

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER IN CYCLE C: -08/05/16

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 – 6.00pm

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 are available at the Parish Office.

RCIA: Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Mother's Day.

Happy and Blessed Mother's Day to all our mothers in the Parish. We salute you today and pray God's choicest blessing on your efforts as mothers of your families. We too are recipients of your loving care in so many ways. **'The hand that rocks the cradle, rules the world'**

Reflection for 7th Sunday of Easter— **After Ascension Thursday:** After Jesus left the Apostles on Ascension Thursday they returned to Jerusalem and “joined in continuous prayer” as they waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit. At the invitation of the Church that is what we are doing during these days between the feast of the Ascension and Pentecost. Without the Spirit of Jesus to guide and inspire us we simply cannot live the life of a Christian. Before leaving his disciples Jesus told them that they were not to start preaching the Gospel immediately. He told them to wait..... until they received the power from on high, by this he meant the Holy Spirit. Why the wait? It helped to bring home to them the need of the Spirit. Waiting gives us an experience of our powerlessness. Think of the times you stood in a queue that was not moving; waiting for a shop or a bank to open. There is nothing to do except to stand there. Waiting is hard. Some find it harder than others. They quickly become impatient and restless. Unable to stand still, they quickly stamp their feet or walk up and down. What they can't bear is the feeling of powerlessness. People do not like waiting because it brings home to them their inner emptiness and poverty. People like to be in control of things. Sometimes unable to put up with the waiting people go away and an opportunity is lost. When Jesus made the apostles wait he wasn't been cruel to them. Nor was he testing them. He was really getting them ready to receive the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit their work would be barren.

Welcome to the Christian Community: Julian Manawalala Colata, of 5 Tivitivi Lane, Bryce Street; Ana Savaira Naiyawa Roseru, 22 Duiivosavosa Lane, Bryce Street and Mereani Camaibatiki Natui, 4 Tamani Lane, Raiwaqa who were baptised last Sunday, 1st May 2016 in St Pius X Church, Raiwaqa.

New Fijian Missal Comes into force on Pentecost Sunday: Small pamphlets will be made available for some time with the new responses of (some parts of the Mass) until the people gets used to them. This is the Roman Approved Missal—in Fijian. So we don't have much choice in the matter. After a short time, we will get used to it—just as we did with the new English Translation. Thomas has been requested to put the new translations on the overheads for some time come too.

Reports compiled after Parish Visitation of Executives: Thanks is expressed to the **parish chairperson** for compiling a detailed report of recent visitation to the Communities. The visitations proved very useful and fruitful in gaging the various aspirations of the communities – Thanks to all involved. The Parish Chairperson is calling **the Parish Executive Team together on Monday evening 9th May after Mass** to analyse these reports and to act on the suggestions if possible. Without a commitment to this follow up the visitations and deliberations will be futile. Parish Team please answer this call and see what can be done in regards to the suggestions brought up at Visitations. All Communities are active at fundraising at the present time for the Bazaar – **but no Bazaar Committee formed yet.**

Training for Parish Eucharistic Ministers: 5th session today May 08st at 10:00 - 11:30 am in the Church.

Training for Parish Lectors: The 5th session today May 08st at 10:00- 11:30 am in Hurley Hall.

Recollection for Parish Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: due to take place yesterday 7 May, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. had to be postponed – it clashed with a seminar organised by the Archbishop for those serving on the Archdiocesan Commissions - some of our Eucharistic Ministers in training are involved with the Archdiocesan Commissions too. The new date for this day of Recollection is Saturday 21st May to be followed by the Commissioning Ceremony on the Sunday Morning 22nd May – Trinity Sunday.

Lists of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers have already been finalized for commissioning and have been submitted to the Archdiocesan Office for approval. Thank s to all participants for your commitment to serve God's people.

CCD Classes Resumed: Parents and guardians, please take note of this fact. Only a very small number have started CCD Class after 8.30am Mass - preparing for their 1st Holy Communion later on in the year. Whereas no one has turned up yet for Confirmation Classes in the Church after 8.30am Mass. A worrying fact for Faith Formation Comm.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy (at Sacred Heart Cathedral): is confirmed for 14 May at 2pm.

- a. **Pilgrimage Committee and Community Leaders:** Meeting with the Evangelisation Commission Head on 9 May, right after the 6:30 pm Mass. There will be opportunity for Confessions and the pilgrimage will end with the 5.00pm Mass in the Cathedral where we the Parishioners of Raiwaqa will animate the entire liturgy at the 5pm Mass in the Cathedral. Please take note that this Mass will be the Sunday Mass for Pentecost the new regulations was brought into being by the Archbishop – all vigil Masses on Saturdays – will be the Sunday Mass for the following day. So choir and readers please take note.
- b. There will be **2 Buses** available: one for Communities 5a, 5b, and 4c and one for Communities 4a, 4b, 1b, 2, and 3. Parishioners are advised to please be at your designated pick up stops at 1:30 pm. Please refer to the notices posted around the church compound for your pick up stops. Be informed!

Charismatic prayer meeting today at 3pm. Choir Practice after the prayer meeting in preparation for Charismatic Mass at 8.30 next Sunday – Pentecost Sunday.

Evangelisation Meetings after 8.30 Mass today in the meeting room. And meeting **with community evangelisation leaders** on Monday Evening after 6.30 Mass

Community 2 St Joseph the Worker: Prayer Meeting to be held at the Vosalevu's residence 10 Sqeloa Lane, Raiwaqa on Tuesday evening 10th May.

Community 4a (St Peter Chanel): Area Rosary (for the month of Mary) continues during the week. All members are encouraged to participate.

Community 5b (St Columban): Area Rosary (for the month of Mary) continues during the week. All members are encouraged to come and join.

Community 7a St Jacob's: Prayer meeting at 7.30pm in Jim & Mere Bukasoqo's Residence & visitation at 3.00pm this Sunday. (Sorry no day given for prayer meeting – is it this Sunday evening)???

CCIM Meeting on Monday Evening after 6.30 Mass – 9th May.

The Columbans are on Retreat his week in the Ashram. Please pray for them and we promise prayers for you.

Thanks to Fr Clement: For holding down the parish while the Parish Priest was in NZ attending Columban meetings. **Fr Iowane Gukibau will celebrate evening Mass** during the coming week here in the Parish. Thanks Fr Iowane.

'Misericordiae Vultus' Pope Francis Encyclical on God's Mercy It is for sale at \$2.00 per copy. It is a great document on God Mercy for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Let us all make an attempt to read it.

For your Generous Contributions: Thanks to members of [4c] St John the Baptist's for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of Community 5a St Michael's Vatuwaqa to continue from tomorrow 9nd May.

Details of last Sunday's Collections published here: First Collection - \$596.75; Second Collection - \$64.45 = \$661.20; Envelope Pledge \$160.00. Thank You so much.

Reading for the coming Week: 7th Sunday of Easter [08/05/16] Acts 7:55-60; Apocalypse 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17: 20-26. ; Mon [09/05/16] Acts 19: 1-8; John 16: 29-33; Tue [10/05/16] Acts 20: 17-27; John 17: 1-11; Wed [11/05/16] Acts 20: 28-38; John 17: 11-19; Thurs [12/05/16] Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11; John 17: 20-26; Fri [13/05/16] Acts 25: 13-21; John 21: 15-19; Sat [14/05/16] Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15: 9-17(*St Matthias, Apostle*); **Pentecost Sunday** [15/05/16] Acts 2: 1-11; Romans 8: 8-17; John 14: 15-16, 23-26.