

# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### THE FEAST OF ST PETER & ST PAUL - CYCLE A: - 02/07/17

#### 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.

#### Bazaar Time Just 6 Weeks Away

All communities should be working hard towards this special annual fundraising event. We need a good bazaar this year to continue maintenance work in the parish.

Pope Francis prayer intention for July: "That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect".

**Reflection for the Feast of St Peter & St Paul: Singled out for service:** What singled Peter out from the other disciples was his God-given insight into the identity of Jesus. It was because of his unique insight that Jesus gives Peter a unique role among his followers. He is to be the rock, the firm foundation, on which Jesus will build his church. It is an extraordinarily significant role for Jesus to give to any of his disciples. Peter's role is further spelt out by Jesus giving him the keys of the kingdom of heaven. The image of the keys suggests authority. The nature of that authority is expressed in terms of binding and loosing. This is probably a reference to a teaching authority. Peter is being entrusted with the task of authoritatively interpreting the teaching of Jesus for other members of the church. Yet, this same Peter would try to deflect Jesus from taking the way of the cross, and when Jesus did take that way, Peter would deny any association with him. Jesus is portrayed by Matthew's gospel as giving a significant role to someone who remains very flawed.

**If the gospel associates teaching with Peter, the second reading associates preaching with Paul.** In that reading Paul refers to the Lord who "gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be preached for all the pagans to hear." Paul was the great preacher of the gospel to the pagans throughout the Roman Empire. He preached it for the last time further west, in the city of Rome, where, like Peter, he was martyred for his faith in Christ. The extract from his second letter to Timothy that is our second reading today may well have been written from his Roman imprisonment. It is a very stirring text, "I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith." The image of the fight and the race suggest that "keeping the faith" was a struggle for Paul; it did not come easy to him, just as keeping the faith did not come easy to Peter either.

**Keeping the faith does not always come easy to any of us.** Paul's letters show that he was very aware that keeping the faith was not due primarily to his own efforts; it was the Lord who enabled him to keep the faith. As he says in today's second reading, "the Lord stood by me and gave me power." It is the Lord who empowers all of us to keep the faith; his faithfulness to us enables us to be faithful to him; his faithful love encourages us to keep returning to him even after failure. The faithful witness of Peter and Paul speak to us ultimately of the Lord's faithfulness to us all.

**In Loving Memory: Mervin Maharaj:** Derrick St - Community 3 St Joan of Arc, who died on Friday afternoon 23<sup>rd</sup> June. His Requiem Mass was offered yesterday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 10.00am, celebrated by Frs John McEvoy, Iowane Gukibau and Leronio Vodivodi sm. The Fiji Military Forces afforded military honours. Burial followed to the Old Suva Cemetery. May he rest in Peace.

**CCD Classes:** Are in progress every Sunday now. Classes take place after the 7.00am Mass. There are about 45 candidates in Confirmation Class, 20 in 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Class while some 9 candidates have registered for the RCIA programme this year. It is of the **utmost importance that all attending CCD classes attend the 7.00am Mass.** Thanks to you, parents for sending your children to these classes and to our Catholic Teachers who sacrifice their time to prepare our children for the Sacraments. Vinaka.

**RCIA Courses have Started:** The following have enrolled for RCIA classes this coming year: 1. James Danford, 4b (Holy Communion, Confirmation) 2. Diana Daurewa, (Holy Communion & Confirmation - Nadera Parish); 3. Alice Croker, 4c (Baptism, Holy Communion & Confirmation); 4 & 5. Elisha and Martha Temo – 4b sisters - students, (Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation); 6. Setaita 5b (Confirmation); 7. Maria 4c (Confirmation) 8. Patrick - USP Student, St Agnes Parish (Confirmation); 9. Sireli Rokotuibau, 5a (Holy Communion and Confirmation). All the above have expressed interest in joining the RCIA journey. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will lead them to complete the course that will lead them further along the journey of their spiritual lives. It is important that they turn up every Sunday Morning for Classes. Thanks, is expressed to Faith Formation Commission and especially to Mr & Mrs Eroni and Sala Navuku who conduct most of these classes connected to the RCIA Programme.

### **Continuation with Bazaar Preparations and Parish Renovation for the Golden Jubilee of the Parish Aug in 2018.**

On Wednesday night 28<sup>th</sup> June members of the Financial Council and a number of Financial Community Reps looked at the preparations for our forthcoming Bazaar. Preparations for the 29<sup>th</sup> July are well on the way. The three Bazaar Committees (pre-bazaar committee, on-the-day committee and post-bazaar committee) all gave their reports of their progress. Suggestions re the outlay of the stalls were discussed and decided on. A follow up meeting will take place next Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

**Parish Sewage Line:** which became completely blocked again recently, had to be cleared at a considerable cost. This has been an ongoing problem for years, even back to the time of Fr Rathbun in the early 90s. And it has been blocked at least 4/5 times since in the past year. The meeting on the Wednesday night decided that it was time for the entire line to be replaced with new chambers and much larger PVC piping. Work commenced on the digging of the new sewage line on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. The same company 'Classic Works' have been contracted to do this work – same company that has done the Church Windows. They have promised that the work will be completed before the Parish Bazaar.

**Building Site:** Thus, that entire side of the church can now be regarded as a building site as well as the car parking area in front of the Church. So, this is a humble request that all cars parked be removed by Monday morning – as a digger will be moving in on site on Monday morning. There will be a lot of inconvenience around the Church Compound for the next month or so.

