

# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### EASTER SUNDAY -CYCLE C: 21/04/19

#### 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 – 6.00pm

**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 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:** Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

**Easter Sunday: Lord's Resurrection**  
**The Priests of the Parish & Parish**  
**Executives wish you all a very Happy Holy,**  
**Blessed and Peaceful Easter. May the Joy of**  
**the Risen Christ fill all struggling souls with**  
**hope and encouragement this Easter.**

**The Catholic Times is in the Office ready to**  
**be Collected and Distributed in Communities.**

#### Easter Sunday Reflection

In St John's account, the Easter story begins very early in the morning of the first day of the week while it is 'still dark'. Just two days ago, as we remembered the sufferings and death of the most marvellous human being the world has ever known, we came face to face with the dark side of human nature, the darkness that led the enemies of Jesus to torture, humiliate, and finally murder him on a cross. On that black day in Jerusalem, the capacity of human beings to hate, hurt and harm one another went completely out of control. Between light and darkness, between good and evil, a mighty struggle is still going on. It's going on in the physical cosmos, in human societies, and within our own personalities. Although the darkness often appears to be stronger than the light, it has not triumphed. The light is remarkably resilient. Often in danger of being extinguished, it manages to survive, and even to win many victories.

The words of the Easter Vigil liturgy express the same truth in an equally appealing way: 'The power of this holy [Easter] night,' it proclaims, 'dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, and brings mourners joy. It casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride.' Our celebration of Easter reminds us that the darkness of evil and hatred will never have the last say. For the resurrection of Jesus proclaims the ultimate triumph of light over darkness and goodness over evil, both in us and in our world. Jesus was buried at sunset, as darkness was once again creeping over the earth, to all appearances a victim and a failure. But on the third day afterwards the sun came up on him victorious and triumphant, alive, powerful and influential. Once again, 'the true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world' (Jn 1:9). We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus today by rising from darkness and death in our own lives. The Risen Lord, represented by the Easter candle burning with warmth and light, invites us to leave behind the works of darkness, and renounce and reject anything in our lives which is wrong & selfish.

**Welcome to the New Adult Members of the Church:** Congratulations to Rhodeinah Rozlyn Koi Bulavakarua (Monica) Konroti Penjueli (Benedict), Lavenia Drasali (Teresa of Calcutta) who were received into full union with the church at the Easter Vigil last night 20<sup>th</sup> April, when they were baptised, (conditionally) and received the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Eucharist (for the first time) Also Irene Manarae who was confirmed. Truly a Blessed Easter for them. Many thanks to Master Eroni & Sala Navuku for accompanying them to this great moment in their lives. Thanks also to their sponsors. **Welcome also to the 6 Infants, baptised on Easter Sunday Morning.** Congrats to their parents.

**Divine Mercy Sunday (28/04/2019):** A procession from the Flea Market to Sacred Heart Cathedral at 12.30pm with Mass at 2.30pm. The 9-day Novena started on Good Friday and ends Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April. All welcome to participate

**In Loving Memory:** Tomasi Daulali (51) 10 Good Lane, Father of Pauliasi Vodivodi, died during the week. Parish Reguregu on Tuesday night. Funeral at the Methodist Church, Raiwaqa on Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> April. Sympathy expressed.

**Visitation of the Sick for Easter:** With the help of Kelemete and Betty Chandra, Fr Martin had the privilege of visiting the sick of the Parish and the house bound before and during Holy Week. All of whom received the Sacraments of Confession, the Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist. We thank our faithful Eucharistic Ministers for their commitment to the sick of the parish every Sunday. It is a wonderful act of selfless giving of their time.

