

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY OF TIME YEAR A: 12/02/17

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions: - Friday & Saturdays after Mass.

Baptisms: The 8.30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month is reserved for Baptisms. Arrangements to be made by parents seeking the sacrament of Baptism from 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.

Valentine's Day – Pope Francis tweets “Celebrate the Joy of Love this Valentine's Day” 14th February. Happy Valentine's Day All.
World Meeting of Families: Dublin, Ireland 22 26 Aug. 2018.

Reflection on today's Readings: Jesus teaching on Purity of Heart: “You have heard it said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. Here Jesus speaks about sexual purity, but broadening it out to purity of intention in general. A mere legal observance is utterly insufficient for Jesus. The correction he makes of the Old Law disallows an abuse which Moses tolerated, namely remarriage after divorce. The exceptive clause (“except on the ground of unchastity”) has long been debated, but its main interpretation in the Catholic Church is that it refers to a previous marriage that was prohibited by Jewish laws. The only divorce permitted is one where there was no real marriage, and Jesus was simply reaffirming the sanctity of the marriage bond, as in Genesis “the two shall become one flesh” – a loving, interdependent unity.

The prohibition of oaths has not been taken as literally by the Catholic Church as it has by some other Christians. Jesus held that oaths should not be necessary at all, if there is a general atmosphere of trust and truth-telling. In such a society reinforcement by oaths would not be needed. This it is an atmosphere of openness and mutual confidence which Jesus promoted. What he teaches by his corrections of the Law is a morality of values held from the depths of the heart. (Association of Catholic Priests).

Parish AGM: Today, 12th Feb 2017, the Parish of St Pius X Raiwaqa will hold its AGM from 10.00 to 12.00 noon. We invite as many parishioners as possible to turn up and attend this very special Annual General Meeting of the Parish. We hope to get through all business in a few hours. Your support by your presence will be greatly appreciated. Nominations for Chairperson and for Vice Chairperson for the PPC for the next 2 years have been received from 10 Communities within the Parish. As published in last Sunday's Newsletter Names are tabulated hereunder:

Chairperson : Daniele Burese

Vice Chairperson: Barbara King, Tifere Mausio, Pio Burese, Raffaele Rogica, Thomas Tavutonivalu.

Their appointment will be determined by the voting that will take place after the presentation of reports.

The Agenda for the AGM: (12.2.17) 10.00am – 12.00am: (1) Prayer, (2) Welcome, (3) Minutes of Last Year's AGM. (4) Reports (Finance Chairperson Report, PPC Chairperson's Report, Parish Priest Report, (5) Elections (6) Adjournment of Meeting.

Distribution of refreshments for the AGM: Fruits (2,5b,4b), Egg Sandwich (5a,6,3), Tuna Sandwich (5a,4c,1b), Pie (4a,7a). The Parish will supply yagona tea, milk and sugar.

Sincere and Heartfelt Thanks: To Visoni Ravai who collected up all the old rusty and broken chairs around the place (an eye sore for many years) and refurbished them beautifully – assisted by Selina and Alan Smith. Great work folks – an example to the rest of the parish of what can be done. Our thanks to you again for this great voluntary work.

Confirmation Co-Ordination Team: They got off to a good start last Sunday – for the 1st Class of the New Preparation Programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Registration Cut Off date will be very soon. So everyone who is 13 or 14 years of age should register immediately and start classes on Sunday Mornings after 8.30 Mass.
Candidate who miss class regularly will not be confirmed. Candidates should be 13/14 years of age at least.

Catholic Education Week 2017: Will be celebrated in our Schools this coming week 13th – 19th Feb. This year's theme is "Love Mother Earth – Our Common Home. Education Week will be opened with a Procession from St Anne's School to the Cathedral where the Archbishop will celebrate the opening Mass. This will be for schools in the Suva Nausori Corridor. Then Next Sunday is Education Sunday. Traditionally there was a Collection on Education Sunday.

Workshop for Catholic School Managers, Principals and Head Teachers: The 2017 Conference will take place from the 30th -31st March, 2017 at St Joseph's School Hall, Suva. (*Pio Bosco Tikoisuva, Director Catholic Education*).