**The welding of the mesh** to the boundary fence is still in progress. This got a good boost on Friday the National Sports Day, when Visoni was joined by Peniasi, Martin and Alan Smith. We extend thanks to all involved in this voluntary work.

**Choir Practice and Cleaning of the Church:** Thanks, is also extended to Community 7b St Teresa of the Child Jesus, who spent most of Friday – the Public Holiday around the Church, where Seru and Maria trained members of 7b and others with the new parts of the Mass, which they had learned in Holy Eucharist, Laucala Bay Parish. Vinaka, Seru and Maria for your time and commitment.

**Workshops re Safeguarding Children & Sexual Abuse:** Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the coming week, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of July these workshops will be conducted at St Joseph's Hall. On Monday, the heads of parishes - PPC Chairpersons will have their workshop to look at Guidelines dealing with Sexual Abuse. Master Dan will represent the Parish here. On Tuesday 4 it will be the turn of the clergy and religious. While on the Wednesday there will be a day for Principals of Schools etc.

**Invitation to meet Mariana Waqa:** Mariana is a Fijian Catholic lady who has lived in Australia most of her life. She has a degree in Theology. She has come to Fiji to do some research work for the Uniting Church – she has worked on a report for them with the 'Women in Nanuku' (our parish). At present is with the Communications Office of the Methodist Church. She is employed for one day a week by the Columbans. She was with us in Raiwaqa last Wednesday and did some analysis of the Parish for us. She will be with us again on this coming Wednesday – Mere Naulu, President of the St Vincent de Paul is arranging for her to meet some members of the Society as well as members of the CWL and perhaps some Solo Parents for 2 hours from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. So, we request the above to come along and meet with and chat with Mariana Waqa about Women's Issues on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

**Animators Visitation Continues.** Request community leaders to advise Parish Coordinator of meeting venues/time latest on the morning Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July. **Team One (Tifanue and Karalo)** due to Visit 4c This Tuesday evening 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 and 4b on the 7<sup>th</sup> July. **Team 3 (Visoni, Vero and Joana)** will visit Community 3 on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July. While **Team 3 (Vama and Maria Qaranivalu)** will visit 4a on the 4<sup>th</sup> July and the Youth on the 7<sup>th</sup> July. Thanks all.

**Congratulations:** to members of the **Parish Youth** who did a hike to Mt Korobaba on Friday the Public Holiday – National Sports Day. **Congratulations also to Members of Community 4a St Peter Chanel** for organising with the **Insyd Out Club** a sports day for all the children of the area. There was certainly a great buzz around the place and everyone seem to enjoy the event.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo Chosen:** "A New Chapter, A New Beginning". The New Logo can be seen on the Parish website [www.stpiusxfj.com](http://www.stpiusxfj.com) Brendan Gibbons 4b who designed the Logo has also made the Jubilee Year banner for the launching. **Parish Facebook page** is still under review. A plaque dedicating our upper Parish Hall to the memory of Archbishop Petero Mataca and the unveiling of the Jubilee Banner will take place after Communion on 21<sup>st</sup> Aug. After Mass, there will be refreshments provided by each community. A special Prayer will be composed and printed for the Jubilee Year.

### **Meetings Today Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:**

**Liturgy Commission Meeting** – today after 8.30am Mass at 10.00. All Reps please make every effort to attend.

**The Cenacle @ 2.00pm; Divine Mercy @ 3.00pm; Charismatics @ 3.30pm; World Apostolate of Fatima @ 4.30pm.**

**Choir Practice:** 1b at Visoni's and Seline House at 5.00pm.

### **Meetings during the Week:**

1. **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July:** – Seven Steps Prayer in most Communities
2. **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Praying the Seven Steps in 4a Community. Children at Master Dan's and adults in Perao's Residence.
3. **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July: SCC Animators Visitation: Team 1** to Community 4c; **Team 2** to 3; **Team 3** to Community 4a.
4. **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July: SSC Animators Visitation** by **Team 1** to Community 4b and **Team 3** to the Youth.
5. **Evangelisation Commission** meets on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July. Members please take note.
6. **Thanks:** To Community (7b) St Teresa of the Child Jesus for animating the Liturgy during the week (beautiful singing all week) and for cleaning of the Church & compound Friday. We invite Community 1b St Cecilia's to start Mon 2<sup>th</sup> June

**Thanks too for your generous Collection for last week. The following is a summary:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$593.05; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$179.95 and Envelope Pledge: \$65.00 = \$838.00**

**Reading coming week: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July Sts Peter and Paul:** 1st Reading: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tim 4: 6-8, 17-18; Matt 16: 13-19. Mon [3/7/17] St Thomas, Apostle: Eph 2: 19-21; John 20: 24-29; Tue [4/7/17] Gen 19: 15-29; Matt 8: 23-27; Wed [5/7/17] Gen 21: 5, 8-20; Matt 8: 28-34; Thurs [6/7/17] Gen 22: 1-19; Matt 9: 1-8; Fri [7/7/17] Gen 23: 1-4, 19; 24: 1-8, 62-67; Matt 9: 9-13; Sat [8/7/17] Gen 27: 1-5, 15-29; Matt 9: 14-17; **14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** [9/7/17] Zech 9: 9-10; Rom 8: 9-13; Matt 11: 25-30.