

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER IN CYCLE C: – 10/04/16

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.

Jubilee of Mercy Celebrations: Thanks for all who took part and attended.

Photos of the Event Posted on the Parish Website. The address of the parish

website is: stpiusxfj.com Parish Newsletter also posted every week – please visit site.

Reflection for 3rd Sunday of Easter: The Big Catch: Today's story reflects the miracle of our own lives. Through his church, Christ has thrown his net over us, 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." And like a fisherman's net it remains unseen beneath the surface. We are drawn into God's net, if we allow it to happen and may we be caught in spite of our struggling.

Today's miraculous catch of fish recalls that other big catch to which Christ compared the kingdom of heaven. We may be sharp in our estimates of the world and its ways. We might be accurate in our judgement of individuals. We may be keen critics of those whose behaviour falls short of the demands of the gospel. But we cannot limit the infinite sufficiency of God's grace. 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 of fishermen. Who knows what queer fish will be caught there spluttering and gasping at the breadth of God's mercy? The "big catch" is Christ's answer to those prophets of gloom who would put so many outside his reach.

In Loving Memory: Charlie Joseph McKenzie Tikotikoca, formally from Raiwaqa Parish here (Now Nadera Parish), his Requiem Mass was celebrated here yesterday 9th April followed by burial at the Military Cemetery Nasinu. I am informed his father did all the welding of the church seats here in the church – nearly 50 years ago. May he rest in peace.

Celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy: The Archbishop was very satisfied with the Celebration last Sunday in spite the fact the numbers expected didn't materialise. There were some great presentations on the Mercy of God and the testimonies were very revealing of how God's Mercy is a work in people's lives. The Vodafone Arena was packed for the final Mass preceded by a procession from Marist Brother's High School – the day in general was very wet. Raiwaqa Parish Youth did very well with their action song/hymn on the Theme of the Weekend 'Mercy' while Christine Maharaj gave a most wonderful sharing re the Mercy of God in her young life. Thanks to so many of our parishioners who attended some sessions of the Congress – and indeed many attended the entire Congress. May we all continue to experience some of God's ever abundant Mercy during this year.

'Misericordiae Vultus' Pope Francis Encyclical on God's Mercy: The Columbans (Fr Donal McIlraith) has printed in booklet form the Pope's Encyclical "Misericordiae Vultus" It is for sale at \$2.00 per copy. The Parishioners bought 50 copies last Sunday after the Masses – there are 50 more copies available today. It is a great document on God Mercy for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Something very essential for the Growth & Running of the Parish - Training of Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

Training for Parish Eucharistic Ministers: First session today April 10, 10:00-11:30 am at the Parish Hall.

Training for Parish Lectors: The first session today April 10, 10:00 - 11:30 am at the Hurley Hall

CCD Classes Resumed: Parents and guardians, please take note of this fact. Only a very small number have started CCD Class after 8.30am Mass - preparing for their 1st Holy Communion later on in the year. Whereas no one has turned up yet for Confirmation Classes in the Church after 8.30am Mass. A worrying fact for 'Faith Formation Commission'.

Parish Guitar Missing: One of our Parish Guitars have gone missing from the Music Room since Palm Sunday. Anyone who knows its where about or have taken a loan of it, please return it as soon as possible or contact Karalo. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

The Heads of Commissions: It is urged that you identify the members of your Commissions – by finding out from past Parish Newsletters who are the members that make up your Commission. These were elected in each Community at recent AGMs. Each Commission should meet monthly before the PCC Meeting.

Evangelisation Commission meets after 8.30am Mass in the hall. Community and organisation reps please attend.

Social Justice Commission Meeting: Will take place after 8.30am Mass this Sunday. All Reps strive to be present.

Charismatic prayer meeting today at 3pm.

Community of St Peter Chanel (4a) Prayer Meeting on Tuesday evening 12th April in Anthony Wong's residence at 7.30. All member are invited to make an effort to be present.

