

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - CYCLE A: - 07/05/17

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.

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

The Columbans will be on Retreat this week in the Ashram. Parry for us.

Eye Glasses are now ready for collection.

Reflection for 4th Sunday of Easter – The Good Shepherd Sunday: Jesus often illustrated his teaching by referring to shepherds and sheep. He sees himself as the Good Shepherd foretold by the prophets. Today's gospel considers the relationship between the Good Shepherd and the sheep. The imagery is old. The message is topical. It is relevant to us. By faith we accept Jesus, our relationship is a deeply personal one. The bond of love uniting us is based on the love that unites the Father and Jesus. Our new existence is founded on God's unbreakable love.

In order to enter eternal life, we must listen to Jesus and obey him. We have to tune our minds to the sound of his voice. Self-centredness can make us deaf to the voice of Jesus. Easy options can draw us into easier paths than the one he has traced. Pressure to abandon Christian principles is inevitable. But God is faithful and will not let us be tempted beyond our strength. No one can drag us away from him, The Father has entrusted us to his Son. The same God who kept faith with Jesus by raising him from the dead will also raise us by his power.

"Good Shepherd Sunday" is a prompt for us to think and pray about how the catholic church will fare for priests in the future. These questions need pondering by all, bishops, priests and laity:

- 1) Who will be the true shepherds in the coming years? What needs to Change in our parishes and communities?
- 2) How will those shepherds carry out the mission to those outside the fold?

In Loving Memory Walter Henry Gibbons. (66) Bryce Street; died on 30th April and funeral after Requiem Mass in Raiwaqa on Thursday 4th May. **Sr. Elena,** S.O.L.N passed away in hospital on Wednesday 27th April. Her funeral and Mass Saturday the 6th of May. **May they rest in Peace.**

A brief update on the Charismatic Convention last weekend in Natovi: Between 400 to 500 people attended the Convention. The weekend was blessed with nice fine weather and beautiful view overlooking Natovi jetty and the sea. 15 members including secondary & primary students went from the parish. The Theme of the weekend was "Fan into a flame the Gift of God". There were 4 guest speakers for the 2 days, Fr. Crispin spoke on "Charismatic Prayer Groups"; Fr. Petero Tagidrau spoke on "Eucharist and Confession"; Mr & Mrs Muavesi from Nausori Parish spoke on "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" and Mr. Milikiade Rayalo spoke on "Reaching out reaching in". There were a lot of listening, digesting, praising and praying. For those who attended the Convention, they will agree with me that it was a very enriching weekend. Next Convention will either be in Bemana or Holy Spirit Parish. (*Vama Mausio*).

Diocesan Seminarian Formation Collection: Some of the Envelopes for this Collection given out to Community Leaders 2 weekend ago arrived back last weekend. These envelopes will be accepted for the next week or so. Then we will send amount to the Archbishop for the education of his students PRS. **The amount last week was \$338.00.** Vinaka.

JPHD 10 Minutes before Mass Presentation: A member from the Commission will explain the Social Teachings of the Church every Sunday in May. This is in view of the Visitations to Communities by members of JPHD this month

Summary of the PPC Meeting last Sunday 30th April 2017 - The Appointments of New Head of Commission

1. The Parish Priest appointed the following as new Heads of Commissions: **Youth – Tupou Nawalu**; Replacing Niseta Buatava. **Joana Qalo – Liturgy**. Replacing Maria Qaranivalu who has stepped down for personal reasons. And **Sera Vira - new Head of Faith Formation** in place of Tupou Nawalu. Thanks, to all the above.
2. The PPC heard of the need for visits to the Raiwai communities 7a & 7b in the parish.
3. One community in particular has called for a 3-month consultation period for all to be able to read the Draft Revision of the Constitution and come up with suggestions from all Communities.
4. Vatuwaqa's St Columban community has thrown down the gauntlet for all communities to make the bazaar target this year in view of the need for a financially well prepared 50th Anniversary celebrations.

