



# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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## CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY (SOLEMNITY)

### 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:** 5.30pm – 6.30pm

**Holy days** 7:00 am. & 7:00 pm. except Christmas & New Year.

**Confessions:** - Friday & Saturdays after Mass.

**Baptisms:** At 8.30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

Parents wishing for baptism of their child make arrangements with the assistance of Community Leaders in seeking Sacrament Priests before commencing preparation Baptismal Helpers.

**Matrimony:** Those preparing for marriage must contact a priest to seek for the Sacrament and are required to undertake preparation sessions earnestly. Guidelines available at the Parish Office.

**RCIA:** Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass, as for now programs are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5pm and Saturdays at 3pm to 5pm.

**Sunday's Reflection:** King of Justice, Love and Peace Today the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year – is the Feast of Christ the King. The word “King” has an odd sound for people of republican belief, who have no desire to return to old-fashioned ideas of absolute monarchy or dictatorship. But the unique and non-political kingship of Jesus still has validity as a spiritual ideal: our Shepherd-King, utterly devoted to the good of his people, his “flock” for whom he gives his life.

Paul speaks of Jesus Christ at the end of time handing over the kingdom to God the Father. Today's Preface repeats this, describing Christ's kingdom as one of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace. The kingdom is our hope, but somehow it is also in our midst, in the process of becoming. The gospel tells us how we are to promote the fuller coming of God's kingdom among us. It comes whenever justice is done for the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, and the oppressed. To behave in this way is to imitate the Shepherd-King himself who is presented in our Gospels as one who rescues from situations of alienation, who feeds, gives rest, heals and makes strong. Among his final words was a promise to the thief being crucified at his side, that he would be enfolded by the eternal love of God, in paradise.

The practical way to honour Christ our King is to work for the coming of his kingdom. Anything we do for the relief of the deprived and underprivileged is also a service to Christ, because he identifies himself personally with people in need. The disciple of Christ the King cannot afford the luxury of comfortably keeping myself to myself or “Well I do harm to anyone.” To be deaf to the cries of the neighbor in need is to close our ears to Christ. To be blind to the anguish of the dying is to shut our eyes to him. If we follow Jesus Christ as our Shepherd-king we must in some way be shepherds ourselves, for his sake.

Lectors	TIME	1 <sup>ST</sup> READER	PSALM	2 <sup>ND</sup> READER
SUN 25/11/18	7.00am	Samantha Clark	Salome Levula	Maria Vira
	9.00am	First Holy Communicants		
MON 26/11/18	Fr. Martin's Thanksgiving Mass	Milika Nabou	Margaret Qalo	Hanisi Mausio

**Youth Empowerment Workshop** Again we thank the 35 or so Youth who did the Workshop last weekend at MCI. Thanks to the Head of Commission and the three seminarians who gave their time to see to its successful completion.

**Women at the Well Workshop** organized by the Social & Ecological Justice Commission was attended by a good number of women of the parish last Saturday. Thanks to the Head of Commission and the participants for the workshop.

**Evangelization Commission:** *Carol singing and almsgiving* on 15/12/2018 start at 6.30pm in the top hall. Communities are requested to prepare items for carol singing. List of groceries will be distributed to either community leaders or Evangelization reps and to bring groceries on the carol singing day. Program advised later.

### NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR (S.S.C.)

Congratulations to **Fr. John McEvoy** (Parish Priest of St. Pius X Parish) to has been appointed as a new Missionary Society of Saint Columban **Regional Director of Fiji**, and Vinaka vakalevu to **Fr. Donal McIlraith** for your service for the last 6 years as Regional Director.

### ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Congratulations to **Fr. Martin Koroiciri, S.S.C.** on his Ordination to the Missionary Priesthood within the Society, yesterday evening 22nd Nov. at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Suva. What a wonderful occasion it was for us all. Probably never again will we experience an ordination attended by so many priests (Some 60 in total - most of whom were visitors attending the CEPAC priests conference at PRS at this time)

**Thanksgiving Mass at St. Pius X:  
TOMORROW at 6:30pm. All are welcome.**



### Congratulations...

The parish community of St Pius X joins in congratulating our children who are receiving their First Holy Communion at the 9.00am Mass this morning. We would also like to thank the parents who have supported their children in seeing that they attend their preparation classes every Sunday. We also acknowledge and thank their teachers, Emily Tabua and Sera Vira, for their hard work throughout the year in molding them to become worthy of receiving Holy Communion in their lives from now on. Vinaka vakalevu. The First Holy Communion Candidates are:

