

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 12/5/2019

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: 5pm–6pm

Holy days 7am.& 7pm. 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.

The 10.00am Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday, 9th June, Pentecost Sunday, will be animated by the parish of St Pius X, Raiwaqa. A committee is working on its preparations and will give us further updates next Sunday.

Reflection on the 4th Sunday of Easter - Vocations Sunday who will answer the call?

Paul and Barnabas were urgent in preaching the gospel, according to Luke's narrative in the Acts of the Apostles. They disregarded every attempt by their critics to stop them. Threats were ignored, and they seemed driven by an inner God-given sense of mission to promote faith in Jesus. The church today invites us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life, since such vocations play an active part in handing on the faith. The Holy Spirit inspired evangelical zeal in the early Church, making them eager to share their faith with others. When the first missionaries passed from the scene, there was no scarcity of others to take their place. It was this willingness to take an active part that kept the church alive and spreading. We admire the missionary zeal of the early Church, during that era when missionaries spread abroad the ideals of loving God and living together in harmony and peace. **But, who will answer that kind of calling, today?**

Most vocations to a life of service are first nurtured within the family. The French Jesuit, scientist and philosopher, Teilhard de Chardin, once said, "It was in my family that I became who I am. Most of my opinions, of my likes and dislikes, of my values and judgments, my behaviour, my tastes, were moulded by the family I came from." Parents remain the first and most important teachers of the faith, and of ideals. In fulfilling this role, they should try to make daily prayer a natural part of life within the home. By so doing, they may sow the seeds of those vocations which will serve the spiritual needs of the next generation. Just as Christ called some to be his evangelists, so he calls you and me into his service. What I do, how I live as his follower, concerns others too. On this special Sunday, we ask God's blessing, that volunteers will feel drawn to continue Christ's work. His wish for his disciples was quite explicit, "Pray to the Lord of the harvest, to send labourers to his harvest" (Mt 9:37).

In Loving Memory: George Kim Young, Nadi, Uncle of Ben, James and Winston Kamsoo from this parish. Requiem Mass here tomorrow Monday at 10.00am followed by burial in the Chinese Cemetery at 12.00 noon. Rest in Peace.

Welcome to the Christian Community: Amaion Mataeo Teddy Edwards, 32 Rewa Street, who was baptized here on the 4th May 2019.

Mother's Day: We wish our mothers a happy and blessed Day. Our prayers, thanks and appreciation go out to you all today. To the mothers of the parish, WOP and CWL - thanks for your love & all you do for us. From the Priests of the Parish (Frs Martin, Carlo and John)

Women of the Parish: A big Vinaka Vakalevu to all women who contributed to the Womens League Soli for the synod which was held in Lami Parish. WUCWO (World Union of Catholic Women Organisations) Day is on the 13th May all women are asked to attend evening Mass followed by a small get together in hall

Men of the Parish: Adult Catechesis – 16 May at 7.30pm in the AB Mataca Hall; together with Bible sharing and hymn practice for third Sunday Mass. Women of the Parish are invited to join the men.

World Apostolate of Fatima: procession this Sunday, 12th May, from the Flea Market to the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Gathering at 2.00pm before the procession starts at 3.00pm.

Children's Catechism TODAY, Sunday, May 12, after the 7am Mass for Classes 1-4 and after the 8.30am Mass for Classes 5 and 6. Refreshments will be supplied by the Faith Formation. Next Sunday, 19 May, we invite Communities 2 and 3 to supply refreshments before classes.

Cut of date for Holy Communion Students – TODAY. Cut of date for Confirmation Students – Sun. May 26.

Evangelization Commission meets next Sunday after the 8.30am Mass in the AB Mataca Hall. Seven Steps Bible sharing continues in the Communities following the Rosary.

Community Masses schedule:

Community	Date	Community	Date
St Joseph the Worker	13 May at 8.00pm	St Jacob	21 May at 8.00pm
St Patrick	14 May at 8.00pm	St John the Baptist	22 May at 8.00pm
St Cecilia	17 May at 4.00pm	St Columban	24 May at 8.00pm
St Paul; St Joan of Arc	18 May at 8.00pm	St Therese	28 May at 8.00pm
St Michael	20 May at 8.00pm	St Peter Chanel	29 May at 8.00pm

Meetings today and during the week:

- i. **Evangelization Commission** meets after the 8.30am Mass in the ABM hall. All Evangelization reps take note. Seven Steps continues on Tuesdays following the rosary, communities to take note.
- ii. **St Peter Chanel Community 4A:** Please be advised of your meeting at Richard and Ada's residence on Sunday 12th at 8.15pm. You are all urged to come in numbers.
- iii. **Finance Council** meeting of all Community treasurers will be held Sunday, 19 May at 10.00am. All reps are urged to attend for an update of parish finances, bazaar preparations and reports.
- iv. **Synod Parish Choir practice** every Thursday after Mass, in the parish hall

Community Synod Visit Please note the parish Synod team will start visiting your communities this week. The tentative visitation schedule is as follows. Please confirm the venue of visit with the parish office.

15 th May	St Cecilia	22nd May	St Michael, St Columban
16 th May	St Joseph the Worker	23 rd May	St Jacob, St Theresa
17 th May	St Joan of Arc	26 ^h May	St Paul
21 st May	St John the Baptist	27 th May	St Peter Chanel, St Patrick

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

Thanks: To St Paul Community 6 for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound yesterday. We now invite St Jacob Community 7A to take on this important responsibility from tomorrow 13th May.

Thanks for your generous Collections Last Week:

Collection for last week: 1st Collection \$801.10; 2nd Collection \$91.85; Pledge Envelopes \$415.00 Total = \$1,307.95

Readings for the Week: Today Fourth Sunday Easter 12/05: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30; **Mon 13/05:** Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10; **Tues 14/05:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17; **Wed 15/05:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50; **Thurs 16/05:** Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20; **Fri 17/05:** Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6; **Sat 18/05:** Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14; **Sun 19/05** -Fifth Sunday of Easter: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35