

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 19/5/2019

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.

Synod Prayer to Mother Mary during the month of

May. O Mary, Mother of Jesus, in our need we turn to you during this month of May. We pray for the Synod sessions, Festival and Mass. We ask you to connect us in Jesus, neighbour and creation so that we hear his voice calling us to be fearless in his mission. O Help of Christians protect us! Bright Star of the Sea guides us! Our Lady of Peace pray for us! *More news on Synod from next Sunday.*

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.

Reflection for the 5th Sunday of Easter: The love that heals

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

It’s our love for others that keeps the great love of Jesus for people visible in our world today. An American journalist, watching Mother Teresa caring for a man with gangrene, remarked to her: ‘I wouldn’t do that for a million dollars.’ Mother Teresa replied: ‘Neither would I... but I do it for love of God.’ Selfishness keeps us shut in, builds barriers, even walls, between us and others. What frees us is caring for others, being friends, being sisters and brothers to them, being good neighbours. A doctor, who has shared some of the deepest moments in the lives of many patients, says that people facing death don’t think about the degrees they’ve earned, the positions they’ve held, or how much wealth they’ve amassed. What really matters at the end is whom you have loved and who has loved you.

Love always demands the best from us, and brings out the best in us. Being loved gives us a surprising energy and courage. Love makes us fruitful, productive, strong and constant in doing good. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, famous for her work on the stages of dying, has written: ‘Love is the flame that warms our soul, energises our spirit and supplies passion to our lives. It’s our connection to God and to one another.’

Love is giving of self, and has power to heal ourselves and others. To love is to heal, both those who receive and those who give it. To decide to love is to be fully open to life. It is *choice* and not just feeling. When we choose to be loving, caring, healing, helping, and forgiving persons, we grow towards what our life is meant to be. There’s really no other way. So Jesus insists, very strongly: ‘Love one another, as I have loved

In Loving Memory of Petero Ramasi (49) years - from Nanuku Settlement (5B) who died suddenly at home. His Requiem Mass and funeral was held yesterday. Sympathy is also expressed to the SOLN Sisters on the death of **Sr Akeneta Nake, (94) years, sister of the former Archbishop Petero Mataca.** She died on the 13th May in Wailoku and was buried yesterday in Vatuwaga after Requiem Mass in St Joseph the Worker, Tamavua. **Mariana, mother of Rev. Fr Sulio Turagakacivi, Vicar General.** The Requiem Mass in Naqali village, Naitasiri, Wednesday 22nd May 2019 @ 10am. May they rest in peace.

Men of the Parish: Adult Catechesis is an on-going monthly program organized by the Men of the Parish.

Children's Catechism TODAY, Sunday, May 19, after the 7am Mass for Classes 1- 4 and after the 8.30am Mass for Classes 5 and 6. We thank Communities 2 and 3 for supplying children’s refreshments this morning. Next Sunday Community 4A is invited to supply refreshments for the children before the classes. Vinaka.

Cut-off date for Confirmation Students – Sunday May 26.

Fr. Martin’s time in the parish is drawing to an end. He will take a two week’s break with his family before flying off to Chile to take up his Missionary assignment to the people he has been called to serve. There will be a small farewell when he presents his ‘*i tatau*’ on Sunday 2nd June after the 8.30am Mass. Please note details of the program will be made known at next Sunday’s PPC.

From Fr John:

1. Thanks to all Communities who are using this month of Renewal for prayer and community building by visiting each house in your respective communities. It can only be something good for Evangelization and I am certain it will bear fruit and bring back people to the Sacraments – Evidence already of this is happening. Thanks to Frs Carlo and Martin who have been doing Community Masses during the month (as I have been down with a bad flu for the last 2 weeks).
2. **Parish Website:** We are looking for good IT persons to edit, revive the Parish Website. Community Leaders please contact the Parish Office if you know anyone in your communities to help out in this ministry.
3. **Parish Registration System Update:** One of my special Parish projects for the year is to put up all our records on a Parish Database (which we have together with a new office computer) in order to make it easier for the Office to assess any parish record. A start has been made on this project but it is going very slowly.

Community Masses schedule:

Name of Community	Date and Time
St Michael Community - 5A	20 th May 2019 @ 8.00pm
St Jacob Community - 7A	21 st May 2019 @ 8.00pm
St Columban Community - 5B	24 th May 2019 @ 8.00pm
St Therese the Child of Jesus 7B	28 th May 2019 @ 8.00pm
St Peter Chanel Community 4A	29 th May 2019 @ 8.00pm

- *Please be mindful that during your Community Mass there will be special blessings for the patron saints of your Small Christian Community and its leaders.*
- *As for the venues for Mass in most Communities it has been the same. Please could there be a change. The whole intention of the so called renewal month is to bring in to life the Community togetherness.*
- *Talk on Divine Mercy on this coming Saturday May 25th*

Meetings today and during the week

- I. **Choir Practice for Parish/Children/Youth Choir** on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm.
- II. **Synod Choir Practice** - Thursday 23rd May after Mass.
- III. **World Apostolate of Fatima:** All members please be reminded of your meeting on Wednesday 22nd May at the AB Petero Mataca hall at 7.30pm.
- IV. **Social Ecological Justice Commission meet** on Monday 20th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Board Room
- V. **Faith Formation Meeting** - Today at 10am: Faith Formation HOC, Children's Catechism Teachers, RCIA, Community Reps., Adult Catechesis (Fr. Hurley Hall)
- VI. **Family Life Meeting** - Today at 10am: Family Life HOC, Baptism Helpers, Marriage Instructors (Music Room)
- VII. **PPC meeting** next Sunday beginning at 1000 in the AB Mataca Hall.

Community Synod Visit continues this week. The tentative visitation schedule is as follows. Please confirm the venue of visit with the parish office. Thanks to the Communities who have already received the team last week.

St John the Baptist Community 4C	21/05/2019
St Michael Community 5A & St Columban Community 5B	22/05/2019
St Therese and St Jacob Communities 7A and 7B	23/05/2019
St Paul Community 6	26/05/2019
St Peter Chanel Community 4A & St Patrick Community 4B	27/05/2019

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 **Today at 10am** at the Priest Car Park. We kindly ask all community leaders to discuss & promote about this topic with your community members. (Fr Carlo).

Thanks: To St Jacob Community 7A for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound yesterday. We now invite St Therese Community 7B to take on this important responsibility from tomorrow 20th May.

Thanks for your generous Collections Last Week: Collection for Last Sunday: 12/05/19

1st Collection: \$971.95; Second Collection: \$106.85: = \$1,078.80

Readings for the Week: Today Fifth Sunday of Easter 19/05: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35; **Mon 20/05:** Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26; **Tues 21/05:** Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31; **Wed 22/05:** Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8; **Thurs 23/05:** Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11; **Fri 24/05:** Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17; **Sat 25/05:** Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21; Sixth Sunday of Easter 26/05: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rev 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29.