



ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER-YEAR B: 13.05.18

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 1 month before and are required to undertake preparation sessions. Guidelines available at the Parish Office. **RCIA:** Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

Mother's Day: We wish our mothers a happy and blessed Day. Our prayers, thanks and appreciation go out to you all today. To the mothers of the parish, WOP and CWL - thanks for your love & all you do for us.

Annual Parish Bazaar: this year is on Saturday, 28th July. The target per community is \$4500.

Sunday Reflection: Last Will and Testament (Ascension of the Lord) Celebrated in some countries today.

Mark states that the Lord Jesus “was taken up into heaven” and then describes the spreading of the faith by the apostles” Those who go out in his name, do so with *his* blessing. It was he who set the great target for them: “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” In Matthew’s Gospel the Lord’s definite promise is added, “I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” In today’s gospel, Jesus is quite definite about what he demands from his followers. They were to actively spread and share the saving message he had taught. His mission was simple to understand but difficult to carry out. It was to teach others all that he had taught them. Just as his disciples had followed him, they would ask others to accept and follow him too. The work of conversion and salvation must go on from generation to generation, until the end of time. With all the changes in our church and in our society, two things have not changed: Jesus himself, and his message of grace and mercy. The Message and the Messenger have not, and will never change. People who worry about changes in church and society should trust that the basics can still be relied on.

Welcome to the Christian Community: Ro Jerome Carl Vonokula Vavaitamana of 21 Tamani Lane was baptised here on Saturday 12th May; Lorosio Davui of Lot 27, Namena Road; Ratu Manoa Hebrew Yabakivitu of 15 Tamani Lane; Kalolaini Marama Yabakivitu of 15 Tamani Lane; Anna Folau Yabakivitu of 15 Tamani Lane; Louise Alofa Fia’fia Senirosi Yabakivitu of 15 Tamani Lane and Uliano Iowani Daveta of Ming Ting Lane, baptised here today - 13th, May.

Fr John Fong’s First Mass in St Pius X Parish 6th May 2018: Our meetings of preparation for this most special event in the parish paid off. All the coordination with Community leaders and especially with Master Amani and St Michael’s Community 5a fell into place which ensured that everything went according to plan on the day itself. **To the Women of the Parish, thank you.** As expected you took charge of the kitchen very effectively. You controlled the buffet and made sure all were served promptly. There was no shortage of food. **Thank you Community leaders** for your contributions of food. Much appreciated. Grog too flowed in abundance. **Thanks then goes out to the rest of the parish, from the Liturgy** to the juice stations, ‘Service with a smile’ grog mixers, and the rest. What we have just witnessed is a sneak preview of greater things to come. I refer specifically, here to our Jubilee celebrations. With all the experience of coordinating and organizing previous parish functions such as last Sunday’s we now have a pretty impressive resume. Only this time, the logistics involve looking at things on a much larger scale. **Thanks to the family of Fr John Fong** who were right there beside us ensuring that we played the perfect host. Thank you St Pius X. A proud day in the annals of our parish history Well done all. (Master Dan Burese – Chairperson PPC).

The Tiling of the Church: As promised early last Monday morning some Men of the Parish and cauravou from the East Club turned up under the supervision of Pius Burese to strip the old tiles from the church floor which they completed in one day and commenced the tiling and leveling the floor the next day. A fresh new looking floor will greet the congregation for this Sunday’s 7.00am Mass. For the inconvenience during the week we offer our apologies.

Weekday Masses were held in the halls. The work of tiling of the church floor was completed with amazing speed and good workmanship. For this initiative by the Men of the Parish and the Pledge they organized – **the Parish is truly grateful.**

Synod Cross News: Thanks Expressed: Thanks to those who welcomed the cross from St Agnes Parish on Thursday evening and also to those who took the cross to the Sacred Heart, Cathedral on Saturday afternoon. **We had a wonderful night on Thursday 10th** with his **Grace and the Archdiocesan Synod Team.** They conducted a mini synod – on a parish basis for those who attended. In an email back to the Parish the Archbishop said “I enjoyed last night. It’s good to be with parishioners. I was impressed with the children and youth voices. It’s a moment of joy and opportunities”. (**See the photos of this evening on Parish Website) www.stpiusxfj.com**)

Synod Launching Mass will be held on Pentecost Sunday, 20th May at 4.00pm in the ANZ Stadium. **Synod Youth Vigil and Rally:** To be held at **Sacred Heart College on the 19th & 20th May.** Invitation to 10 youth members of our Parish to attend. Application Forms with Fr Carlo must be returned by the 11th May. **On the 20th of May the procession of the cross:** will be from Sacred Heart College to the ANZ stadium at 1pm followed by the presentation of the journey of the Archdiocese of Suva which will be depicted by school students through music, action songs and story-telling and the launching of the SYNOD theme, logo and song at 2pm followed by Mass at 4pm. All parishes are requested to organize a group of parishioners to assist on the 19th of May from 5pm and are required to bring in flowers and holders for floral arrangements and items such as mats to decorate the Altar area as well as other parts of the venue. Parishioners are responsible and are requested to collect the items brought to the venue

