



ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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EASTER SUNDAY - CYCLE B: 01/04/18

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: Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

Easter Sunday: Lord's Resurrection
The Priests of the Parish & Parish
Executrices 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, 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 to renounce and reject anything in our lives which is wrong or selfish.

Welcome to the New Adult Members of the Church: Congratulations to Mrs. Arieta Diana Daurewa, Mrs. Kalolaine Tatafu, Josephine Tatafu, Maria Tatafu, Fepikou Tatafu, Mathias Kwansing and Patrick Camaivuna who were received into full union with the church at the Easter Vigil last night 31st March, when they were baptised, (conditionally) and received the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Eucharist (for the first time). Truly a Blessed Easter for them. Many thanks to Master Eroni & Sala Navuku for accompanying them to this great moment and thanks to their sponsors also.

Welcome to the Christian Community: George Joshua Mark Kaufuti, 25 Aidney Road; Jaylin Startia Margaret Fatiaki, 33 Belo Street; Sefanaia Benedict Daligalevu Cirikisuva, 1 Lemeki Street, Vatuwaqa; Alrose Fredrika Nasario, Nadera Parish; Maliana Bernella Emily Anne Tabua, 14 Ming Ting Lane, Raiwaqa, all who were Baptised here at St Pius X Parish on Easter Sunday 1st April 2018 by Rev Martin Koroiciri (Deacon)

Visitation of the Sick for Easter: With the help of Kelemete Maria Qaranivalu the priests of the parish had the privilege of visiting all the sick and house bound in the parish during Holy Week. Twenty Eight (28) households were visited in total – all of whom received the Sacraments of Confession, the Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist.

Gita Relief Music Festival: For Tonga, today - Lambert Hall 3pm - 7.00pm. Adm. \$10.00. Any Support welcome.
WOP Kati (\$20.00) a card: will be drawn on Easter Monday 2/4/18. This is their last fund raising for Parish GJ Project.

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 (from his sick bed) 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, Ita and Mereula for getting the church ready for the ceremonies Holy Thursday.
- To Youth Drama Group, HOC & Team – Very powerful & emotional presentation. To all involved - Vinaka.
- To Fr Carlo and Filo Ruru and the Altar Servers: who turned up promptly and practiced for all the Ceremonies.
- To the Apostles who had their feet washed – as a sign of service in the parish. **(But no women present here)??**
- To members from the Communities who was loyal to your time of Adoration on Holy Thursday Night.
- To the SVDP and WOP for providing refreshments for the Youth and after Holy Saturday Night Liturgy.
- To members of the Parish Executes for their role and Sophie who kept the vestments clean and ironed.
- Thanks also to Raiwaqa parishioners who turned up for the Chrism Mass in Cathedral on Tues. 27th March.
- To everyone else who helped out in any way during Holy Week. (4c) Community were on duty for the week.

Commission for Social and Ecological Justice: is organising a half day awareness programme on Saturday 7th April in St Joseph's Hall from 8.30am to 1.30pm – in response to the Archbishop's call for the Church to respond to the issue of sexual violence in Fiji today. Each parish in the Central Eastern Division are requested to send 3 women to attend this Awareness who can come back and probably form a nucleus of the same in their own parish. 'Women at the Well' is such a group that has already been formed and meeting in Suva Parish.

Family Commission: Marriage Preparation Course: Archfam is starting its 2018 programme and will be conducting a Pre Marriage Course 14th – 15th April in St Joseph's Hall for couples who are not married and intend to get married.. We extend an invitation to all couples now thinking of getting married to register at the parish office or let our Marriage instructors or HOC know about your intention. This will be your official preparation for your marriage. Registration is \$20.00 to cover meals and stationary. Family Commission Heads and Marriages instructors ought to attend also.

Divine Mercy Sunday (08/04/2018): A procession from the Flea Market to Sacred Heart Cathedral at 1.30pm with Mass at 3pm. The 9 day Novena started on Good Friday and ends Saturday 7th April. All welcome to participate.

7 STEPS- An Open Forum to discuss and provide comments/suggestions is organised for 7th April in the hall, starting at 10am to 12 noon latest. All evangelisation reps and animators are required to attend this discussion. After this open forum on 7/04, there will have a workshop on the 7 steps on 14/04.

Evangelisation Meeting due on 08/04 is postponed to 15/04 after the 8.30am Mass.

The Charismatic Convention is from 28/04 – 29/04 at Bemana. A bus is organised to depart Suva on 27/04 at 9am and return to Suva 9am on 30/04. Interested members and parishioners to contact Vama for further information.

Bibles for Sale: New Testament in Fijian (Na Veiyalayalati Vou ni Katolika) \$7.00 & Community Bible \$20.00.

Men of the Parish: MOP Finance and Works Committee meet at 5,00pm on Easter Monday at Mr Dan's residence.

- MOP Second Pledge at 8.00pm on Friday, 13th April, in the AB Mataka Hall.
- Golden Jubilee Committee meeting in the Board Room after Mass on Thursday evening.

Meetings today and during the week: (No Prayer Meeting today or next Sunday)

Community 2: Seven Steps Prayer meeting in Mrs Mow's Home at 7.00pm on Tues 3rd April.

CCIM: To assist 5A with the Adoration and Mass on Thursday 5th April, followed by Meeting in the hall

Columban Come and See Weekend: Saturday April 7th at the Columban Formation Nasese. Contact Fr Carlo.

Altar servers + parents meeting: Sunday, April 8 at 11am. Servers please bring one "3B1 80 pages exercise book".

Thanks: To Community 4c St John the Baptist for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound. Community 5a starts tomorrow 02/04/2018.

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

1st Collection \$1034.55; 2nd Collection: \$112.00; Envelops \$75.00 = \$1230.65.

Reading coming week: *Easter Sunday* [1/4/18] Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Col 3: 1-4; Jn 20: 1-9; Mon [2/4/18] Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Mt 28: 8-15; Tue [3/4/18] Acts 2: 36-41; Jn 20: 11-18; Wed [4/4/18] Acts 3: 1-10; Lk 24: 13-35; Thurs [5/4/18] Acts 3: 11-26; Lk 24: 35-48; Fri [6/4/18] Acts 4: 1-12; Jn 21: 1-14; Sat [7/4/18] 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. (Visit us on www.stpiusxfj.com)