

# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER 26/5/2019

#### 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.

The 3-day Archdiocesan Synod is just around the corner ie. 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> June at the Novotel in Lami. The Community visits help to raise awareness on what Synod is all about and the need to pray for the spirit of discernment and right judgement while at the same time praying for each other. St Pius X will be represented by our parish priest, Fr John McEvoy, Women's representative, Barbara Edwards and PPC Chairperson, Dan Buresse. Moments of grace.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter:** Last Wishes of Jesus:

As Jesus is saying goodbye to his disciples, he sees them sad and scared. The all feel they are living the last hours with his Master. What will happen to them? Who will guide & defend them? Jesus wants to encourage them by his final words. The great desire of Jesus is that His Good News of God will not be forgotten. His followers must keep alive the ideal of the Father's humanizing "kingdom of God" of which he has spoken so much. "Whoever loves me will stay true to my words ... whoever does not love me do not keep them."

After twenty centuries, what we have done the Gospel of Jesus? Do we keep it faithfully or are caring only for our own interests? Do we welcome Jesus in our hearts or we forgetting him? Do we present his message authentically or hide it with our doctrines?

"I give you my peace" he says. He wants to live with the same peace we have seen in him, welling up from his intimate union with the Father. His peace will blossom in our heart if we accept the Spirit of Jesus. They must never lose that peace. Jesus insists: "Do not be troubled or afraid".

After twenty centuries, why does fear for the future paralyse us? Why so much suspicion against modern society? There are many people who are hungry for God. Pope Francis is a true gift from God for us today. Our times invite us to move to be more faithful to Jesus and his Gospel Church. (José Antonio).

**Ascension of the Lord Feast Day next Thursday, 30th May** - 2 Masses at 7:00 am and 7:00 pm.

**Children's** Catechism TODAY, Sunday, May 26, after the 7am Mass for Classes 1-4 and after the 8.30am Mass for Classes 5 and 6. We thank Community 4A for supplying children's refreshments this morning. Next Sunday Community 4B is invited to supply refreshments for the children before the classes. Vinaka.

**Cut of date for Confirmation Students – today Sun. May 26.**

**Synod closing Mass** - Sunday, June 30 at My Suva Park - Procession starts at 2:30pm. Sunday, June 30 at Sacred Heart College - Synod Closing Mass at 4pm. Parish get Ready.

**St Pius X Parish Bazaar** this year will be held on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> July. All Communities should be already in full swing with fundraisings and other necessary preparations going. All the best to all Communities this year.

**Fr. Martin's** last few days in the parish is drawing to an end before he goes for his break before flying off to Chile to take up his assignment to the people he has been called to serve. There will be a small farewell when he presents his '*i Tatau*' on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June after the 8.30am Mass. Details of the program will be finalized at today's PPC.

**Liturgy Commission news:**

**Choir Practice for animation of Liturgy on 9<sup>th</sup> June** at the SHC continues at 4:00 pm today Sunday in AB Mataca Hall.

**Choir Practice for Parish Archdiocese Choir** continues Thursday, straight after Mass

**Closing of Renewal Month**, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Friday 31st May, Mass at 7:00 pm

**Liturgy Commission Meeting** on Monday 3rd June, after evening Mass - Liturgy Reps and Liturgical Ministries please take note of the day. Reminder to all Liturgy Commission members (all Community Reps, Liturgical Ministries and all their members) - Mass on that same Monday, the first Monday of the month.

**Evangelisation & Bible Commission news: Community Mass schedule:**

Name of Community	Date and Time
St Therese the Child of Jesus 7B	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 @ 8.00pm
St Peter Chanel Community 4A	29 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 @ 8.00pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>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.</i></li> <li><i>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.</i></li> </ul>	

• **Today at both Masses, families are encouraged to sit together in Church.**

• **End of month Procession to Church.** Communities 7B, 7A and 6 process from where they are to top shop then come down and will join by 3, 2 and 4B bottom Milverton Road processing to Church main gate. Communities 5A, 5B from Vatuwaqa through Wailea to the Market ground. Community 4C from Jittu to the market ground and meet with communities 5A and 5B. Community 1B cross to 4A and join the communities waiting at the ground. All communities will move together to Church at 6.20pm for the last decade of the Rosary.

• **Please off candles in front of the porch.**

**Meetings today and during the week:**

I. **PPC meeting** Today beginning at 10.00 in the AB Mataca Hall.

II. **Senior Youth Urgent Meeting:** Parish Senior Youth will meet Today at the priest car park straight after the 8:30am Mass for the urgent meeting regarding to the parish activities, WYD & synod festival. ALL 19~35 years old parishioners are requested to come for the meeting.

III. **7 Steps Animators Meeting:** Wednesday, June 5 at 7.30pm at Vama's Residence.

**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 Paul Community	
St Patrick Community 4B(@ the Vatuloka's )	27/05/2019
St Peter Chanel Community 4A	29/05/2019
St Michael and St Columban 5A and 5B	30/05/2019

**Thanks:** To St Therese for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound yesterday. We now invite St Cecilia Community 1B to take on this important responsibility from tomorrow 27th May.

**We thank you for your generous Collections Last Week:** 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1053.50; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$111.30 = \$1164.80

**Readings for the Week: Today Sixth Sunday of Easter 26/05:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29; **Mon 27/5:** Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4; **Tues 28/5:** Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11; **Wed 29/05:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15; **Thur 30/5: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53; **Fri 31/5:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56; **Sat 1/6:** Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28; **Sun 2/6 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:** Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26