

# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST:- YEAR C 23/06/19

#### 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 3 months before and are required to undertake preparation sessions. Guidelines available at the Parish Office.

**RCIA: (Can we recommend and enroll new members from the Communities for this year's RCIA Training)??**

#### Month of Synod Update:

Sat. 29 June: (7.00-10.00pm) *Synod Youth Festival* at Sacred Heart College.

Sun. 30 June (4.00pm) *Synod Year Closing Mass* at Sacred Heart College (*Presentation and signing of the Synod Documents by His Grace Archbishop Peter Loy Chong*) preceded by procession from My Suva Park at 3.00pm.

(Two (2) Buses will leave the parish). \$2.00 per head '*Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*. Only one Mass in the parish (7.00am)

#### Reflection for Feast of Corpus Christi: Feeding the people, today:

Jesus wanted to feed the hungry crowd, but did not distribute the food in person. Rather, he tells the twelve to do that: "Give them something to eat." They complained about the limited resources that could not provide for everyone. Some churchmen today make a similar reply. Since we have not the manpower to provide the Bread of Life for all. As well as priests we depend on our Catechists and teachers and Eucharistic Ministers to do this. One of the topics of the Synod was Clericalism. Hopefully this will be recognised in Fiji and rooted out. We must not be tempted to put new wine into old-wineskins, the clerical structures of yester-year? Pope Francis seems to be open to the possibility of finding new ways so that all of People of God has the opportunity of receiving the Eucharist and also having people who can provide the Bread of Life via the Celebration of the Eucharist. We need to believe Jesus when he says: "You have all that is needed." If we cling doggedly to our limited perceptions, unwilling to change our outlook, we are set to lose. It will contradict this Gospel if we don't draw on the cooperation of others to make sure that all without exception can share at the Lord's Table. If we use willing helpers to make the Bread of Life available, we can see what the apostles discovered: a full basket for each of the givers. Jesus did not pitch his tent among us in order to live in a golden tabernacle. Food is for the feeding of the people. The purpose of the Real Presence in the Eucharist is to feed the people, so that we will be Christ's living presence in the world today. With him, we too are the Bread that is to be broken for the life of the world.

**Synod Celebrations:** 'We must celebrate because, in the words of the late Archbishop Petero Mataca, 'the sleeping giant has awoken. 'A Synod is a time of spiritual awakening. We can only celebrate when we are awake, alive, dreaming and achieving. Our youths are leading us in the celebration. They were instrumental in designing the Synod theme, logo and song. They helped coin the Synod theme, **Connecting in Jesus**. The youth Synod members challenged the Synod Session with freshness and boldness of their interventions. They will set the Synod Celebration alight with the Synod Festival on 29 June and the Synod procession on 30 June. The Synod Eucharist; 30 June on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. May the Synod make us fearless in the mission of Jesus.' (AB Peter Loy Chong)

**Please note that important instructions on the close of the Synod Mass are posted on the doors of the church.**

**Welcome to the Christian Community:** Aleia Gabrielle Anne-Marie Emelee, Udit Narayan place. and Port Vila, Vanuatu, who was baptized here yesterday morning.

**Thanks Expressed:** To Gabrielle's Grand Parents – James and Helen Kamsoo who bought and laid the nice carpet in the central aisle of our Church in memory of their granddaughter. We are grateful. Vinaka Vakalevu.

**Parish Bazaar 2019:** This will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> July, so we have **33** days to our Parish Annual Fundraising event which will be held at Swann Park, beside the Church. May we all join in this eventful day and wish every Community the very best. **A big Vinaka Vakalevu to the nine Community treasurers** who turned up for the Finance Council meeting last Thursday. The best meeting of this Group in 2 years. They discussed matters pertaining to Parish finances and also on preparations for the parish Bazaar.

