

# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY OF TIME YEAR A: 19/02/17

## 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.

**Today is Catholic Education Sunday:** Our 8.30am Mass is being animated by the Students attending our Communion and Confirmation classes. Let us reflect on what Catholic Education has meant for us - involving every aspect of our Christian Living.

**Reflection on today's Readings:** A huge amount of energy and ingenuity is expended on settling old scores and exacting vengeance - "an eye for eye and tooth for tooth" – is alive and well and thriving in every human environment, but nowhere more so than in the industrial world. Management singles out troublemakers for redundancy. Blacklists are kept. Workers know where and when to call a lightning strike and who in management is to be sacrificed. Honour is always at stake when the God of vengeance is invoked. "Getting one's own back" is raised to the level of a virtue in our world. The injured party could never hold its head up again if the injury is not repaid. Loved ones too are invoked. We owe it to our wives and children. "Getting even" becomes an obsession. "I'll fix him if it is the last thing I do." The world has nothing but contempt for the one who "turns the other cheek." He is a weakling. "He took it lying down." It goads us on to vengeance. "Don't let them get away with it." The Bible tells us otherwise. The Lord said to Moses: "You must not take revenge, nor bear a grudge against the children of your people." What is refreshing about today's gospel is that it recognises us as we are, full of pettiness, exacting hurt for hurt, trading blow for blow. We all have enemies who persecute us. Letting them get away with it is not easy. We are called to perfection. Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**In Loving Memory:** **Fr Mateo Sovaki (56)** died on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. was buried in Suva Extension Cemetery after Requiem Mass in the Cathedral on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. Fr Mateo served as a priest in Savarekareka & Napuka parishes.

**Mariani Ranadi Kamsoo (76)** Grantham Rd, Raiwaqa, died Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, was buried in her native village of Koronisagana, Navosa, after Requiem Mass in St Pius X, Raiwaqa on the 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

**Percy Kean, (81)** Raiwai, died on the 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. and will be buried on Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. in the Suva Cemetery after Requiem Mass here in St Pius at 10.00am. Eulogies at 9.30am. May they rest in Peace.

**Congratulations:** To Daniel Burese 21 Tamani Lane, Raiwaqa and Kalesi Rokosiga, Lautoka, who were married here in St Pius X Church yesterday Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. They are wished a long, happy and blessed married life together.

**Parish AGM:** Was held last Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017 from 10.00am to 12.15pm. One hundred and two (102) parishioners registered – twice the number of last year's AGM. It was run in a businesslike manner thanks to the readiness of the parish executives. The reports by the Chairperson of PPC, the Treasurer of the Financial Council and the Parish Priest were presented with the aid of Multi-Media and was greatly appreciated by all present. Thanks to the members of the Parish Youth who took on the responsibility for the decoration of the Parish Hall. It looked great. Thanks too to the Communities who provided sandwiches, cakes and fruit during the AGM and the ladies who did the serving.

**Congratulations Master Dan Burese** who was endorsed as new Chairperson of the PPC for the next two years. And to **Tifere Mausio** was elected as his Vice Chairperson. The Outgoing Chairperson **Veronica Rausuvanua** (after 15 years as Chairperson PPC) was duly thanked. Her time of extraordinary service to the parish was recognized and applauded. Vinaka Vakalevu Vero for your dedication, commitment and unwavering service to St Pius X, Raiwaqa.

**The Heads of Commissions for the coming year are as follows: Thanks expressed to Heads of Commissions**

<b>Evangelisation</b>	<b>Liturgy</b>	<b>Faith Formation</b>	<b>JPIC</b>	<b>Family Live</b>	<b>Youth</b>
Vama Mausio	M. Qaranivalu	Tupou Nawalu	Vero Rausuvanua	Jac. & Gina Kivi	Niseta Buatava

**Request to Community Leaders to hold and conduct their Community AGMs:** Now that the Parish AGM is over it is time for the Community AGMs. The Parish Executives would request that these take place within the next two weeks in your respective Communities. All AGM and all new leaders and reps to the Parish Commission should be in place by Ash Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. All should be published on or before Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March. It is the usual practice to have one or two Reps from the Parish Executives to attend Community AGMs. **So Community Leaders please inform the parish office when your AGM will be held in the next two weeks.**

