

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER - CYCLE A: - 30/04/17

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 7:00 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 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 Month of May

We start the Month of May tomorrow May is devoted to Our Lady & the Rosary.

Catholic Times in the Office Ready to be picked up by Community Leaders and Community Financial Reps.

PPC Meeting this Sunday at 10.00am Sharp.

Reflection for 3rd Sunday of Easter – The Road to Emmaus: We are all on an Emmaus journey, or pilgrimage of faith. We may be perplexed by events in our own lives, disappointments, loss of a job, failure, collapse of a relationship, shattered dreams, betrayal by friends. We are certainly very, very deeply disturbed by things that are happening in our own Church. We are deeply disturbed by the lack of peace in our world, the injustices of society, worries about the future. Everything, indeed, may seem very, very dark. And we may feel as helpless and as hopeless as those two disciples did. If so, we need community. We cannot fight depression alone. We cannot make sense of things alone. We need to lean on one another for support. We need to search the Scriptures together to see what answers they may have for us. And then we can find ways to share this good news.

We tend to walk away from situations and places that have painful associations for us. Sometimes that can be the right thing to do, but perhaps not always. Two disciples were walking away from a Jerusalem which now had very negative associations for them. It was just outside the walls of Jerusalem that their revered teacher and leader was crucified. Jerusalem was the city that killed all the hopes they had invested in Jesus. They wanted out of it as quickly as possible, seeing no future for themselves in that city. As things turned out, Jerusalem was more than the city where Jesus was executed; it was also where he was raised from the dead and where the risen Lord would pour out the missionary Spirit upon his friends. The risen Lord walked with them to help them to see that there was more to Jerusalem than they realized. It is often the case in our own lives that the places we try to get away from, when we see them as dreary and dark are the very places where the seeds of new life are to be found, and where God is mysteriously but powerfully at work in the darkness. (MH)

In Loving Memory: Igenasio Dakunaca: husband of Teulla Peckham, 1b St Cecilia, died Monday 24th April, buried on Friday 28th April. **Kelemete Kaiyawa,** Nadivakarua, Kubulau, Bua, Grand uncle and namesake of Kelemete - Parish Coordinator. Died on Sunday 23rd - funeral yesterday. Sympathy expressed to family members. **Sr. Elena,** S.O.L.N passed away in hospital on Wednesday 27th April. Her funeral and Mass Saturday the 6th of May. **RIP**

Feast of St Peter Chanel: Priests Day on 28th April: Mass for the Feast Day was held at 6.30pm on Friday evening. The liturgy was animated by Community 4a (St Peter Chanel). A social gathering in the parish Hall followed. Refreshments as usual was provided by the Communities of the Parish while the parish provided the extras. Thanks, expressed to all concerned. *{But poor turn out for Mass}*. Collection for Seminarians is being taken up at this time.

Marian Movement Retreat - This weekend: Given by Fr Donal McIlraith SSC in PRS. Started yesterday at 10.am and ends today at midday.

The Charismatic Convention this weekend [28/04 to 30/04/2017] at Natovi: A group of 15 from the Parish Charismatic Group departed church at 4pm on Friday and will return this afternoon. The Members did their itatau to the Parish Priest and the Parish on Thursday evening in the Parish Hall.

St Joseph the Worker (2) Feast Day on Monday 1st of May – Community will animate the Liturgy at evening Mass tomorrow. Their Prayer meeting will be on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in Maria and Pius Burese's Residence.

Diocesan Seminarian Formation Collection: Envelopes for this Collection has been given out to Community Leaders last weekend – to be distributed in their respective communities. This Collection can be included with your Sunday Collection today – and possibly over the next few Sundays. Any envelope that comes back will be sent to the Archbishop for the tuition of his diocesan students. The Archdiocese of Suva has formed 48 priests so far. At the moment, there are 12 Seminarians at PRS. The annual tuition for a seminarian is around \$14,000.00. This brings the total tuition for 12 seminarians to \$168,000.00. The Archbishop is grateful to the contributions made by the CWL every year especially last year when they from their annual Soli game over \$92,000.00 for the tuition of students. Let us play our part...

A late Notice to Priests: Re Seminar conducted by the Archbishop in St Joseph's Hall this Sunday 30th April, entitled "Opening a Door – Sharing a Path" It the Church striving to reach out to Families and Marriages in irregular situations, Divorced or Married outside the Church, Single Parents etc. Starting at 9.00am. Bring a packed lunch. (Invited: Priests, Parish Leaders, Community Leaders, those involved in Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation).