. **May – Month of Parish Renewal:** Thanks to all Communities who are following the Renewal Program at this time. Great reports are coming in re the house to house evening prayers in both 7A and 7B. The Community Masses so far has been a great success in 1B, 3, 7A; 2 and 4C – these Masses are followed by sharing on the 7 steps and other community matters. **Community Masses next week** will be on Monday 14th in St Pauls (6) at 6.30pm. Wednesday 16th in St Columban’s 5B both 8.00pm and on Sat 19th in St Michael’s 5B. at 4.00pm. Please, check with your community leaders for the venue for your Community Mass during the month.

Invitation to Ethnic Community Leaders: The Golden Jubilee Committee invites a representative, or two, from the following communities: Kiribas, Tongan, Rotuman, Samoan, Indo Fijian, I Taukei, Asian, and European to a special meeting on Sunday, 13th May, at 10.00am in the parish car port to discuss welcome ceremonies for the Archbishop during the Golden Jubilee in August. Meanwhile all communities are invited to start preparing a cultural entertainment item for the Jubilee celebrations main day program.

Talk on Our Lady in the Old and New Testament: Will be given by Fr Donal McIlraith after the 8.30am this Sunday.

Care and Respect for Parish Facilities: While doing our utmost to maintain and improve on the look of parish facilities it is important that we in turn show care and respect for them. Please take responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of our/your parish property. Before Fr John Fong’s 1st Mass Sophie did a thorough spring clean of the entire premises – halls and offices. She scrubbed and removed dirt and hardened candle wax left on different parts of the floor in Fr Hurley Hall. The toilets too were in an unhygienic state and took some hard work with Janola and bleaches. All the curtains too were taken down and washed for the occasion. Thanks Sophie for all of this hard work. **On the other hand** the premises were left very clean after that the 1st Mass last Sunday. To all involved in this thanks a million. **Finally kindly observe parish facility closing hours. Vinaka vakalevu. We are getting there and making progress (Fr John McEvoy).**

CCD Classes for Term 2 resume after the 7.00 Mass this Sunday, 13th May. All candidates preparing for Confirmation and Holy Communion take note. **Special Ceremony of Affirmation for Confirmation Candidates Next Sunday.**

Meeting of Evangelization Reps: On Monday 14th May after 6.30 Mass – Pentecost and Corpus Christi coming up.

Sunday Afternoon: Prayer meetings this afternoon starting with Marian Movement at 2.00pm – 4.00.

Altar Servers Meeting: Next Sunday after 8.30 Mass. Please bring your exercise books with you.

Bibles for Sale: New Testament in Fijian (Na Veiyalayalati Vou ni Katolika) \$7.00 & Community Bible \$20.00.

Seven Steps in all small Christian communities on Tuesday evening, 15th May, as part of Parish Renewal Process.

House to House Rosary: with the procession of Our Lady except for Tuesday - combined with 7 Steps.

Old Photos and Memorabilia: Of the parish are needed. Please pass them in to the parish office or James Kamsoo.

Thanks: To St Cecilia Community 1B for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound. We invite St Joseph the Worker Community 2 to take over responsibilities from tomorrow, 14/05/2018.

Thanks for your generous Collections Last Week: 1st Collection: **\$1,262.40** 2nd Collection: **\$18.00,**

Voluntary Envelopes: **\$141.10** Total Collection: **\$1,421.50**

Reading coming week: Seventh Sunday of Easter [13/5/18] Acts 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn 4: 11-16; Jn 17: 11b-19; Mon [14/5/18] St Matthias, Apostle: Acts 1: 15-17; 20-26; Jn 15: 9-17; Tue [15/5/18] Acts 20: 17-27; Jn 17: 1-11; Wed [16/5/18] Acts 20: 28-38; Jn 17:11-19; Thurs [17/5/18] Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11; Jn 17: 20-26; Fri [18/5/18] Acts

25: 13-21; Jn 21: 15-19; Sat [19/5/18] Acts 28: 16-20; 30-31; Jn 21: 20-25; *Pentecost Sunday* [20/5/18] Acts 2: 1-11; Gal 15: 16-25; Jn 15: 26-27, 16:12-15.

Painting of Church & Premises: After consulting with members of PFC and obtaining a few quotes for the painting of the church inside and outside together with the painting of the exterior of Halls and Presbytery a Contract will be signed for this work to commence immediately, probably tomorrow morning Mon 14th May by Classic Works. JME.