



# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY - YEAR B: 03.06.18

#### 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:** At 8.30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

Parents seeking baptism for their child make arrangements with Community Leader & Priests & Baptismal instructors.

**Matrimony:** Those preparing for marriage must contact a priest at least 1 month before and are required to undertake preparation sessions. Guidelines available at the Parish Office. **RCIA:** Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

**RCIA Two Year Programme:** Should get on the way soon. Sala and Eroni Navuku who attended the special seminar on this will meet with the PP, Head of Faith Commission and PPC re this new revised course.

**Annual Corpus Christi Procession:** Takes place today from the Old Market at 8.30am organised by the Commission for Evangelization. We will be witnessing to our Faith and to Christ's Presence in the Eucharist.

#### Sunday Reflection on Corpus Christi: Table of the Family Meal:

Sitting together for a meal can create a sense of unity. Most people enjoy sitting at table in good company. These are occasions of celebration and laughter, of friendly companionship shared. Other mealtime memories may be sad, due to sharp awareness of an absentee who was sorely missed. Jesus sat at table many times with his disciples. Often, while eating with them, he also shared his vision of God's kingdom. The Gospels suggest that it was at the table that they took in many of his key ideas. Of all the meals he shared with them, the one that stayed most alive in their memory was on the evening before he died, what we call the Last Supper.

This particular meal stood out in their memory, capturing the imagination of generations of disciples right up to ourselves. He did more than share his vision with them on that occasion, he gave them himself in a way he had never done before, anticipating the death he would die the following day. In using the bread and wine as symbols of himself, he declared himself to be their food and drink. By inviting them to eat and drink "in memory of me" he asked them to take their stand with him, to give themselves to him as he was giving himself to them.

It was because of what Jesus said during that supper that we are here in this church today. He intended that meal to be a beginning rather than an end... the first Christian Eucharist. Ever since, the church gathers regularly in his name, to do and say what he did and said at that last supper, taking bread and wine, blessing both, breaking the bread and giving both for disciples to eat and drink. Jesus continues to give himself as food and drink to us.

**In Loving Memory: Fr Petero Tagidrau SM:** Ex Parish Priest, Levuka and current Parish Priest of Mount St Mary's Nadi (44) died on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May and was buried on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May after Requiem Mass in Nadi. Rafaela Aditamana, who was secretary in PRS for years and leader of World Apostle of Fatima, Fiji for years too. She and a group of WAF travelled to Fatima in November 2017 to celebrate the Centenary of Our Lady's apparition to 3 shepherd children. She was buried on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in her native village of Navuisole, Tailevu. Sympathy to Fr Petero's family and the Marist Fathers and to Rafa's family and members of the World Apostle of Fatima. May they rest in Peace.

#### Month of May & Parish Renewal concluded with Community processions of Our Lady to Church on 31/05:

All 11 communities converged on the Parish church on the evening of Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May for the final Mass at 7.00pm. What a spectacle to see people from the entire parish gather at the Church gates around 6.30pm – From Vatuwaqa 5a & 5b and Lagilagi 4c coming up Grantham Road and 1b coming down Grantham Rd. while at the same time the Howell Road and Rewa St. Community (6) processed down Milverton Road to be joined by the Raiwai Communities of 7a & 7b who in turn were joined by Communities 2, 3, 4a and 4b. A fitting ending with the Mass of the Visitation to conclude our Parish Month of Renewal. We can truly say that the month of May was a success. Families prayed together in their communities & homes. Community Masses were appreciated and well attended. The Open Forms were life giving. Talks by Fr Donal and Jonathan were refreshing. Care for the environment was not neglected – with a community wide rubbish clean up. Special thanks to Fr Carlo who spearheaded this renewal with

the Heads of the Commissions. Thanks a million to all who cooperated and participated in our Parish Renewal. May Our Lady Bless us all.

**Synod Seminar for Clergy, Religious and Lay Leaders:** For the **Clergy and Religious** on the 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June, and for **Lay Leaders on the 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> June in St Joseph's Secondary School Hall.** The Archbishop writes: "I request that you send three to five lay leaders to the Lay-Leaders' Synod Seminar. Your team may include the Pastoral and Finance Council chairpersons and other leaders. Ensure that there is gender and ethnic balance in your selection. Select people who will help you conduct the synod seminar in your parish. Meals will be provided by the Archdiocese. The seminar is part of the catechetical phase of our Synodal Year.

**About Adoration: Question:** We are often asked by non-Catholics why do Catholics adore Mary and the Saints (Statues) **The Answer:** We use the words *adoration* (*adore*) and *worship* only when speaking of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. We do not use these words in reference to Mary, or the other saints, or any blessed image or object. As Catholics we honour the saints: we venerate them; we recall their memory and express our devotion to them. But we do not worship statues or adore the saints. Adoration is for God alone.