Community 4a St Peter Chanel: Prayer meetings and the Month of the Rosary during May. The statue of our Lady will be carried around the Community during this month.

Boundary Fence: The brick work and plastering of same has almost been complete. Thanks to Tukai the contractor his workers and the number of parishioners who volunteered some time to help. Also, thanks expressed to the Men of the Parish who initiated the project in the 1st place. The next phase is the welding of the mesh to the panels and the making and welding of the new gate. Visoni has offered to do this work for the Men of the Parish – voluntarily.

The 50th Anniversary – Golden Jubilee of the Parish Meeting Monday 24th April: The scheduled meeting of the Anniversary committee went ahead despite the rain, with a good turnout from the leaders of the subcommittees. The presented recommendations will be tabled at PPC for endorsement. The main points put forward.

1. **A plaque to commemorate the occasion** and dedicate the Parish Hall as **Maraca Hall**, honouring the founder, builder and first Archbishop of Suva. The launching day for this be Feast of St Pius X, August, 21st, 2017.
2. The Main Celebration day to be on **Saturday, 25th August** 2018.
3. The proposed Sports Day has been moved to a week or so before, the celebration weekend.
4. It has been proposed that **Confirmation take place on Sunday, 26th**, while Archbishop is still here. If we are lucky we will have the Archbishop for the both days. And a **Jubilee Commemorative Book** be produced.

JPHD Meeting held last Sunday 23rd April: This was a successive well attended meeting. JPIC were named and recognised by those attending – who in turn will visit the communities soon discuss JPHD issues in the Parish. **Community Visitation will start in the parish on Tuesday 2th May to share what they have learned.**

Team 1: (Ema Mua, Sala Qaqa, Shane Moli, Josevata Niumataiwalu) - 2.5.17 : 1b, 9.5.17 : 3 16.5.17 :4a, 23.5.17: 5a, 30.5.17:6, 6.6.17 :7b

Team 2: (Bernadette. Qaranivalu, Ed Lee, Kelera Baleinabuli) -2.5.17: 2, 9.5.17: 4a, 16.5:4c, 23.5.17: 5b: 30.5.17:7a

Healthy living lifestyle: This should be a concern for everyone since the community health centre is staffed by eight (8) doctors and **twelve** (12) nurses to look **32,580** people. Hence, we are all asked to act responsibly and be mindful that lifestyle changes may help one avoid illness, reduce visits to the doctor, the dose and/or the number of medicines that one takes.

Meetings Today Sunday 30rd April. 2017

1. PPC Meeting this morning at 10.00 sharp.
2. **The World Apostolate of Fatima** prayer meeting at 4pm. **Catholic Bibles on Sale for \$15.00** in Parish Office
1. **Marist Old Boys meeting this Sunday at 5.00pm.** Old Boys please take note. Master Dan for Reuben Colata

Meetings during the Week:

1. **Prayer Meetings** in most Communities (7 Steps) on Tuesday Evening 2nd May.
2. **Youth Prayer Meeting** (7 Steps) Friday straight after the 6:30 pm Mass.
3. **Get Fit – Stay Healthy: Zumba Dance Exercise:** Every Saturday Morning Vuiyasawa Park from 6 - 7am.
4. **Evangelisation & Bible meets** on 7th May after 8.30am Mass.

Thanks, and Appreciation: To Community 2 St Joseph the Worker for animating the Liturgy during the week and for cleaning of the Church & compound. We invite Community 3 St Joan of Arc to continue from tomorrow 1st May.

Thanks too for your generous Collection for last week. The following is a summary:
1st Collection \$610.20; 2nd Collection \$59.70 and Envelope Pledge: \$250.00 = \$919.70

Reading coming week: 3rd Sunday of Easter [30/4/17] Acts 2: 14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1: 17-21; Luke 24: 13-35; Mon [1/5/17] St Joseph the Worker: Acts 6: 8-15; John 6: 22-29; Tue [2/5/17] St Athanasius: Acts 7: 51—8:1; John 6: 30-35; Wed [3/5/17] Sts James & Philip: Acts 8: 1-8; John 6: 35-40; Thurs [4/5/17] Acts 8: 26-40; John 6: 44-51; Fri [5/5/17] Acts 9: 1-20; John 6: 52-59; Sat [6/5/17] Acts 9: 31-42; John 6: 60-69; **4th Sunday of Easter** [7/5/17] Acts 2: 14, 36-41; 1 Peter 2: 20-25; John 10: 1-10.