/1/18] St Vincent, deacon and martyr: 2 Sm 5: 1-7, 10; Mk 3: 22-30; Tue [23/1/18] 2 Sm 6: 12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3: 31-35; Wed [24/1/18] St Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor: 2 Sm 7: 4-17; Mk 4: 1-20; Thurs [25/1/18] The Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle: Acts 22: 3-16; Mk 16: 15-18; Fri [26/1/18] Sts Timothy and Titus, bishops: 2 Tm 1: 1-8; Lk 10: 1-9; Sat [27/1/18] St Angela Merici: 2 Sm 12: 1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4: 35-41; **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** [28/1/18] Dt 18: 15-20; 1 Cor 7: 32-35; Mk 1: 21-28

**St. Pius X Parish Is Born:** (Continuation of the account found in the pamphlet ‘**A Brief History of Raiwaqa Parish**’).

**Raiwaqa was officially established as a parish on the 1st of August 1968.** Monsignor Petero Mataca was to be its first Parish Priest. “It is hereby decreed that the part of the ecclesiastical territory of the Parish of the Sacred Heart, Suva,’ in the Raiwaqa area, is consecrated as of the 1st day of August, 1968, as a parish to be known as the Parish of Raiwaqa. (IN NOMINE DOMINI; George H. Pearce, ARCHBISHOP OF SUVA).

**Housing Authority:** In terms of area, Raiwaqa is one of the smallest parishes in Fiji. But in terms of people it includes one of the most densely populated areas in Fiji. This is evident in the remarkable number of rental flats in the area. The establishment of the Raiwaqa Housing Estate in 1958 was brought about after Crown land at Raiwaqa, was transferred to the Housing Authority. The Authority’s main objective was home ownership for low income urban workers hence the Rental Flats Scheme in 1964.

“Before the Housing Authority came into being, there was once a traditional community in Raiwai called the Raiwai Village or settlement. It comprised of Fijian people who migrated to Suva in the 1950’s for education and employment. Raiwai was a larger village than an ordinary one in the rural setting, because this new village comprised

three main groups of people. The sub-groups are still known as Tai-O—Noco, Tai—O—Lomaiviti and Tai-O Kadavu. In fact these were three small villages known as one big community”

(PARISH PLAN OF ACTION FOR 1987; HISTORY: REV. T. ROUSE).

Some people moved out from Raiwai to Raiwaqa because they were given homes by Housing Authority. Because other people stayed back in Raiwai the Housing Authority had to build homes for them too.