**All Parish Organizations and Commissions are requested to have their AGMs Immediately.**

**AGM St Peter Chanel Community 4a.** Congratulations to 4a on being the first out of the blocks with their AGM last Tuesday evening. A great number of the community turned up for the elections and their leadership team for 2017 are as follows: **Community Leader – Don Williams; Assistant – Orisi Katoni; Treasurer – Anthony Wong; Finance – Marica Ratuyada; Liturgy – Sera Vira; Assistant – Filomena Baleikanace; Evangelization – Di Vuki; Assistant – Esi Kunau; Social Justice – Ema Dimila; Youth – Catherine Burese.** Good luck to you all in 4a during 2017.

**Meeting of Commission Heads:** Will take place after Mass on Monday at 7.30 in the Parish Hall.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting:** On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. in Parish Hall after Mass at 7.30. This may clash with a CCIM event on the same evening – celebrating the 65 anniversary of the arrival of the 1<sup>st</sup> Columbans to Fiji.

**Men of the Parish Meeting:** Next Sunday after 8.30 Mass. The Archbishop and Archdiocesan Financial Council has approved of their fence renovation project.

**Community Prayer Meetings: Continues every Tuesday evening in all Communities. Please bring your Bibles.**

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

**First Meeting of JPIC under new Commission Head:** took place on Friday night last 17<sup>th</sup> Feb with 6 JPIC reps from the Communities present. **Visenia Navelinikoro** from the Columban Mission Office was present to give this Commission a helping start for the coming year

**Confirmation Co-Ordination Team:** The New Preparation Programme for Confirmation is in full swing now. 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.

**Catholic Education Week 2017:** Was celebrated in our Schools last week 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. This year’s theme is “Love Mother Earth – Our Common Home. Education Week was opened with a Procession from St Anne’s School to the Cathedral where the Archbishop celebrated the opening Mass. The weather was not good and mainly the schools in Suva attended. The Students in our CCD classes will animate the Liturgy for us at the 8.30am Mass. Thanks to the teachers who suggested this and will be out in force with their students today. Mrs Niseta Buatava took some of the Students for choir practice during the week. Thanks to her and the students who turned up for practice.

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

**Today Sunday 19 Feb. 2017:**

1. **Meeting of CCIM** (short meeting) immediately after Mass. Re Columban Assembly this coming week.
2. **Liturgy Meeting** of all the Community Reps immediately after 8.30am Mass. Lent is only 2 weeks away.
3. **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** this afternoon at 3.00pm in the Church. **Starting with the ‘Divine Mercy’**
4. **World Apostolate of Fatima Meeting** on Sunday Evening at 4.00pm.

**On the 13<sup>th</sup> May, the Catholic World** will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady at Fatima.

**Thanks and Appreciation:** To Community 3 St Joan of Arc for animating the Liturgy during the week and for cleaning of the Church & compound. We invite Community 4a St Peter Chanel to continue as of tomorrow 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. Thanks too for your generous Mass Collections last weekend.

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$664.75; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$109.30; Envelopes \$60.00 = \$834.05**

**St Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection for January 2017 = \$119.40**

**Reading coming week 7<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time** [19/2/17] Lev 19: 1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3: 16-23; Matt 5: 38-48; Mon [20/2/17] ***Bl Francis & Jacinta, Two of the Seers of Fatima:*** Sirach 1:1-10; mark 9: 14-29; Tue [21/2/17] Sirach 2: 1-11; Mark 9: 30-37; Wed [22/2/17] ***Chair of Peter:*** 1 Peter 5: 1-4; Matt 16: 13-19; Thurs [23/2/17] ***St Polycarp:*** Sirach 5: 1-8; Matt 9: 41-50; Fri [24/2/17] Sirach 6: 5-17; Mark 10: 1-12; Sat [25/2/17] Sirach 17: 1-15; Mark 10: 13-16; **8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time** [26/2/17] Is 49: 14-15; 1 Cor 4: 1-5; Matt 6: 24-34