As a result of this the PPC Executives are organizing a series of courtesy calls to discuss the following: **1. Draft Revision of the Constitution; 2. Annual Parish Bazaar; 3. Update on 50th Anniversary celebrations**

Two teams have been named to go out to the Communities when they meet on 8th of May at 7.30pm after Mass.

Team 1: Thomas Tavutonivalu, Veronika Rausuvanua, Vamarasi Mausio, Dominiko Tabuarua, Sera Vira, Kelemete Rausuvanua, and Tupou Nawalu.

Team 2: Rafaele Roqica, Tifanue Mausio, Tifere Mausio, Angie Kainamoli, Joana Qalo, Jacob Kivi & Georgina Kivi.

The RCIA Classes is expected to resume on the 4/06/2017. Persons interest are requested to contact the Presbytery or myself. My phone contact is 9457355. Further information is also available on the Notice Board.

Boundary Fence: The brick work and plastering of same has been completed on Friday 5th May but for the bit where Water Authority sewer line runs under the fence. Still waiting action from the Water Authority on this matter. 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 - the welding of the mesh to the panels and the making and welding of the new gate is well under way. Visoni assisted by Amini Qalo working on this phase. All is beginning to look good.

The 50th Anniversary – Golden Jubilee of the Parish – To recap on notice of Last Week:

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 Logo Competition for 50th Anniversary is now up and running:** See Notice Board. Application Forms in the parish office. Prize for the Best Logo will receive \$200.00.
3. The Main Celebration day to be on **Saturday, 25th August 2018**.
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. A **Jubilee Commemorative Book** will be produced.

JPHD Visitations to the Communities to Continue: to share and discuss JPHD issues in the Parish.

Team 1: (Ema Mua, Sala Qaqa, Shane Moli, Josevata Niumataivalu) - **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): **9.5.17: 4a, 16.5:4c, 23.5.17: 5b: 30.5.17:7a.**

Communities are asked to accommodate these Visitation and not to postpone. A big request Please please....

Meetings Today Sunday 7th May. 2017

1. **Liturgy Monthly Meeting** After the 8.30 Mass.
2. **Evangelisation & Bible meeting today** 7th May after 8.30am
3. **Charismatic Weekly Meeting** at **3.00pm** Mass.
4. **The World Apostolate of Fatima** prayer meeting at 4pm. **Catholic Bibles on Sale for \$15.00** in Parish Office

Meetings during the Week:

1. **Youth Meeting with the new Head of Commission Monday 8th May after Mass.**
1. **Prayer Meetings** in most Communities (7 Steps) on Tuesday Evening 9th 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. **Meeting Women of the Parish Next Sunday 14/05/2017, after 8.30am Mass.** It is morning tea and AGM.
5. **Lectors Meeting:** Immediately after Mass Next Sunday 14th May 2017.

Thanks, and Appreciation: To Community (3) St Joan of Arc for animating the Liturgy during the week and for cleaning of the Church & compound. We invite Community 4a St Peter Chanel to continue from tomorrow 8th May.

Thanks too for your generous Collection for last week. The following is a summary:

1st Collection \$300.25; 2nd Collection \$57.10 and Envelope Pledge: \$75.00 = \$434.35. For Seminarians = \$338.00
Reading coming week: 4th Sunday of Easter [7/5/17] Acts 2: 14, 36-41; 1 Peter 2: 20-25; John 10: 1-10; Mon [8/5/17] Acts 11: 1-8; John 10: 1-10; Tue [9/5/17] Acts 11: 19-26; John 22-30; Wed [10/5/17] Acts 12: 24—13:5; John 12: 44-50; Thurs [11/5/17] Acts 13: 13-25; John 13: 16-20; Fri [12/5/17] Acts 13: 26-33; John 14: 1-6; Sat [13/5/17] Our Lady of Fatima: Acts 13: 44-52; John 14: 7-14; **5th Sunday of Easter [14/5/17]** Acts 6: 1-7; 1 Peter 2: 4-9; John 14: 1-12;