



ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - CYCLE B: 28/1/18

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.

3 Application Forms left in Presbytery for Montfort Boy's Town for Year 12 school leavers who wish to apply for a Technical Studies programs this year (preferably those from poorer backgrounds). Must be in by tomorrow.

Columban Regional Assembly: At Nasese Regional House: Monday 29th Jan – 1st Feb. '18

4th Sunday in Ordinary time: Healer: José Antonio Pagola

According to Mark, Jesus' first public action was to heal a man possessed by an evil spirit in the synagogue of Capernaum. It's a gripping scene, so that right from the start we discover the healing and freeing power of Jesus. It was on the Sabbath and the people are gathered in the synagogue to hear the Mosaic Law explained and applied by the scribes. For the first time Jesus is going to proclaim the Good News of God precisely in the place where they officially teach Israel's religious traditions to the people.

What they hear surprises them. They have the impression that up until now they have been listening to old news, spoken without authority. Jesus is different. He doesn't repeat what he has heard from others. He speaks with authority. He announces a good God freely and without fear.

Suddenly a man starts to shout: «Have you come to destroy us?». As he listened to Jesus' message he felt threatened. His religious world is falling apart. He is possessed by an «unclean spirit», hostile to God. When Jesus sees the poor man oppressed by evil forces, he shouts out: «Be quiet! Come out of him!». Jesus commands these evil voices to be silent. In one last attempt to destroy the man, the spirit «threw the man into convulsion and with a loud cry went out of him». Jesus accomplishes the freeing of the man from his inner violence. From now on he will be able to hear the Good News of Jesus. Quite a few persons seem to hold false images of God in their heart, images that make them live without dignity and without truth. They imagine God not as a kindly presence that invites them to live life to the full, but as a threatening shadow that controls their existence. Jesus always begins to heal us by freeing us from an oppressive God.

In Loving Memory: Maria Fuata – Community 2, Sister of Karalo and Ita Vosalevu who died in Lautoka hospital on Thursday afternoon 18th Jan. 2018. Her Requiem Mass was celebrated here on Thursday 25th Jan. Rest in Peace.

Congratulations to: Isikeli Kaci Poate and Edith Ruth Loma Douglas, Bryce Street, who were married here at St Pius X Church yesterday. And **Andrew Anthony Grey and Nina Elizabeth Wye**, Good Lane whose wedding was Blessed and Convalidated yesterday 27th January – You all are wished well.

Deaconate Ordinations: Of Diocesan Students and Martin Korociri (Columban) will take place on Saturday 10th 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.

CCD Classes for 1st Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA has commence again last weekend after 7.00am Mass. The Confirmation Program is not accepting any intake this year. Only those who were following the program from last year are continuing students this year. Please encourage regular attendance. The Parish is looking at **Sunday**

Aug 26th as the date for Confirmation – last day of our Jubilee celebration. The Archbishop is booked to be with us on 25/26 Aug.

Thinking ahead to Parish Jubilee:

Both the **Men of the Parish** and the **Women of the Parish** have had important meetings during last week to consider what projects they might undertake to improve and beautify the Parish for the forthcoming Jubilee Celebrations in August. Both groups have come up with the **idea of a pledge to raise funds for projects to beautify the Church** and its surroundings that they deem important. The Men of the Parish will initially take on and consider the tiling of the church floor. While the Women of the Parish are considering the landscaping of the front car park Area. In the meantime the Youth of the parish have already committed themselves to the Jubilee Programme. Thanks is accorded to them for the recent great clean-up of the Parish compound. And last Sunday they were selling Jubilee T-Shirts on behalf of Marketing and Merchandise Committee. Thank You Members of Parish Youth.

Let us remind ourselves again of the **8 Sub Committees** set up for the Jubilee Celebrations; Liturgy, Finance, Marketing, Logics, Social, Works, Catering and Communications. The next meeting of the Heads of these Committees will be held on Thursday evening next 1st Feb.

