

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI (BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST) - CYCLE A: - 18/06/17

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.p.m

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 available at the Parish Office.

RCIA: Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

Feast of Corpus Christi.

Pope Francis twitted - The World is tired of 'Charming Liars' and 'Trendy Priests and Bishops'

One Day Workshop: To look at Guidelines for dealing with cases of Sexual Abuse - 4th July in St Joseph's Hall from 8.30am to 5pm.

Reflection for Feast of Corpus Christi Sunday: His Presence Among Us: Jesus is living food for us, sent from the Father in heaven. Unlike ordinary food, which just sustains life, this food gives a life that is eternal. From the burning bush to the gentle breeze, God has made his presence known among us since the beginning of time. Being among us as food for body and spirit is a significant way of being present. Christ's eucharistic presence is in bread and wine, among the commonest elements of food and drink in his day. The Lord is present among us through everyday things.

Bread comes from a process that begins with seeds of wheat mixed with water. These are brought together as dough and, after several stages of development, they end up as a unity which we call bread. Wine begins as a cluster of grapes which, when they are processed, they end up as what we call wine. A group of people gather together for prayer, each of them unique. After a process which is the work of God's Spirit, they become a unity, which we call church, or the Body of Christ. In communion, the (community) Body of Christ is being nourished by the (sacramental) Body of Christ.

If someone invited you all to gather around me, as close as you can, because he was going to whisper to you, something else would take place that might surprise you. You'd notice that the closer you come to me the closer you'd be to each other. If you gathered closely around one person, you would be touching shoulders with each other. That is how community or the Body of Christ is formed. It is a question of bringing people closer to the Lord and, as a direct result of that, they end up being closer to each other. Throughout history, God has spoken to his people in surprising ways. He spoke to Elijah through the gentle breeze, and he spoke to Moses in the burning bush. The natives of Bethlehem weren't too excited that a new baby had been born and, later on, Herod would mock Jesus as a fool, and the soldiers would jeer him as a king. After the resurrection, Mary Magdalene thought he was a gardener, Peter thought he was a ghost, and the disciples on the road to Emmaus thought he was a stranger passing through. That he should present himself in so simple a form as food and drink is just what we might expect from "The God of Surprises."

Welcome to the Christian Community: Sireli Rokotuibau, Grase Kalesi Tinairuve, Alisi Maria Paulo & Elia Tuata Saladua (brothers and sisters) from Wailea Street, Vatuwaqa who were baptised here yesterday morning 17th June 2017.

Our Annual Corpus Christi Procession took place this Sunday 18th June: Starting with Benediction at the old Raiwaqa Market followed by the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Church for another Benediction and Mass at 9.00am. Thanks to all who attended the practice on Friday night last and who attended and witnessed to their faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Once again thanks to the members of the Liturgy and Evangelization Commissions – to the flower girls, altar servers, ushers, canopy makers and bearers, the parish choir, the youth, parish team and all who made event possible.

CCIM (Columban Companions in Mission) Meeting: With CCIM Coordinator, Joseva Vasakula, next Friday, 23rd June in the Parish Hall after evening Mass. Bring a plate please. Vinaka CCIM members.

Invitation Come and See: young ladies ages between 18 years and upwards are invited to a day of discernment with the SMSM sister, St Mary's Convent Nasese on 24th June from 9.00am to 3.30pm. Contact Sr Lolo or Monica @ 3311470/7445830.

Archdiocesan Questionnaire – Parish Pilot Project: As we go to press (Sat Morning) only 28 Questionnaires have been returned. All were due in yesterday via the Community Leaders – I will be submitting them to Fr Frank this afternoon as required. Obviously, I am somewhat disappointed with on this one – as I made a special appeal and requested Community Leaders to have all back by Friday evening. I know more will come in today. Any individual family that have Questionnaires filled out can hand them into the presbytery by 4.00pm this evening. Has the parish failed to meet this request from the Archdiocese re being the privileged and pilot parish to kick-start the forthcoming Synod. But all who have worked on this project - Thank you so much indeed. *Fr John McEvoy and Parish Team.*

Summary of 50th Anniversary Committee Meeting: It solely discussed the Launching of the Golden Jubilee celebrations on the 21st August 2017. First the Committee endorsed the Logo to be used for the entire celebrations. * The winning entry was submitted by Brandon Gibbon(4b). Congratulations and thanks Brendan. * Marketing & Merchandising Committee (MMC) to obtain quotes for banner for the launching (one or two for inside the Church and one in the parish hall?? When this committee are getting quotes for T-shirts and memorabilia etc – quality of material used to be taken into account. * Georgina Kivi will be requested to activate Parish Facebook page. * Parish Priest, Fr McEvoy, Mrs. Helen Mow and Rev Kolodisi will be requested to unveil a plaque dedicating our upper Parish Hall to the memory of Archbishop Petero Mataca. * Liturgy for the occasion was discussed. * Unveiling of the Jubilee Banner etc after Communion. * Mass to be followed by refreshments by each community.