Liturgy Commission Meeting on Wednesday, 13 April (as the last schedule had been cancelled due to the movement restriction enforced) after the 6:30 Mass Wednesday night last.

Community (4c) Social and Soli: All Women of this Community will Soli on Saturday 16th in the Parish Hall while the men will do the catering for the occasion.

Community 2 St Joseph the Worker: The Community intends to do their pilgrimage to the **Holy Door in the Cathedral** during the week (probably Tuesday evening). Well done Community 2. Perhaps other Communities will follow suit.

Columban Companions in Mission:

a) **CCIM-Raiwaqa** to meet on 18th April, Monday, right after the evening Mass. Your presence is highly appreciated.

b) **Meeting with the newly appointed National Coordinator of the Companions** – Josefa Vasakula on 21st April at 7.30 in Parish Hall

Appeal Letter – Faith Alive Campaign: The Parish Executives together with the Financial Council is striving to meet the Budget Target which is needed to run the parish for a year - are launching this appeal. In addition to your Sunday Offerings and Contribution to the Parish Bazaar, this campaign targets **200 parishioners to voluntarily partake** in envelope contribution of \$260.00 per year so to meet the Budget Target for the coming year. They are naming the Campaign as the 'Faith Alive Campaign'. The Appeal letter and return **Slip - Forms** are ready for distribution via your Community Leaders and Financial Reps. These volunteering to participate in this Appeal will pledge to contribute \$5.00 per week for 52 weeks or \$20/25.00 per month for 12 months or \$65.00 per quarter or the yearly amount of \$260 once. As well as seeing this necessary for the running of our existing programmes e.g. CCD, Evangelization, Charity and Mission, Maintenance and Operational – we could also see this as necessary to the build up towards the 50th Anniversary of the Parish which we will be celebrating in 2018. I endorse this appeal and commend it to your continuing generosity. Fr John McEvoy.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the First Quarter of this year available: Today we publish the Income and Expenditure Sheet for the 1st Quarter of 2016. This will be given to Communities Leaders and Community Financial Reps – to be taken back to their respective communities – as proof of the stewardship and the use of parish finances. Below is just a summary of our financial situation at the end of the first quarter 2016. Thanks to Angie Kainamoli (Parish Treasurer) for preparing this quarterly returns for us. Full breakdown of below from Community Leaders and Fin Reps.

No.	Period	Total Receipts	Total Payments	Variance	Analysis
1	January	\$5,488.95	\$3,983.51	\$1,505.44	Surplus - total income more than expenditure
2	February	\$7,301.70	\$10,565.00	-\$3,263.30	Deficit - total expenditure exceed income
3	March	\$8,814.64	\$15,951.07	-\$7,136.43	Deficit - total expenditure exceed income
TOTAL		\$21,605.29	\$30,499.58	-\$8,894.29	Deficit by 29.16%

For your Generous Contributions: Thanks to members of [2] St Joseph the Worker for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. You did very well. We invite Members of Community 3, St Joan Arc to continue from tomorrow 11th April. **Details of last Sunday's Collections published here:** First Collection - \$646.20; Second Collection - \$121.50 = \$767.70; Envelope Pledge \$45.00. Thank You so much.

Reading coming week: 3rd Sunday of Easter [10/04/16] Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Apocalypse 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19; Mon [11/04/16] Acts 6: 8-15; John 6: 22-29; Tues [12/04/16] Acts 7: 51—8:1; John 6: 30-35; Wed [13/04/16] Acts 8: 1-8; John 6: 35-40; Thurs [14/04/16] Acts 8: 26-40; John 6: 44-51; Fri [15/04/16] Acts 9:1-20; John 6: 52-59; Sat [16/04/16] Acts 9: 31-42; John 6: 60-69; 4th Sunday of Easter [17/04/16] Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17; John 10: 27-30

IF WE WAIT UNTIL WE ARE READY WE WILL BE WAITING FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES