

# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - CYCLE C: 02/06/19

#### 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 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.

<p><b>Fr Martin's Farewell Function</b> will take place in the AB Mataca Hall after the 8.30am Mass today. The parish will join in the occasion with a shared meal after the presentation of 'i tatau'</p>
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#### Reflection for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Priestly Prayer of Jesus for Unity.

In the gospel reading today (John 17:20-26) Christ emphasis the type of Unity that exists between the Father and Himself should also be exist in his followers. Unity being the greatest problem in human society starting with the family, through various groups, communities, tribes, nations and the world generally. Families that were once united are today in shambles with ugly fragmentations leading to antagonism, apathy, mistrust. Many communities that should be mutually linked are dispersed on account of disputes and jealousies. Many nations are going through internal turmoil as a result of the collapse of Unity.

Our Lord Jesus Christ was aware of the fact that the Christians would not have an easy ride hence said: ***Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man's enemies will be the members of his household. (Mt.10:34-36).***

We can now understand why our Lord took time to pray for unity among those who will be gathered together in his name. Most of us growing up were told that we were Catholics and to have nothing to do with people from other denominations. I had to pray like a Catholic, play like a Catholic, sing like a Catholic, dance like a Catholic, have Catholic friends, and attend Catholic schools. This type of attitude left little room for interaction with people from other Christian denominations. The prayerful wish of Jesus Christ that we all be one in spite of our differences. Today we have a duty to incarnate the priestly prayer of Jesus Christ in our lives and contexts. This oneness will be productive in opening lots of doors for us especially as we are praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Holy Spirit cannot dwell in anarchy and division. He is the Spirit of peace and He would only abide on peaceful grounds. May the love of God above all lead us to that unity which Jesus Christ earnestly prayed for today and THAT WE ALL BE ONE!

**IRD Pilgrimage:** Yesterday, Saturday 1st of June, 2019, the Columbans organised an Inter-Religious Dialogue Pilgrimage Walk around different places of worship (temples) in Suva. The Pilgrimage group consists of priests, Columban lay missionaries, seminaries and temporary professed religious nuns and brothers together with 10 members of Raiwaqa Youth. The aim was to create awareness for living in Peace, dialogue, understanding and respect for one another's religion in their future lives and work. The Pilgrimage was organised by Priscilla Magdalin who works at the IRD Inter Religious Dialogue Desk in the Mission Office, Nasese.

**In Loving Memory:** Meli Vakatale, St Michael's Community, Vatuwaqa (7a) who died on May 25<sup>th</sup> and was buried after Requiem Mass on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May; Also Akanisi Naqa (Shaw) St Michael's Community (7a) who died on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Funeral arrangements later. May they rest in peace.

**Children's Catechism** continues after both 7.00am and 8.30am Masses TODAY in the respective rooms. Thanks to St Patrick's Community for the refreshments today and we invite St John the Baptist community to supply refreshments for the children before the next set of classes.

**Archdiocese of Suva Synod Session:** 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> June at the Novotel in Lami. As we approach the Synod Sessions, let us be reminded that 'the secret of the success of the Synod, as of every other ecclesial event and initiative, is in fact **'PRAYER'**. It is a spiritual journey guided by the Holy Spirit. The Synod assists the Archbishop in making important decisions for the future of the Church in Fiji. This is especially in the areas of pastoral planning, restructuring, and a common understanding of the Archdiocesan norms that govern the local church in Fiji. We will end the Synod Sessions with the celebration of the Eucharist at 7.00pm on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

**Meetings today and during the week:**

1. **Liturgy Commission News**

- Liturgy Meeting on Monday evening after mass. Reminder to all members of the Liturgy Commission that Mass your Mass is on that same evening - Monday 3rd June 2019
- CCIM - All members meeting with National Co-ordinator, Iosefo Vasakula, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, in the Mataca Hall after mass in the evening. All who want to join are welcome
- **Pentecost Sunday:** There will be only one Mass in the parish next Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7:00 am, led by St. Joseph the Worker Community. Those who miss may join the parish at the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 10:00 am. Buses will leave from the front of the church after the 7.00am Mass. All wishing to go to the Mass please give your names to your Community leaders so the parish office can work out the number of buses by Tuesday morning. We are urged to wear something red and white for the Mass.

2. **Evangelisation and Bible Commission News**

1. Evangelisation Commission meet on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June after the evening Mass. Community reps please attend meeting to discuss the procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi.
2. St. Gabriel (Vuiyasawa Lane) 7 Steps at the Mausio's residence on Tuesday at 7.30pm.
3. The Evangelisation Commission on behalf of the Parish Priest, the Assistant Parish Priest, Fr. Martin and the executives take this time to thank all communities participated in the renewal programme during the month of May. Thank you for supporting the programme and May the Good Lord continue to bless you and your families. Vinaka vakalevu.
4. 7 Steps Animator's Meeting: Wednesday at 7:30pm at Mausio & Vama's Residence (Mausio, V Parish Youth 7 Steps: Please, join with your own SCC prayer meetings on this Tuesday. ama, Vero, Visoni, Maria Qaranivalu, Master Dan, Kaloro)
5. Parish Youth 7 Steps: Please, join with your own SCC prayer meetings on this Tuesday.

**Family Hymn Practice:** For PENTECOST MASS at the Cathedral on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am. See Times for choir Practices on the notice board and on the doors of the Church.

Sun (Jun 2) at 4pm	Mon (Jun 3) & Tue (June 4) at 4pm	Thurs (June 6) at 7:15pm	Friday (June 7) at 7:15pm	Sat (June 8) at 5pm
All Families Together	Children	Youth & Adults	All Families Together	All Families Together

**Children, please come w/your parents for the practice. To All parishioners, please be on time for the practice.**

**Parish Youth Empowerment Session:** Saturday, June 15 at 7pm (AB Hall). Columban seminarians will come to support our parish youth for the empowerment. All parish youth (14~35 y/o) are invited. Come & Enjoy the day with us!

**Thanks** to St Cecelia Community for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound. We now invite St Joseph Community to take on this important responsibility from tomorrow evening, 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**Thanks for your generous Collections Last Week:** The following is a summary of the collections: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$807-65; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$135.12; Total Collection: \$942.77.

*Meanwhile we offer our thanks and appreciation to all those generous individuals who signed pledge forms and have paid in their pledge amounts to the parish. We also acknowledge those who are ongoing in their pledge payments. Vinaka Vakalevu.*

**Reading coming week:** Today 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter Sunday 2/6: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26; Mon 3/6: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33; Tues 4/6: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11; Weds 5/6: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19; Thurs 6/6: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26; Fri 7/6 Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19; Sat 8/6: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25; Pentecost Sunday 9/6: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23