

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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FORTH SUNDAY OF EASTER IN CYCLE C: – 17/04/16

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.

Forth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday

Photos of last Saturday's military Funeral and pilgrimage to Holy door in Suva by Community 2 – posted on parish website. Address of website is: stpiusxfj.com The Parish Newsletter also posted every week. Ps visit. Thanks Marj.

Today we welcome members of 'Choice' – Suva Parishes, invited by Community 3 to help animate our liturgy. Vinaka.

Reflection for 4th Sunday of Easter: Urgent Job to be Done: During this period following on the Easter celebrations, there is one thing that the liturgy readings try to impress upon us, and that is the zeal and urgency the Apostles showed in preaching the good news about Christ. They disregarded every attempt on the part of the Jews to put a stop to them. Threats did not deter them, and whether people accepted their message or not, they appeared to be driven on by an inner God-given sense of mission to hand on to everyone their faith in Jesus. This weekend every year is set aside as a time of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, and we must bear in mind that the idea of vocations and that of handing on the faith are closely linked. We might from time to time ponder over the question: "Why did God create us?" The answer has to be that God is love that God is goodness, and love and goodness are only meaningful if they are communicated to others, if there is someone else to be loved and to experience that goodness. It is within the context of family that most vocations are nurtured. The French Jesuit, scientist and philosopher, Teilhard de Chardin, once said, "I come from a family where I became who I am. The great majority of my opinions, of my likes and dislikes, of my values and appreciations, of my judgments, my behaviour, my tastes, were moulded by the family I came from." For this reason parents remain, and always will remain, the first and most important teachers of the faith to their children. In fulfilling this role they should strive to make prayer, daily family prayer, a natural part of life within the home. By so doing, they will most certainly be sowing the seeds of those vocations which in the providence of God will be necessary to minister to the spiritual needs of the next generation. Such vocations, however, must also be seen in the context of the whole spiritual life, the spiritual values, the spiritual aspirations of the community in which they are nurtured.

Welcome to the Christian Community: Daniel Timothy Joseph Kumar, 8 Vuiyasawa Lane; Maria Donelle Rosalia Burese, 6 Lawlor Lane, and James Viliame, 77 Browning St. - All baptised on Sunday 4th April 2016.

Celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy: Congratulations to Community 2 (St Joseph the Worker) for organising their Pilgrimage to the 'Holy Door of Mercy' at the Cathedral last Tuesday evening at 6.30pm. It was well attended and we can be sure that those who turned up on the evening felt they were recipients of God's Mercy. Their pilgrimage coincided with the evening Mass here in the parish. Other Communities might like to make their pilgrimage to the Holy Door after their duty animating the liturgy for the week in the parish here. On weekdays it is a bit of an ordeal to make arrangements for the doors of Cathedral to be opened – it may be a better option to make a pilgrimage on Saturday centred around Fr Donal's Mass there at 11.00 am. People could avail of Mass during the pilgrimage and even confessions etc. And even the Priest of Raiwaqa might be able to join in on some Saturdays!!!!

Training for Parish Eucharistic Ministers: Second session today April 17, 10:00 - 11:30 am in the Hurley Hall

Training for Parish Lectors: The second session today April 17, 10:00 - 11:30 am in the Church Thanks to Fr Felisiano Fatu for giving the first session last Sunday and for the Columban Companions for supplying morning tea.

Special Thanks expressed to Jacob Kivi & his cousin for straightening up the Dept. of Health Signpost last week.

Important Parish Decisions: At the meeting on Tuesday night the Parish Treasurer Angie Kainamoli presented the statement of the Parish Income & Expenditure for the 1st quarter of 2016 to members of the Community Financial Reps.

