

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - CYCLE A: - 14/05/17

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.

Happy Mother's Day to all our dear Mothers. We thank you for your love, kindness, generosity and your loving care, ever protection and guidance.

'The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world' – William R Wallace.

Bazaar Fever is already in the Air

Reflection for 5th Sunday of Easter – Building up the house of God: Acts 6 shows how any class or racial discrimination was quickly resolved in the church's early days. The Hellenist (converts whose language was Greek), complained that their widows were not getting a fair share of the church's social services. The apostles' solution to the problem shows how changes of practice are not only possible but necessary for the health of the church.

The episode reminds us of two important dimensions of church life: prayer and service; and that living our Christian vocation requires a balance between the two. Each of us is personally called to prayer, to a dialogue of worship with God; and we are also called to service. No matter what we do in life, our work affects others in some way. We should be of service to our neighbours; and provided we have an attitude of respect, no task we do is a menial task. Prayer and preaching the word was of primary importance to the apostles; but service to the widows and the needy in the community was also vital, so they appointed seven trusted men to attend to it, and initiated them by an evocative ceremony. As a result, the disciples in Jerusalem greatly increased in numbers. We may wonder how this could be revived in our day. Is the word of the Lord still spreading? Is the number of disciples increasing? In the letter of St Peter, the church is seen as a spiritual house, with ourselves as the living stones making up a house of God.

In Loving Memory: Teresia Usa Veitanibua, (Manu's Veitanibua's wife – 5a St Michael's) died on Friday 5th May. Requiem Mass and funeral from Naililili, Rewa on Friday 12th May. Isaia Silivale, (Nabua) elder brother of Wana Karavaki – 5a St Michael's Vatuwaqa – died Sat 6th May and funeral held on Friday 12th May. Mary they rest in Peace.

Welcome to our Christian Community: Lita Faustina Timion, 6 Udal St, Howell Road; Dylan Harold Michael Koi; Rhodeinah Theresa Koi; Cassandra Agnes Koi; Melford James Joseph Koi, 38 Sharma Lane Raiwaqa who were baptised here last Sunday 7th May 2017. As always thanks accorded to parents, Godparents and the Baptismal Instructors.

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 \$45.00** 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 requests made during Community visitations by members of JPHD this month. In the meantime their visits to the communities continue.

Ordination to the Diaconate: John Fong from Vatuwaqa will be ordained to the Order of Diaconate on Sunday 21st May. Awaiting more details of this very special event from John's family. Your prayers are requested for the family.

The RCIA Classes is expected to resume on the 4/06/2017. Persons interested are requested to contact the Presbytery or Mrs Sala Navuku on 9457355. Further information is also available on the Notice Board and in the Parish Office. The newly baptised at the Easter Vigil – received their 1st Confession last Sat 6th May in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

Reading Glasses to be picked up: There are still a number of sets to be picked up from the Parish Office. Those who have requested glasses - names are on the glasses. No extras etc. Once off offer – Thanks to Mr Gopalan Nair, Sydney.

Family Life Meeting: Will take place in the Parish Hall on Monday 15th May at 7.30pm. All Community Family Life Reps please attend this urgent meeting with Heads of Family Life Commission.

CCD classes will resume today after the First Term Holidays. Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion Classes will take place after the 07.00am each Sunday. **First Holy Communion in the parish - Feast of Christ the King 26th November.**

Parish Team Community Visitations: Four Parish Teams are currently visiting communities to discuss: 1. Draft Review of the Constitution, 2. Annual Parish Bazaar preparations and 3. Update of 50th Anniversary celebrations. Community leaders are asked to confirm with the respective teams of their meeting dates and venues this week.

Team 1 – (Thomas T., Kele R., Dan B) **4B, 4C, 7B**

Team 2 – (Vero R., Dominiko T., Gina K., Jacob K.) **3, 7A**

Team 3 – (Tifanue M., Sera V., Tupou N., Vama M.) **1B, 5B**

Team 4 – (Rafa R., Tifere M., Angie K., Joana Q) **2, 5A, 6**

The following communities have conformed their meeting dates:

4A – 09/05/17, **7A** – 13/05/17, **3** – 16/05/17, **1B** – to confirm after their Community meeting on Tuesday night.

Next Saturday Masses: Two weddings will take place next Saturday, 20th May, at 10.00 am and 3.00 pm respectively. Please note that there will be **no** 8.30 Mass.

The 50th Anniversary Steering Committee: All sub committees are requested to attend their monthly meeting this Wednesday, 17th May, after the evening Mass. Please bring along a draft budget of your planned activities for discussion with our Parish Finance team.

World Apostolate of Fatima Centennial Celebration: The Parish Youth joined other parishioners at the two-day Celebration held in Lambert Hall over the weekend. It culminated with Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, presided over by His Grace, Archbishop Peter Loy. The Mass coinciding with the Canonization to Sainthood of Blesseds Francisco and Jacinta. Pope Francis presided over their Canonization yesterday, 13th May, at Fatima, Portugal, on the 100th Anniversary of the First Apparition of Our Lady to the three children, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta. **Saints Francisco and Jacinta, Pray for us.**

Meetings Today Sunday 14th May. 2017

1. **Women of the Parish**, after 8.30am Mass. It is morning tea and AGM.
2. **Lectors:** Immediately after the 0830 Mass.
3. **Justice and Development Commission:** after the 0830 Mass in Fr. Hurley Hall. Community representatives and SVDP are requested to attend with their reports.
4. **Evangelization Commission:** after the 0830 Mass
5. **Charismatic** at 3.00pm today.
6. **The World Apostolate of Fatima** prayer meeting at 4pm. **Catholic Bibles on Sale for \$15.00** in Parish Office

Meetings during the Week:

7. **Finance Committee:** with Community representatives on Tuesday, 16/05/17, after the evening Mass.
8. **Prayer Meetings** in most Communities (7 Steps) on Tuesday Evening 9th May.
9. **Youth Prayer Meeting** (7 Steps) Friday straight after the 6:30 pm Mass.
10. **Get Fit – Stay Healthy: Zumba Dance Exercise:** Every Saturday Morning Vuiyasawa Park from 6 - 7am.

Thanks, and Appreciation: To Community (4a) St Peter Chanel for animating the Liturgy during the week and for cleaning of the Church & compound. We invite Community 4B, St Patrick's to continue from tomorrow 15th May.

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

1st Collection \$699.40; 2nd Collection \$136.35 and Envelope Pledge: \$220.00 = \$1035.75. Seminarians = \$45.00

Reading coming week: 5th Sunday of Easter [14/5/17] Acts 6: 1-7; 1 Peter 2: 4-9; John 14: 1-12; Mon [15/5/17] Acts 14: 5-18; John 14: 21-26; Tue [16/5/17] Acts 14: 19-28; John 14: 27-31; Wed [17/5/17] Acts 15: 1-6; John 15: 1-8; Thurs [18/5/17] Acts 15: 7-21; John 15: 9-11; Fri [19/5/17] Acts 15: 22-31; John 15: 12-17; Sat [20/5/17] St Bernadine of Siena: Acts 16: 1-10; John 15: 18-21; **6th Sunday of Easter** [21/5/17] Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3: 15-18; John 14: 15-21