



ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3RD SUNDAY IN LENT - CYCLE B: 04/03/18

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.

After 8.30am Mass today we will have the Special PPC Budget Meeting where the Parish budget will be endorsed for 2018/19. All welcome and in particular Community Financial Reps should try and attend.

The Turning of the Wheel: Fr Frank's Book on the Columban History in Fiji. Selling at \$10.00.

3rd Sunday in Lent: Moving House

Psychologists tell us that, apart from the death of a loved one, perhaps the most traumatic experience a person can have is that of moving house. Those of us who have gone through all that is involved in this particular trauma can attest to the truth contained in these words. One of the benefits derived from the exercise, however, is that we get rid of all the junk we have accumulated since our last move. It could perhaps be argued that people's dread of moving is directly proportionate to the amount of stuff they have gathered. The Israelites, having come out of Egypt, had been through the experience, and were inclined to avoid too much clutter. (One of the psalms laughs at the pagans who "carry around their idols made of wood.") Today we find Jesus clearing all the accumulated junk out of the Temple. But what is happening here is not merely the removal of unwanted items; by this symbolic act, Jesus is calling all the peoples of the earth to worship God "in spirit and in truth." True worshippers, he will tell us later in the gospel, are those who worship the Father in spirit and in truth. In order to worship in spirit and in truth, we must prepare our hearts and minds by being faithful to the covenant relationship (keeping the commandments) and seeking the wisdom of God, which is the wisdom of the cross. We have to let Jesus cleanse us, as he cleansed the Temple, leave our sins behind, and simplify our lives, getting rid of any needless clutter. Then we are able to enter into the new Temple, which is Jesus himself, praying in and through him.

In Loving Memory: **Nathan Matthew Qalo** (26), Narere, Nadera Parish, Grandson of Roselyn Smith and nephew of Torika Clarke and Alan Smith who died 24th Feb 2018 and buried in Suva Cemetery after Requiem Mass in Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Nadera on 28th Feb. 2018. **St Angela Cavey** (101) Cluny Sister, died on 1st March. Requiem Mass in the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 10.00am on Tuesday. Reflections and eulogy from 9.15am. May they rest in Peace.

RCIA Candidates 1st Scrutiny – Today at 7.00am Mass. The members are as follows: Mrs. Arieta Diana Daurewa, Mrs. Kalolaini Tatafu, Josephine Tatafu, Maria Tatafu, Fepikou Tatafu, Martha Temo and Mathius Kwansing.

The Gospel of St Mark: You are invited to a Seminar on the Gospel of Mark with Fr Donal McIlraith on Tuesday & Thursday from 7pm - 8pm for 3 weeks. Continues next Tuesday & Thurs. 6th & 8th March in the Cathedral Crypt.

Columban Centenary Altar Cloth: Is here in Raiwaqa this weekend. It is made up of 9.5 metres of linen - depicting the 14 countries that the Columbans Missionaries work in. Many of you signed the Fiji portion of this cloth last year when it was here. The same happened in all other countries. Now it is all sown together and is making the rounds again of all 14 countries. This Altar Cloth strives to unite the Columban Missionary World in prayer and reflection - priests, students, lay missionaries, supporters, benefactors and all the people they have served over the years.

Our programme for the weekend was an optional Holy Hour after men's retreat on Saturday and the Masses on Sunday finishing off with Holy Hour and Benediction 4.00pm - 5.00pm on Sunday Evening after Charismatics. Thank You.

1. **Archdiocesan Lenten Appeal Envelopes:** Still 2 communities have not distributed their (4b and 3) please do so today. This is the Archbishops annual Lenten appeal to provide a home for a few poor families and some of this appeal will be sent to Tonga. This Collection will be taken up on Holy Thursday.
2. **Good Friday Collection:** After the kissing of the Cross will go for the upkeep of the Holy Places
3. **2nd Collection Next Sunday 4th Sunday of Lent:** Will go to Tonga for relief of cyclone Gita victims.
4. **Parish Easter Offering Envelopes:** Ready for all Communities to be picked up from the Offices by Leaders.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday Last: Attendance not as good as previous week. Pope Francis has asked for 24 hours of Adoration in every diocese of the world for World Peace on Friday 9th March. Can we suggest members of Community 3 to supply members for **Eucharistic Adoration on Thurs.** We will finish with Benediction.

Stations of the Cross: As in other years On Wednesday Evenings in Fijian and on Friday Evenings in English at 5.45pm before the evening Masses. The Community animating the liturgy will lead the Stations of the Cross.

Lectors Training Workshop: Continues this Sunday 4th March after the 8.30am Mass. About 20 new recruits started last Sunday directed by Rev Martin Korociri. Consistency and 100% attendance every Sunday is a must.