Agnes Tavutonivalu	Teresia Tamanalevu	Aporosa Natui	Jermaine Ieli	Peceli Cokanalagi
Aleina Tavutonivalu	Takela Tamanalevu	Ben Nabou	Jeremaia Wong	Raymond Kamsoo
Bertha Brown	Vilimaina Gaunavou	Christian Oakley	John Paul Ratuyada	Ned Fisher
Adi Motea Mataitini	Alisi Maria	Clayton Konrote	Keenan Kostatino	Russel Kalouniviti
Hepiripa Kolo	Hailey Wilson	Clyde Manoa	Kitione Mocelutu	Taito Avaiki
Lirelda Antonio	Kalesi Saladua	Daniele Burese	Lui Natui	William Johns
Rosi D.	Mele Kolo	Gabriel Joval	Michael Kennedy	Zachary Saverio
Rosylyn Vosalevu	Anote Vatuloka	James Kamsoo	Ponipate Taito	

### Census Submission Result by 23/11/2018 (# of families submitted / total # of families based on 2015 Census)

1B				2				3				4A			
2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week
22	24	92%	+ 0%	9	20	45%	+ 0%	8	15	53%	+ 0%	16	29	55%	+ 3%
4B				4C				5A				5B			
2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week
6	21	29%	+ 0%	11	14	79%	+ 7%	37	35	106%	+ 9%	20	27	74%	+ 52%
6				7A				7B				TOTAL			
2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week
4	32	13%	+ 0%	14	16	88%	+ 0%	13	21	62%	+ 10%	160	254	63%	+ 8%

### Rev Martin Koroiciri's Thanksgiving Mass at St. Pius X Parish, Raiwaqa – TOMORROW 26/11/18 at 630p

Liturgy – St Columban Community 5B / **Veiqaravi** – Men of the Parish / **Decoration & Catering** – Women of the Parish.

**Food distribution per Community is as follows:**

1B	Chicken curry and rice	5A	Beef chop suey and rice
2	Surwa fish and kakana dina	5B	Chicken chop suey and rice
3	Chillie chicken and rice	6	Beef chop suey and rice
4A / 4C	Rourou mutton / fish and kakana dina	7A	Beef curry and puri
4B	Chicken palau	7B	Fish in lolo and kakana dina

### **► PARISH MEETINGS & PRAYERS TODAY:**

- Prayers Today:** Cenacle (2pm), Divine Mercy (3pm).
- Parish Rotuman Community:** Choir practice at 4.00pm this afternoon in the AB Mataca Hall.

### **► OTHER MEETINGS**

- Corpus Christi Teachers College – Diamond Jubilee Celebrations** (Thur. 29 Nov – Sun. 2 Dec.)
- Evangelisation Commission** meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> December after the 8.30am Mass in the AB Mataca Hall.
- Nativity Drama** Primary school children of the parish who wish to be part of the Christmas drama this year are kindly asked to meet in the parish hall on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, after the 8.30am Mass.
- Faith Formation Commission: All parents (children age 6 to 17)** are invited to the “**Presentation of the 3 Year CCD Plan**” by teachers in the parish on Sunday, December 9 at 10am.
- Men of the Parish End of the Year program** has been set for Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> December. Details of their program will be published in next Sunday's Newsletter. All men are asked to please take note of this.
- Youth Picnic to Deuba (14~35 y/o married and not married) on Saturday, December 8:** departs at 9am. **Your consent form is ready at the parish office. Those who submit consent forms by Wednesday, December 5 to the parish office can only go for the picnic.** Your safety is the most important.

### **7 STEPS BIBLE SHARING PRAYER MEETING (EVERY TUESDAY AT 7:30PM)**

4A – Vuiyasawa Lane	Anthony & Rokuma Residence	7A	Josaia's residence
4A – Ming Ting Lane	Ratuyada's residence	Youth	Next Tuesday
5B – St. Columban	Mere Avaiki's residence (8.00pm)	<b>Please, submit your SCC venues by every Wednesday.</b>	

**Thanks:** To Community 5A, St Michael Community, for animating the Liturgy during the week and cleaning the church yesterday. We invite Community 5B, St Columbans Community, to take over these responsibilities from tomorrow, 26th November.

**Thanks for last Sunday's Collection:** 1st Collection: **733.10**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **\$106.40.**; Env; **\$60** Total **\$899.60**

**Readings Today 25/11:** OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (SOLEMNITY) [25/11/2018] Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37; **Mon 26/11:** Apocalypse 14:1-5; Luke 21:1-4; **Tues 27/11:** Apocalypse 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11; **Wed 28/11:** Apocalypse 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19; **Thurs 29/11:** Apocalypse 18:1-2,21-23,19:1-3,9; Luke 21:20-28; **Fri 30/11:** (Andrew the Apostle) Romans 10:9-18; Mathew 4:18-22; **Sat 1/12:** Genesis 22: 1-7; Luke 21:34-36; **Sunday 2/12- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent:** Jeremiaiah 33:14-16; 1Thesolonian 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28,34-36.