From the HOC Faith Formation: There is a dire need for new teachers to come on board. Do you know of any teachers out there in the parish who you think may have something to contribute to the CCD program? Invite them in too. We have lost Emily to another parish and Sera needs one or two more to assist her this year. Confirmation has to go full speed ahead now and can still use one or two more teachers.

Jubilee Renovations: The first batch of 6 church seats has been painted repaired and returned to us from **Boystown** and a second lot of 4 was taken on Friday. Hope people are happy with the new repaired and varnished seats. They will remove 6 church benches on Monday mornings and replace them on Fridays. They will continue the process until all the seats in the Church are complete and restored.

Parish Meetings: Animators Meeting on Monday (tomorrow) at 7.30pm in the hall. If you are an animator, please do take note and your presence is important – and please be on time.

7 STEPS – Community 4A in Mr & Mrs Kunau's residence 7.30pm on Tuesday. All Communities are urged to start/continue with the 7 STEPS every Tuesday from now on. No other meetings take place on Tuesdays.

Animators will start visiting communities from Tuesday 6th Feb.

Wednesday 31 Jan: Marketing and Merchandise Committee will meet at 7.30.

Friday 2nd Feb: The Presentation of the Lord – Candlemas Day – Blessing of Candles for home and Church use.

Saturday 3rd Feb: Feast of St Blaise – The Blessing of the Throats against sickness and all ailments.

Sunday 4th Feb: Women of the Parish will meet in The AB Mataca Hall after the 8.30 Mass.

Parish AGM will be held on 11th Feb 2018 in AB Mataca Hall at 10.am.

Archdiocese Choir Members - Sacred Heart Parish @ 7:00 pm during the week for diaconate Ordination on 10th Feb.

Frames for Reading Glasses: For only those who needs them badly and can't afford to replace their frames. Frames only – No lenses. Will need to have lenses fitted by an optician. Donated by a Fijian Citizen in Australia like last year.

Thanks: To Community 5b – St Columban's for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound yesterday. Community 6 St Paul's starts this week from tomorrow Mon, 22nd Jan 2018.

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

1st Collection \$830.25; 2nd Collection: \$117.8; Envelops \$50.00 = \$998.10.

Reading coming week: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [28/1/18] Dt 18: 15-20; 1 Cor 7: 32-35; Mk 1: 21-28; Mon [29/1/18] 2 Sm 15: 13-14, 30; 16: 5-13; Mk 5: 1-20; Tue [30/1/18] 2 Sm 18: 9-10, 14b, 24-25a—19:3; Mk 5: 1-20; Wed [31/1/18] St John Bosco, priest: 2 Sm 24: 2, 9-17; Mk 6: 1-6; Thurs [1/2/18] 1 Kgs 2: 1-4, 10-12; Mk 6: 7-13; Fri [2/2/18] ***The Presentation of the Lord***: Mal 3: 1-4; Heb 2: 14-18; Lk 2: 22-40; Sat [3/2/18] St Blaise, bishop and martyr: 1 Kgs 3: 4-13; Mk 6: 30-34; ***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** [4/2/18] Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7, 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mk 1: 29-39.

Continuation of our early History: THE CHURCH IS BUILT: Since there was no Catholic church in Raiwaqa in 1968 the faithful congregated for the first Sunday Mass at the Raiwaqa Primary School. This was a kind gesture of the Methodist church who upon seeing their 'brother in need' allowed the use of their school for this and other Sunday Masses which followed.

Confessions were heard at the Credit Union office in the area.

Weekday Masses were celebrated at the Top Shop where Monsignor Petero Mataca used to stay. Work on building the parish church of St. Pius X began in mid—1971 and was completed and officially opened on 21st April, 1972. Fiji, had recently, achieved independent status and this was a new for the nation. More jobs became available and medical and educational facilities were being expanded.

“When we looked at what happened, we should not ignore the consequence of colonial rule. Among other things, these included a heavy dependence on one cash crop, namely, sugar, the Development of the local

elite and the division between classes and races of people. As the sugar price fell, the economy slowed down and jobs became scarce. This contributed to a greater disparity between the wealth of the rich, the elite, and the plight of the poor.