

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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EASTER SUNDAY IN CYCLE C: – 27/03/16

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 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.

Easter Sunday: Lord's Resurrection
Fr John PP and Executrices of the Parish
Wish you all a very Happy Holy and Peaceful Easter. May the Joy of the Risen Christ fill all struggling souls with hope and encouragement this Easter Season.

Reflection for Easter Sunday Morning: 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)

Mary Magdalene finds the empty tomb and runs to the apostles to tell them her astonishing news. St John's is the only account where the apostles are directly involved in finding that the tomb was empty, and where neither Jesus nor angels were there to give any guidance about the meaning of it. St John was present with Peter to see the discarded burial-cloths within the tomb, and he at once realised what this meant: that Jesus was risen from the dead! **On Easter morning, the stone was rolled away from the mouth of the tomb.** Could I think of my heart as a tomb awaiting a resurrection? Can I identify anything akin to a stone that is holding me back from enjoying the fullness of life? It could be an addiction, a compulsion or some hidden and dark secret that I have never shared with anyone. We can be as sick as our secrets. But as Pope Francis declares, "We are called to be people of joyful hope, not doomsday prophets!" Because of the resurrection of Jesus, we can all have hopeful joy, and go out to share it with the world.

In Loving Memory: **Inikasio Damuni**, Davui Lane, Raiwaqa who died on Thursday 17th March was buried in his native village of Masi, Serua – 26th March 2016. **Anna Fong**, wife of John Fong Raiwasa, daughter in law of Mrs Philo Fong Community 6. May they Rest in Peace

This Easter we remember in a special way, Jona Tara who lit the Pascal Fire here for years. May he rest in Peace. Thanks now to **Pauliasi Vodivodi** for taking on this task and other useful services in and around the Parish Compound.

Welcome into Full Communion with us: Congratulations to Kelera Baleinabuli (7A), Varina Grey (4B), and Pita Naigulevu (4B) who were received into the church and into full community with us at the Easter Vigil last night 26th March, when they were baptised, confirmed and received the Eucharist for the first time. Thanks to Mr and Mrs Eroni & Sala Navuku for accompanying them to this great day for them and us. Thanks indeed to their sponsors also.

Program on Easter Monday (28.3.16) Mass @ 8.30am followed by clean up inside church, around the premises, planting of flowers and backyard gardening demo. Seedlings will be distributed to those who attend. The initiative is in support of our advocating health living lifestyles and breaking away from the cycle of poverty. (parishioner's required to bring cleaning materials, used oil gallon for backyard gardening demo - insufficient farming space should not be an issue.

Visitation of the Sick for Easter: With the help of Kelemete and Visoni I had the privilege of visiting all the sick and house bound in the parish during Holy Week. Twenty three (23) households were visited in total – all of whom received the Confession, the Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist.

Happy and Holy Easter to all Parishioners of St Pius X Parish
And to all Members of your Families

Thanks Expressed for all who took part in the Ceremonies of Holy Week.

- To Karlo & members of the Parish Choir – all your practices paid off and your singing & music was superb.
- To Joana & readers for the various celebrations during Holy Week – the Word of God -wonderfully proclaimed.
- To Maria & the Liturgical Commission for discussing and planning of the Ceremonies so well.
- To Mrs Mow, Tui, Maria Qaranivalu, Marj and Selina for getting the church ready for the various ceremonies.
- To Maria Waqavanua and Aloï Tugaga and Community 7b for cooperation with everyone during the week.
- To Tina & Youth Drama Group on Good Friday – Very powerful & emotional presentation. Big thanks to all.
- To Filo Ruru and the Altar Servers: who turned up promptly and practiced for all the Ceremonies.
- To all of you from the Communities who was loyal to your half of Adoration on Holy Thursday Night.
- To the candidates who volunteered to have their feet washed – as a sign of service in the community.
- To members of the Communities for providing refreshments after the Ceremonies on Holy Saturday Night.
- To Thomas for the overheads and Professional Electronics for providing a microphone at very short notice.
- To members of the Parish Executes for their role and Sophie who kept the vestments clean and ironed.
- To Suli, Tui and Mervin, (sacristan helpers) and not forgetting the good job the Ushers did during the week.
- To Andrew Grey & others who used hammers, dusters, sasa brooms or arranged flowers or altar linen etc. etc

Celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy: The Archbishop invites us to join with him and the Archdiocese next weekend in celebrating the ‘Year of Mercy’. He writes ‘I ask Parish Priests to encourage parishioners to join ‘Celebrating the Year of Mercy’ in particular I would like **to share this Congress with our youth**. I request that parish youth prepare songs related to the Theme of Mercy’ The Congress will take place in the Vodafone Arena from 8.30am Saturday morning 2nd April and Sunday 3rd April. **Youth Festival of Mercy on Sat 2nd April from 6.00pm – 9.00pm. **Raiwaqa Parish Youth are slotted for an item at 10.00am on Sunday morning 3rd April.** There will be a procession at 1.30 on Sunday afternoon ending with Eucharist at 3.00pm. The programme for the Festival and Congress can be had at the presbytery. By the looks of the Programme it should be a really great and enjoyable Festival of God’s Mercy.

St Joseph the Worker AGM (2): Held their AGM on Tuesday the 15th. A lengthy Community Reconciliation preceded the Elections for Office Bearers for the coming year 2016/17. The following were elected: **Community Leader** – Petero Loli; **Assistant** – Kristina Foliaki; **Treasurer** – Pio Burese; **Liturgy Rep** – Savaira Mow; **Evangelization** – Ita Vosalevu; **Family Commission Rep** – Mr & Mrs Roseru; **Social Justice Rep** – Percy Rauto; **Youth Rep** – Petero Loli (Jun) Congratulations to members of Community (2).

St Jacob’s Community AGM (7a): They held their AGM on Sunday Last 20th March. The following are the Officer Bearers for the coming year. **Community Leader** – Timoci Bukasoqo; **Assistant Community Leader** – Thomas Johns; **Treasurer** – Emily Low; **Liturgy Rep** – Petero Lalagavivi; **Evangelization Rep** – Mary Savea; **Youth Rep** – Terence Josaia; **Family Life** – Mary John’s; **Social Justice Rep** – yet to be filled.

St Paul’s Community (6) Special Meeting: At a recent meeting of Community 6 – it was agreed that the Community would run with much the same Office Bearers as last year: They are as follows: **Community Leader** – Walusio Buatava; **Treasurer** - Joseph Mow; **Liturgy** - Seru Dakai; **Youth** - Leo Roqica; **Evangelisation** - Jack Kivi; **Social Justice Rep** - and both **Family Life** and - yet to be filled.

St John the Baptist Community (4c). The same situation happened in this Community as in Community 6. They too agreed to go with the same Office Bearers as last year and they are: **Community Leader** – Varanise Lutu; **Assistant** – Laisenia Raibulu; **Treasurer** – Iowane Koroi; **Assistant** – Kalaveti; **Liturgy Rep** – Miriama Kelekelevesi; **Evangelisation Rep** – Tevita Saula; **Youth Rep** – Damesio Rasese; **Social Justice** – Maria.

Still awaiting news from St Teresa of Child Jesus (7b). Perhaps with their great success in the Liturgy this week – they may come up with something this Sunday at their Celebratory Lunch!!!!

Charismatic Prayer Meeting this evening as usual at 3.00pm in the Church. **Novena for Devine Mercy in progress.**
C.W. L. Are having a Chicken Kati on Saturday 2nd April. All card holders and prize donors please take note.

For your Generous Contributions: Thanks to members of [7b] St Teresa of the Child Jesus for animating the Liturgy during Holy Week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. You did very well. We invite Members of Community [1b] to start from tomorrow 28st March. **Thanks too for your last week’ Collection which amounted to \$1094.65.**

The second Collection for the Archdiocesan Cyclone Appeal Fund amounted to \$986.00. Thanks for your generosity. These collections have been sent to the Archdiocesan Social Justice Commission, Archdiocesan Office.

Contract for Painting the Church Roof and Presbytery: In consultation with the Financial Council a contract for this work (as well as fixing the leaks in the church) was signed during the week for \$9,600.00 – The Parish Budgeted \$12,000.00 for this work. The work on the flashing on two sides of the church & presbytery is now completed.