

# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - CYCLE A: - 21/05/17

### 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.p.m

**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.

**Next Thursday: Ascension of the Lord.**

**It is a Holy Day of Obligation**

**Masses here in the Parish at 7.00am and 7.00pm to give as many people as possible the opportunity to attend Mass as the Liturgy celebrates Our Lord's Going.**

**Welcome Fr Tomas King for 8.30 Mass today. Fr Tomas is a Columban Priest working in Pakistan and gave us our Retreat.**

**Reflection for 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: The Spirit of Truth:** Jesus is saying goodbye to his disciples. He sees them sad and upset, because soon they won't have him with them – and who can fill that void? Until now he has been the one who took care of them, defended them from the Scribes and Pharisees, sustained their weak and faltering faith Jesus speaks to them passionately about the Spirit. He himself will ask the Father not to abandon them, to give them «another Advocate» that will «always be with them». Jesus calls this advocate «the Spirit of truth».

This «Spirit of truth». Jesus says that this Spirit «lives in us and is within us». This Spirit is encouragement, power, light, love... We must welcome this Spirit with a simple and trusting heart. This «Spirit of truth» is within each one of us, defending us from all that can separate us from Jesus. This «Spirit of truth» invites us to live in the truth of Jesus in the midst of a society where all too often “Alternative Facts” masquerade as the truth. How often nowadays are lies justified as *strategy*, exploitation is called *business*, irresponsibility is called *tolerance*, injustice is called *status quo*, arbitrariness is called *freedom*, lack of respect is called *sincerity*....

What meaning does Jesus have if we allow ourselves in our communities to lose this «Spirit of truth»?

Who will announce the Good News of Jesus in a society that is so in need of encouragement and hope?

**Congratulations on your weddings: Robert Kaufuti and Adi Vika Kolikoli,** 25 Aidney Road (4b) who were married here yesterday morning at 10am Mass. Fr Ilisoni Mateo Kolikoli, brother of Bride officiated. And John Koroi Tuiloma Naulu, Fletcher Road Vatuwaqa (5b) and Mary Annabell Colata, Ranui, Auckland, N.Z. who were also married here yesterday at a Mass at 3.00pm. A Happy, Long and a Blessed life wished to both couples.

**Congratulations to Rev John Fong on his Ordination to the Diaconate:** John Fong from Vatuwaqa will be ordained to the Order of Diaconate today Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May in the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 11.30 am with two of his MSC brothers and two Marist students. This is very special event for John and his family and our parish. Your prayers are requested for those 5 new Deacons.

**JPHD 5/10 Minutes before Mass Presentation:** A member from the Commission will explain the Social Teachings of the Church this Sunday. 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.

**The RCIA Personnel who attended the Archbishops Seminar on Wednesday night last:** Has been requested to return to their parishes and form an RCIA Parish Team. We will form a team for St Pius X Parish Raiwaqa soon.

**Family Life Commission Meeting:** that took place in the Parish on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May discussed many problems that are experienced in the many of the families of the parish. Since there is little guidance coming from the Archdiocesan Commission – it was decided that on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June Family Life Commission will strive to bring together Single Parents for a Breakfast and some suitable input in view of starting a ‘Single Parent’s Support Group’.

**The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Steering Committee:** All sub committees attended their monthly meeting on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May. They presented their draft budgets for planned activities to be discussed later with The Parish Finance Team.

**(1) Parish Executives meeting after evening Mass on Monday, 22nd May.**

**(ii) PPC meeting at 10.00am next Sunday, 28th May. All members, please take note.**

### Bazaar Preparations are in full swing in the Communities

1. **Angie the Parish Treasurer** gave a detailed account of the Income and Expenditure for the parish to Community Financial Reps on Tuesday Night last for the last 4 months Jan – April 2017. The Parish Finances are in good shape: with the **Income exceeding the Expenditure by \$17,281.33 for the 1<sup>st</sup> 4 months.** Thanks, was expressed to all those who supports our Sunday Collections and especially those families who have accepted the Weekly Pledge Envelopes. This is making a huge difference. Thanks to the Financial Reps in Communities who have organised and maintaining and promoting this system.
2. **The Parish Financial Council was able to Proceed with yet another Stage of Church Renovation:** The replacement of all the louver frames and glass in the upper windows in the church. This is now completed, for a **Contract Price of \$11,500.00.** Hopefully this meets with everyone's approval.
3. **The Boundary Fence Completed:** In the meantime, the plastering of the new church fence is complete. **Visoni and Amini** are presently working on the welding of the mesh. The weather has been very unfavourable to them for this work. Again, thanks to the Men of the Parish for this great initiative.
4. **Bazaar preparation are going well in all Communities** and Parish Teams are visiting the various Communities discussing Bazaar Preparations for 2017 together with preparations for Parish Golden Jubilee and the Revision of the Parish Constitution. This is a great commitment on the part of these Parish Teams.
5. **Reminder again that the Target for each Community is \$4,600. Good Luck to all Communities.**