1. Whereas the expenditure for the 1st quarter exceeded the income by 29.16%, it was deemed that the parish finances were still in a reasonable good state for this time of year. Financial Community Reps will bring this report back to their respective communities.
2. It was highly recommended that the Financial Council (some of whom was present) go ahead and have the entire guttering of the church changed as it is leaking badly for a long time now. There is a danger that the rafters will get rotten if the present situation is allowed to continue much longer.
3. That running the Parish Bazaar in Swan Parish – is costing the parish too much (nearly \$8,000.00 last year). It was decided that we enquire about the availability of the Civic Centre for our Bazaar this year. Walusio Buatava undertook to do the enquiring – which he has and has booked the Civic Centre for the Saturday 30th July for our Bazaar this year. The cost for the day with tables, chairs, security, lights and water etc. \$1,000.00.
4. That we consider better investment for our fixed deposits. But no concrete suggestion was offered.
5. Very few commission heads were present at this meeting. For Reps and those not present at the meeting may collect the financial statement report for your respective communities from the Parish Office. Thank You.

Visitation of the Communities in the coming week/s: The Parish Executives have drawn up the following Communities that they intend to visit in the coming week. They have divided themselves into 3 teams:

Team 1: Rafa, Thomas & Salome; Team 2: Dan, Alex, Angie & Maria; Team 3: Vama, Gina, Jacob & Ben.

Visitation today Sunday 17/4/16: To Community 4c by Team 3; To Community 6 by Team 1.

Visitation on Monday 18/4/16: To Community 7a by Team 3; To Community 5b by Team 1.

Visitation Tuesday 19/4/16: To Community 2 by Team 2; To Community 3 by Team 3, To Community 7b by Team 1.

Visitation Wed. 20/4/16: To Community 5a by Team 3. **Visitation Thursday 21/4/16:** To Community 1b by Team 1.

Visitation Friday 22/4/16: To Community 4a by Team 1; To Community 4b by Team 2.

They will discuss with members of your communities any issues you may wish to bring up and also inform you about various Parish matters, such as the 'Faith Alive Campaign' Appeal Letter & Pledge that has being in the newsletter over the last few weeks, liturgy, evangelization, change of bazaar venue, church repairs and other matters that may come up.

Welcome Fr Clement Wanesubua Columban Associate Priest in Training: From Maiaita Solomon Islands is doing his orientation here with the Columbans in Fiji. He will be stationed in Raiwaqa Parish for 6/10 weeks. He will arrive here before next weekend and will be helping out in the parish while the PP attends meetings in NZ & Ireland.

'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. It is a great document on God Mercy for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Let us all make an attempt to read it.

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 Comm.

Evangelisation Commission meets after 8.30am Mass today. If Reps are unable to attend please send a replacement.

Charismatic prayer meeting today at 3pm.

Community 6 Prayer Meeting: This Sunday evening at Buatava's residence; Followed by meeting with parish team.

Social Justice Meeting this Sunday afternoon in the Parish Hall at 5.00pm. All Reps please take note.

St Patrick's (4b) Community Monthly Meeting: Will take place in Parish Hall tomorrow Monday 18/4/16 at 7.30pm.

Community of St Peter Chanel (4a) Prayer Meeting on Tuesday evening 19th April

Liturgy Commission Meeting on Wednesday, 13 April. A very detailed analysis was carried out on how the Easter Ceremonies went. Suggestions were made as how the Liturgy can be improved Next Year, God Willing.

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 CCIM – Josefa Vasakula on 21st April at 7.30 in Hall.

For your Generous Contributions: Thanks to members of [3] St Joan Arc for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of Community 4a St Peter Chanel to continue from tomorrow 18th April. **Details of last Sunday's Collections published here:**

First Collection - \$674.30; Second Collection - \$158.10 = \$832.40; Envelope Pledge \$67.00. Thank You so much.

Reading coming week: 4th Sunday of Easter [17/04/16] Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17; John 10: 27-30; Mon [18/04/16] Acts 11: 1 - 18; John 10:1-10; Tues [19/04/16] Acts 11: 19 - 26 :1; John 10: 22 - 30; Wed [20/04/16] Acts 12:24 -13 -5 John 12: 44-50; Thurs [21/04/16] Acts 13: 13-25; John 13: 16-20; Fri [22/04/16] Acts 13:26-33; John 14: 1-6; Sat [23/04/16] Acts 13: 44-52; John 14: 7-14; 5th Sunday of Easter [24/04/16] Act 14: 21-27; Apocalypse 21: 1 - 5; John 13: 31 – 35.