**Readings for Ordinary Time of Year:** Ordinary Time in the Church's year occurs between the Christmas and Lenten seasons, and after the Easter season until the beginning of Advent. Ordinary Time is devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspect. In the yearly cycle, we also venerate with special love Mary, the Mother of God. We celebrate the memory of the martyrs and other saints. On Saturdays in Ordinary Time, if there is no obligatory memorial to a saint, a memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be celebrated. The liturgical year ends with the solemnity of Christ the King.

**Parish signed up to GCCM: (Global Catholic Climate Movement):** Before the Month of our Parish Renewal ended we signed up the Parish to GCCM and made the Laudato Si Pledge. This was prompted by the Parish & Community Clean up last week (Indeed thanks to all who participated). For this we received the following email:

*"Today, your parish signed the Laudato Si' Pledge. Thank you!*

*Your commitment to caring for our common home has never been more important. St Pius X Parish, Raiwaqa is deeply appreciated, by all of us. We'll also keep you in the loop about Church updates and give you access to all of our great materials. We hope you'll take Catholic teaching to heart and live out our call to protect creation. Thanks again, in gratitude, Tomás Insua Executive Director, GCCM.*

**Columban Parish's Choir Competition for Centenary Year:** The Columban Centenary Committee are organising this for our 3 Parishes, Raiwaqa, Ba and Labasa - to be performed on the afternoon 30<sup>th</sup> June. Each parish is invited to compose a melody for the hymn. Each parish - only one (1) choir. Each choir to have only 15 members including instrumentalists and conductor. Each choir entry is allowed 8 minutes of stage time including entrance and exit. A substantial cash Prize for winning Parish. **Our choir has already started with practice and composing – Thank You.**

**Keyboard for the Choir:** Due to the generosity of Joe and Maria Mow the Parish now has a very good Keyboard for use in the church and for the choir into the future. We express thanks to Joe and Maria for this gift. Bless U always.

**Altar Servers Meting:** Today after 9.00am Mass and Corpus Christi Procession.

**Evangelization:** Cenacle, Divine Mercy, Charismatic prayers continues today from 2pm till 5pm. All Welcome.

**Evangelisation & Liturgy Commissions** meet next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> June at 10am in the parish. Members please note.

**Golden Jubilee Meeting:** This Sunday after Corpus Christi Celebrations. All sub Committees be present to report.

**Small Christian Community** - Please bring your "COMMUNITY 7 Steps Bible Sharing Report" back to the parish office and replace it with "SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY 7 Steps Bible Sharing Report" this week.

**Community Small Grouping for Seven Steps on Tuesdays:** Most of the Communities have only one group but Community 4a have 5 groups; Community 4b have 2 groups and Community 5b have 3 groups. The 1<sup>st</sup> week in every month all groups in Communities meet together while on the other 3 weeks each SCC meets on their own.

**Catholic Women's League:** Preparation Meeting for Taveuni – Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> June in Fr Hurley Hall at 10.00am.

**Parish Youth Social Night** - Every Friday before Youth Mass (Next: Friday, June 29)

**Annual Parish Bazaar:** this year is on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> July. The target per community is \$4,500.00

**Painting of Church & Premises:** Work is progressing well – but some inconvenience caused - Sorry folks.

**Parish Photo Contest:** Has it happened – We have got in some (not great quality) photos. Will they be good enough??

**Thanks:** To St Peter Chanel Community 4A for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church yesterday. We invite 4B, St Patrick's Community to take over responsibilities tomorrow.

**Thanks for your Collections Last Week: Wet Sunday Morning:** 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: **\$324.00** 2nd Collection: **\$46.95**, Total Collection: **\$370.95**. Small collection due to heavy rain: **St Vincent de Paul Gate Coll. for May: \$136.90**.

**Reading coming week:** *Corpus Christi Sunday* [3/6/18]: Ex 24: 3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26; Mon [4/6/18] St Charles Lwanga & Companions: 2 Pt 1: 2-7; Mk 12: 1-12; Tue [5/6/18] St Boniface: 2 Pt 3: 12-15, 17-18; Mk 12: 13-17; Wed [6/6/18] 2 Tim 1: 1-3, 6-12; Mk 12: 18-27; Thurs [7/6/18] 2 Tim 2: 8-15; Mk 12: 28-34; Fri [8/6/18] Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: Hosea 11: 1-4, 8-9; Eph 3: 8-12, 14-19; Jn 19: 31-37; Sat [9/6/18] Rom 12: 1-2; 9-13; Matt 8: 18-27; *Tenth Sunday Ordinary Time* [10/6/18] Gen 3: 9-15, 20; 2 Cor 4: 13-5:1; Mk 3: 20-25.