#### **A Newsletter of Thanks on Corpus Christi Sunday:**

1. **Thank you** to all parishioners who joined with Fr Carlo in the Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on the Feast of Pentecost two weeks ago. It was indeed heartening to hear that the Liturgy was brought to life with the participation of parishioners in the readings, psalms and the singing. Vinaka Vakalevu sara vei kemudou kece na veitokoni.
2. **Thank you:** To Sophie and a small group of Women from the Parish for providing both morning tea and lunch for the meeting of the Central Eastern Clergy meeting, held at Nicolas House on Tuesday last 18<sup>th</sup> June. The meal was well presented, hot and greatly appreciated by all the priests. Thanks You Ladies.
3. **To Visoni Ravai:** for constructing and decorating the canopy for today's Eucharistic Procession.
4. **To All Parishioners:** who are taking part in the liturgy for the Closing Mass of the Synod next Sunday.
5. **To Raiwaqa CCIM Members:** for hosting members of other parishes – in preparation for their Silver Jubilee Celebrations due to be held at Sacred Heart College on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (Founded in the year 1994)

**For the Children's Catechism Class today** - Participate in the Corpus Christi Procession.

**Next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June** - Come for the Synod Closing Mass.

#### **Liturgy Commission News:**

1. Next Sunday 30th June, we are celebrating the Feast Day of the Sacred Heart - only 1 Mass at 7:00 am
2. Other Feast Days: Tomorrow Monday 24th June - St. John the Baptist.
3. Saturday 29th June - Sts. Peter & Paul

**Parish Website:** This has been updated just a reminder that Newsletter could be sighted or downloaded from the site. **Columban Kaulotu** magazine will be on sale for \$1 only, after the Masses this morning.

**Presbytery Garage Sale:** A big Vinaka Vakalevu to all for the bazaar fundraising drive yesterday. More today.

**Grid Security recruitment drive** All unemployed in search of work at the range of age of 25yrs to 35yrs of age, vacancies are available. Call Harold Swann on **775 0111** for further details.

#### **Meetings Today and During the Week**

**Prayer meetings today:** Cenacle 2pm; Divine Mercy 3pm; Charismatic 3.30pm & World Apostle Fatima 4.30pm

1. **St Patrick Community** -Family Catechism facilitated by Fr.Tino continues this evening at 7pm.
2. **St. Gabriel SCC (4A)** – 7 Steps this Tuesday 25 June at 7.30pm at Vira's residence.
3. **St Francis of Assisi (4A)** –will be held at the Delailomaloma's residence
4. **St Therese Child of Jesus(7B)** – will be held at Maria Waqavanua's residence
5. **St Joseph the Worker (2)**- combine 7 steps and followed by meeting will be held at the Burese's residence.
6. **Pastoral Council Meet:** Saturday, 29 June at 10am. PPC Members please take note.

**1.Parish Youth Combined 7 Steps / Meeting for Synod Festival:** All Parish Senior Youth (19~35 y/o) will have a Combined 7 Steps Prayer meeting on THIS TUESDAY at 7:30pm (AB Hall) followed by the preparation meeting for the Synod Festival. All parish senior youth, please attend.

**2. Youth Executive visits** the Communities to enlighten community members on the Youth Synod Festival. *Commission seeks parental support for upcoming Youth Synod Festival. Consent Letter will be distributed.*

**Thanks** to St Peter Chanel (4A) for animating the Liturgy during the week and the church cleaning yesterday. We invite St Patrick Community (4B) to take on this important responsibility from tomorrow evening.

**Thanks for your generous Collections Last Week:** The following is a summary of the collections: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: **\$857.80**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **\$77.85**; Envelopes pledged: \$272.50. Total Collection: **\$1,208.15**

**Reading coming week:** Today **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) 23/06:** Gn 14:18-20/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17; **Mon 24/6:**The Nativity of John the Baptist: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80;**Tues 25/6:** Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14;**Wed 26/6:** Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20;**Thurs 27/6:** Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Mt 7:21-29;**Fri 28/6:**Ez 34:11-16/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7 ;**Sat 29/6:** Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19;**Thirteen Sunday Ordinary Time 30/6:** 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62