**Thanks, expressed for all who took part in the Ceremonies during the Week. We had a wonderful Holy Week.**

- To Karalo/Music Ministry helpers/Parish Choir. Your practices paid off and the singing & music was superb.
- To Tina & Lectors for your participation during Holy Week – the Word of God - wonderfully proclaimed.
- To Joana & the Liturgical Commission Members for discussing and planning of the Ceremonies so well.
- To Thomas for the reflective & powerful overheads for Easter Triduum. So meaningful.
- To Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers for a job well done – all which contributed to good liturgy.
- To Mrs Mow, Selina & Visoni & Mereula for getting the church ready for the ceremonies Holy Thursday.
- To Community 7a, St Jacob's for singing on Holy Thursday. Men and Women of Parish for Friday and Sat.
- To Youth Drama Group, Very powerful & emotional presentation. To all involved - Vinaka.
- To Fr Martin and Andrew Grey for training the Altar Servers for the Ceremonies. (No Girls this year)????
- To the Apostles who had their feet washed – as a sign of service given by the organisations in the parish.
- To members from the Communities who were loyal to your time of Adoration on Holy Thursday Night.
- To the Parish Executes for their role and Sophie & Maria Qaranivalu who cleaned and ironed the vestments. To the Men of the Parish who did water blasting around the place and cleaned the upper church louvres.
- Thanks also to Raiwaqa parishioners who turned up for the Chrism Mass in Cathedral on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.
- To everyone else who helped out in any way during Holy Week. (4c) Community were on duty for the week.
- To Frs Arms, Hoare, Rev Teakare, Columban Students and Lay Missionaries who participated in ceremonies.

**Meeting of the PPC Pastoral Parish Council:** This meeting will take place Next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am

**Welcome back Fr Carlo:** After a short visit to Korea, he returned to Fiji last week but went to Labasa to celebrate the Easter Ceremonies with the Indo Fijian Community in Naleba. He will return to Raiwaqa Parish during the week.

**Meetings today and during the week:** (No Prayer Meeting today or next Sunday) The usual meetings in the parish will take place during the week especially the 7 Steps on Tuesday night 23<sup>rd</sup> April – in all Communities.

**Evangelisation:**

1. Workshop on 7 Steps/SCC conducts in communities this month. Please refer to dates below and advise Parish Coordinator venues. 23/04 – St. Michael at 7.00pm; 25/04 – St. Patrick's; 27/04 – St. Jacob and St. Theresa @ 5.00pm; 28/04 – St. Peter Chanel at 5.00pm; 30/04 – St. Cecilia at 7.30pm
2. Communities are requested to bring in your Statue of Mary at 8.30am Mass for blessings on Sunday 28/04/2019. The Parish Renewal Programme – house to house rosary starts on 1<sup>st</sup> May.
3. Communities Leaders and Evangelisation reps are reminded to submit date of your community Mass to the Parish Office at the earliest.
4. The Charismatic Convention starts on Friday 26 April till Sunday 28 April. Healing Mass at 5.00pm on Sunday. For more information, please refer to Programme on the Notice Board.
5. May 11 – Talk on World Apostolate of Fatima organised by communities 5A and 5B. Programme will be at Mere Avaiki's residence, starting at 4pm.

**Be Servants of Peace: Is the title of the Archbishop's Easter Message to us:** Try and Read it. He started by saying: "Peace be with you! Dear friends, Peace is Jesus' first greeting to the disciples on the first Easter Sunday. Easter is the Christian festival that brings together Jesus' life, suffering, death, resurrection and Pentecost (Holy Spirit). Easter began with the disciples' experience of Jesus, who is peace" He challenges all of us and especially politicians to work for peace and the common good.

**Thanks:** To Community 4c St John the Baptist for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound. A job well done for our Easter Vigil Mass (outside and inside) especially for weeding the flower beds and cutting of the long grass in the parish Car Park. Vinaka Vakalevu 4c. Community 5a starts tomorrow 22/04/2019.

**Thanks for your generous Collections Last Week:** The following is a summary:

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$1154.65; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$154.00; Envelops. Total = \$1308.65.**

**Reading coming week: Easter Sunday** [21/4/19] Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Col 3: 1-4; Jn 20: 1-9; Mon [22/4/19] Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Mt 28: 8-15; Tue [23/4/19] Acts 2: 36-41; Jn 20: 11-18; Wed [24/4/19] Acts 3: 1-10; Lk 24: 13-35; Thurs [25/4/19] Acts 3: 11-26; Lk 24: 35-48; Fri [26/4/19] Acts 4: 1-12; Jn 21: 1-14; Sat [27/4/19] Acts 4: 13-21; Mk 16: 9-15; **Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday:** Acts 4: 32-35; 1 Jn 5: 1-6; Jn 20: 19-31

**HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER TO ALL PARISHIONERS OF ST PIUS X PARISH**

**AND TO ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILIES BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD** (Fr John, Carlo and Martin)