A special Prayer will be composed for the year of celebration and printed as a book-mark or prayer card & recited after Masses
Single Parents Breakfast Seminar with Mass at 8.30 am: The Gospel reading for that day was most appropriate for this occasion. It was about the widow who gave everything she had to the Church. How very signification this was for all who attendant. A good number came to listen and partake in our Seminar. The main objective was to begin a Single Parents group in the parish as they are an intricate part of our community and we as a parish need to support them. An Election was held for President and Assistant President who will be part of the Family Life Commission Team. We are looking forward to working with our little group and hope to grow from here. We also like to take this time to thank all our invited Speakers and our FLC Team for facilitating this Seminar. Vinaka Vakalevu. (*Gina & Jac Kivi Head of Family Life Commission*).

Parish Disaster Management Team: Thanks to the Parish Chairperson, Master Dan, this team was put together during the week. Their names, contacts and qualifications were submitted to the Archdiocesan Office on Thursday 15th June. The Team consists of the Following: **Kelemete Rausuvanua, Dan R Burese, Fr John McEvoy, Romeo Kivi, Christopher Wali, Barbara Edwards, Pio Burese, Mue Mausio, Rudolph Singh, Kristina Foliaki, Amini Qalo, Savaira Mow, Aloisia Tugaga, Pauliasi Sekiveikau and Wakeleo Cakacakavakavo.**

Continuation with Parish Renovation towards the Golden Jubilee of the Parish in 2018.

- ❖ We can report good work on the replacement of the Church Louvres and you can see for yourself. The new aluminium louvres and frames on the left-hand side of the Church have been completed and look very good. Work will commence on the right-hand side of the Church tomorrow, God Willing.
- ❖ Visoni and Amini have restarted the welding of the mesh to the new boundary wall and making good progress too.
- ❖ Thanks to the Men of the Parish some of the dangerous tree over-hanging our Garage has been trimmed – the SCC has promised to take more of this tree down.
- ❖ We still await action from the Water Authority of Fiji to raise the man hole at the side of the boundary. Hopefully you are seeing the results of your generosity. But of course, we have a long way to go yet. Thank you again and Vinaka Vakalevu.

SCC Animators visitation continues: Community leaders take note & schedule visit/dates/venues with Parish Coordinator.

Team 1	Tifanue and Karalo	4B - 20/06	6 - 27/06	4C – 04/07	
Team 2	Visoni, Vero and Joana	3 - 20/06	4A - 27/06		
Team 3	Vama and Maria Qaranivalu	5A – 20/06	5B - 27/06		

Meetings Today Sunday 18th June:

- The Cenacle @ 2.00pm; Divine Mercy @ 3.00pm; Charismatics @ 3.30pm; World Apostolate of Fatima @ 4.00pm.

Meetings during the Week:

1. **Monday 19th June Parish Executive Meeting** in preparation for PPC on Sunday 25th June.
2. **Tuesday 20th June - The 3 Bazaar Committees** meeting to update all aspects of the running of this year's Bazaar.
3. **Tuesday 20th June:** Seven Steps Prayer in most Communities
4. **Tuesday 20th June:** Praying the Seven Steps in 4a Community at Elisha Purcell's Residence at 7.30pm.
5. **Wednesday 21st June:** "Family Life Commission meeting" at 7.15 pm after Mass, at the Parish Hall.
6. **Youth Prayer Meeting (7 Steps)** Friday straight after the 6:30 pm Mass. Only 6 lads attended last Friday. Girls???
7. **Next Sunday 25th June:** The PPC. (Pastoral Parish Council) Meets at 10.00am in the Parish Hall.

Other Parish Activities for the Month of June:

Information Sharing (Government Agencies)	23/06/17	Justice and Development
Catholic Social Teachings for PPC members	29/06/17 (1915 – 2130)	Justice and Development
Mt Korobaba Trek and Hike – National Youth Day	30/06/17	Youth

Vacancy for New Director of Catholic Education in the Archdiocese. Contact the Archdiocesan Chancellor, Mrs Marina Konrote, chancellor@archdioceseofsuva.com Nicolas House, 35 Pratt St, Suva. A letter of application including full Curriculum Vitae with names and contacts of three referees should be sent to: The Chancellor, Archdiocese of Suva, P O Box 109, Suva. The closing date for applications is Monday 26th June 2017. Potential candidates will be shortlisted for interview.

Thanks, and Appreciation: To Community (6) St Paul's for animating the Liturgy during the week and for cleaning of the Church & compound. We invite Community 7a St Jacob's to continue from tomorrow 19th June.

Thanks too for your generous Collection for last week. The following is a summary:

1st Collection \$704.25; 2nd Collection \$57.80 and Envelope Pledge: \$63.00 = \$725.05

Reading coming week: Corpus Christi Sunday [18/6/17] Deut 8: 2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor 10: 16-17; John 6: 51-58; Mon [19/6/17] 2 Cor 6: 1-10; Matt 5: 38-42; Tue [20/6/17] 2 Cor 8: 1-9; Matt 5: 43-48; Wed [21/6/17] 2 Cor 9: 6-11; Matt 6: 1-6, 16-18; Thurs [22/6/17] 2 Cor 11: 1-11; Matt 6: 7-15; Fri [23/6/17] **Sacred Heart of Jesus:** Deut 7: 6-11; 1 John 4: 7-16; Matt 11: 25-30; Sat [24/6/17] **Nativity of John the Baptist:** Is 49: 1-6; Acts 13: 22-26; Luke 1: 57-66, 80; **12th Sunday in Ordinary** [25/6/17] Jer 20: 10-13; Rom 5: 12-15; Matt 10: 26-33.