Thanks and appreciation: To **Bro Kees van Weert, of St Marcellin Champagnat Institute** who invited me to the Induction of Class Leaders 2017 – for the blessing of the new class leaders for 2017 and badges on Thurs 9th Feb. Also to **Mrs Sofia Waqanidrola, Principal of the Blind School, Vatuwaqa** for a similar invitation for the induction and blessing of their Class Prefects 2017 and their badges on Friday 10th Feb. Both ceremonies were very dignified and student discipline and respect was impeccable. Afterwards I enjoyed 2 nice morning teas with the staff!!!! (*JME*).

Today Sunday 29th January 2016:

1. **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** this afternoon at 3.00pm in the Church. **Starting with the 'Divine Mercy'**
2. **World Apostolate of Fatima Meeting** on Sunday Evening at 4.00pm.

The Charismatic and World Apostolate of Fatima: 'sea food dinner' on 10/02/2017 in the Parish Hall was a huge success. The Hall was decorated beautifully for the occasion. This fundraiser is to support their annual soli in May.

On the 13th May, the Catholic World will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady at Fatima.

Community Prayer Meetings: Community 4b: Praying with the Scriptures, using the 7 steps method of prayer Tuesday 14th in the Parish Hall at 7.30.

Community 5a Praying with the Scriptures using the 7 Step Method of Prayer will be held at Cirikisuva's Residence on Tuesday 14th February.

Community 2, St Joseph the Worker's Prayer Meeting on Tues 14th Feb. at Tamani's residence. (Please bring Bibles).

Animator's visitation continues on Tuesdays. Community Leaders please advise parish coordinator meeting venues.

The Youth: Congratulations to the Parish Youth on their most successful AGM last Sunday 5th Feb in the Fr Hurley Hall. About 30 of the Youth from the Parish attended a most business like AGM and elected their leaders and Office Bearers for the coming year. We wish the Lord's Blessing on them all and on their activities and Parish participation during 2017.

President: Romeo Kivi; **Vice President:** Terence Josaia; **Secretary:** Catherine Buresse; **Asst. Sec.:** Patrick Seeto
Treasurer: Bruce Emmanuel Vute; **Asst. Treasurer:** Samuela Buresse; **Evangelisation Rep:** Monika Cokanacagi
Asst. Evangelisation Rep: Petero Lalagavivi; **Social Justice Rep:** Meli Vakatale Jr; **Asst. SJ Rep:** Rasha Turagaiviu;
Liturgy Rep: Maretino Lalakobouma; **Asst Liturgy Rep:** Bridget Tavutonivalu; **Faith Formation Rep:** Milika Setaita; **Family Life Rep:** Maria Buresse; **Social and Sports:** Demesio Rasese; **Asst.:** Aminiasi Qalo.

Columban JPIC coordinator - Visenia Navelinikoro would like to sit and discuss and activities for 2017 Human Development and Social Justice Issues for the Parish. Special invitation to those who are SJHD community reps and youths. Come and share your views on this commission on 18th of February @10am- Morning Tea will be provided.
The JPIC Commission has been weak in the Parish over the past year: Poor and no attendance at meetings by the Community Reps. It would appear that people are afraid to talk and discuss everyday issues. But JPIC issues affect every aspect of our everyday lives – in the home and in the family and at community level. Hopefully after the AGM this Commission will get going again and educate us with ordinary every day issues that surrounds us everywhere.

Thanks and Appreciation: To Community 2 St Joseph the Worker for animating the Liturgy during the week and for cleaning of the Church & compound. We invite Community 3 St Joan of Arc to continue as of tomorrow 13th Feb. Thanks too for your generous Mass Collections last weekend.

1st Collection \$586.90; 2nd Collection \$69.70; Envelopes \$55.00 = \$711.60

Reading coming week 4th Sunday of the Ordinary Time 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time [12/2/17] Sirach 15: 15-20; 1 Cor 2: 6-10; Mark 5: 17-37; Mon [13/2/17] Gen 4: 1-15, 25; Mark 8: 11-13; Tue [14/2/17] *Sts Cyril and Methodius:* Gen 6: 5-8; 7: 1-5,10; Mark 8: 14-21; Wed [16/2/17] Gen 8: 6-13, 20-22; Mark 8: 22-26; Thurs [16/2/17] Gen 9: 1-13; Mark 8: 27-33; Fri [17/2/17] *Seven Founders of the Order of Servites:* Gen 11: 1-9; Mark 8: 34—9:1; Sat [18/2/17] Heb 11: 1-7; Mark 9: 2-13; 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time [19/2/17] Lev 19: 1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3: 16-23; Matt 5: 38-48