### Brief Report from Central Eastern Clergy Meeting:

1. **New RCIA Approach:** To be now more Community based rather than class-room like approach. Those involved in Parish RCIA programmes and Faith Formation Commission and priests of the Central Eastern Division invited to a seminar by the Archbishop on Wed evening 17<sup>th</sup> May. (4 from our parish attended)
2. **JPHD Workshop:** One day workshop is being organised on the 8<sup>th</sup> June (**World Ocean Day**) in St Joseph's Hall from 8.30am to 4.00pm by the Archdiocesan JPHD on Catholic Social Teaching re care for Vanua and raise social consciousness on Social and Economic Problems in view of the forthcoming elections. Invited will be members of the Fiji Council of Churches, Catholic Chiefs and Government Ministers etc.
3. **One Day Workshop:** To look at **Guidelines for dealing with cases of Sexual Abuse** - on 4<sup>th</sup> July in St Joseph's Hall from 8.30am to 5.00pm - **to create awareness of sexual abuse cases and to provide Safe Environment Training.**
4. **Mr Pio Bosco Tikoisuva and Joe Nainama:** Have retired from their posts in Archdiocese and Nicolas House.
5. **Guidelines re use of Parish properties e.g. Halls for Political Meetings:** It was felt that Church Halls ought not be used for political meetings – in view of the forthcoming elections next year 2018.
6. **Corpus Christi Procession this year:** To be held in Parishes this year – No time to organise Diocesan One.
7. **A Page of Pastoral Concerns:** re Family Life, teenage problems, youth chaplaincy, presented by PP Raiwaqa.

**World Apostolate of Fatima Centennial Celebration:** This was a great success and Mere Aviki thanks everyone for their support during the two days celebrations especially the Parish Youth who joined with the youth of Holy Spirit Parish in carrying the statue of Our Lady from Marist Brothers High School to the Cathedral last weekend. The final Mass was presided over by His Grace, Archbishop Peter Loy, to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Apparition of Our Lady to the three children, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta at Fatima, Portugal on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1917.

### Meetings Today Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2017

1. **Marian Movement Devotion** - starts at 2pm in church. **Charismatics** at 3.00pm. Followed by **Divine Mercy**. Followed by **The World Apostolate of Fatima** at 4.00pm Followed by **meeting in Hall** at 5pm. **The Charismatic Group** would like you to join them in the hall this Sunday to show their appreciation to members of the Parish for your support to them during the Charismatic Convention in Natovi recently.
2. **Community 5b (St Columban's)** Community Meeting today at 4.00am in Mere Aviki's residence.
3. **Community 6 (St Paul's)** Prayer Meeting at 5.00pm followed by Community Meeting in 6 Udal Street.

### Meetings during the Week:

1. **Youth Meeting:** Monday evening 22<sup>nd</sup> May, after 6.30 Mass. **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May most Communities** (7 Steps).
2. **Pilot Projector in Preparation of Synod 2019.** Raiwaqa Parish proposed. Meeting Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Parish Hall.
3. **Meeting of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May after evening Mass.
4. **Community 5b – Soli Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May:** In Mere Aviki's Residence at 5.00pm
5. **Youth Prayer Meeting** (7 Steps) Friday straight after the 6:30 pm Mass. Followed by Executive Meeting.
6. **Fundraising: Community 4a – Raffle Books:** Drawing date and date for Collecting of Money 27 May.
7. **Get Fit – Stay Healthy: Zumba Dance Exercise:** Every Saturday Morning Vuiyasawa Park from 6 - 7am.

**Thanks, and Appreciation:** To Community (4b) St Patrick's for animating the Liturgy during the week and for cleaning of the Church & compound. We invite Community 4c, St John the Baptist to continue from tomorrow 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$492.80; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$66.25 and Envelope Pledge: \$180.00 = \$737.05 Seminarians = \$25.00**

**Our total Collection for the Seminarians amounted to \$408.00.** This amount will be submitted to the Archbishop.

**Reading coming week: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** [21/5/17] Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3: 15-18; John 14: 15-21; Mon [22/5/17] Acts 16: 11-15; John 15: 26—16:4; Tue [23/5/17] Acts 16: 22-34; John 16: 5-11; Wed [24/5/17] Acts 17: 15, 22—18: 1; John 16: 12-15; Thurs [25/5/17] **The Ascension of the Lord:** Acts 1: 1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matt 28: 16-20; Fri [26/5/17] St Philip Neri Acts 18: 9-18; John 16: 20-23; Sat [27/5/17] Acts 18: 23-28; John 16: 23-28; **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** [28/5/17] Acts 1: 12-14; 1 Peter 4: 13-16; John 17: 1-1.