Evangelization - 7 STEPS and visitation by Animators Communities visited so far are 7A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 7B, 2, 6, 4C, 1B and 4A. The animators will be visiting community 5B and 3 this Tuesday (6/03). Community Leaders and Evangelisation reps please organise and inform Parish Coordinator of venues.

Parish Meetings: Today Cenacle @ 2pm, Divine Mercy @ 3pm, Charismatics @ 3.30pm.

Youth Meeting/Drama Practice: At 11.00am in Fr Hurley Hall after Lectors Session.

Altar Servers Meeting: At 3.00pm today with Fr Carlo and Filo.

Holy Hour from 4.00 - 5.00 this afternoon to finish the Columban Centenary Altar Cloth Journey to Fiji.

Charismatic Group meets at 5pm after the Holy Hour in the hall. Members please attend meeting.

7 Steps Prayer meeting on Tuesday 6th March at 7.30pm in Mr and Mrs Mow's Residence - Group 2.

Youth Drama Practice for Good Friday: Every Evening after 6.30pm Mass – for one hour.

Golden Jubilee Committee next meeting this Wednesday evening after Mass at 7.30pm Conference Room. Sorry for the late postponement on Thursday night last. Progressive reports from the following sub committees: i) Liturgy ii) Communications/Media. iii) Budget/Finance, iv) Sports/Social, v) Culture/Ceremonies, vi) Merchandize/Marketing, vii) Logistics, viii) Catering, ix) May - Month of Renewal, x) Youth Legends.

St Peter Chanel's first meeting of the year will be held in the AB Mataca Hall next Thursday (8th March) at 8.00pm.

CSEJ = Commission of Social and Ecological Justice: To meet on Thursday 8th March in AB Mataca Hall from 7.30 – 8.45pm. Disaster Management Team, Community JD representatives, SVDP reps and Mental Wellness training participants please attend.

Liturgy Commission meeting; **Evangelization** meeting next Sunday, 11th March 2018.

1st Ritual this year for Confirmation Class, Blessings of Candidates and Sponsors **at 7.00am Mass next Sunday.**

MOB Meeting next Sunday 11th March at 6.00pm in the AB Mataca Hall. All Marist Old Boys please take note.

Saturday 10th March: Clean-up of all the Communities in Parish: Dengue has been on the rise in most parts of Fiji and it is timely that we moved by removing old refrigerators, washing machines, unused tires, household items, empty bottles, plants and the likes to destroy breeding areas for mosquitos. Suva City Council trucks will pick up rubbish from the following sites: 1B (Roundabout of Browning Street); 2 (Bus Shelter - Bryce Street); 3(Roundabout - Avon Place); 4a & 4b Wheel Bin (Vuiyasawa Car Park); 4c (Gaji Road).

Thanks: To Community 2 St Joseph the Worker for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound yesterday. Community 3 St Joan of Arc starts tomorrow Mon, 5/03/2018. **CCIM to join & help them.**

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

1st Collection \$1044.05; 2nd Collection: \$143.5; Envelops \$100.00 = \$1,287.55. St Vincent de Paul for Feb \$707.85.

Reading coming week: Third Sunday of Lent [4/3/18] Ex 20: 1-17; 1 Cor 1: 22-25; Jn 2: 13-25; Mon [5/3/18] 2 Kgs 5: 1-15; Lk 4: 24-30; Tue [6/3/18] Dn 3: 25, 34-43; Mt 18: 21-35; Wed [7/3/18] *Sts Perpetua and Felicity*: Dt 4: 1, 5-9; Mt 5: 17-19; Thurs [8/3/18] *St John of God*: Jer 7: 23-28; Lk 11: 14-23; Fri [9/3/18] Hos 14: 2-10; Mk 12: 28-34; Sat [10/3/18] *St Dominic Savio*: Hos 6: 1-6; Lk 18: 9-14; **Fourth Sunday of Lent** [11/3/18] 2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23; Eph 2: 4-10; Jn 3: 14-21;

From the Archbishop to the Clergy of the Central Eastern Division – 20th Feb. 2018 in Nicolas House.

- **Whereas the PPC and PFC** are consultative bodies: the Commissions are the work engines of the parish. That is where the action takes place. The Work of the Commissions has the good of the Whole Parish at heart, the organisations are concerned about a given need in the parish and promote that need among its members.
- **On Good Friday** the main emphases be placed on the Ceremonies of the Veneration of the Cross at 3.00pm
- **Eulogies** if any - before Funeral Masses. But not to interfere with the starting time of the Mass either.
- **Re Marriages and Funerals:** Pastoral sensitivity is called for at all times: Marriages can take place in Advent and Lent. But not during the Easter Tridium. And no funerals on Sunday in the Archdiocese.