

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THE MOST HOLY SACRED HEART OF JESUS-: YEAR C 30/06/19

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.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: (Can we recommend and enroll new members from the Communities for this year's RCIA Training)??

Month of Synod Update:

Today Sun. 30 June (4.00pm) *Synod Year Closing Mass* Sacred Heart College (*Presentation and signing of the Synod Documents by His Grace Archbishop Peter Loy Chong*) preceded by procession from My Suva Park at 3.00pm. (*Two (2) Buses will leave the parish*). \$2.00 per head
Buses leave Sacred Heart College at 6.00pm.

Reflection for Feast of the Sacred Heart - Life-giving love.

For many generations a picture of the Sacred Heart could be seen in the living-room of most Catholic homes. It was there to remind people of the self-giving love of Christ, an unlimited love totally shown upon the cross. The pierced heart of Christ proclaims that *greater love* predicted by Jesus when he said: “No one can have greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” The image of the Sacred Heart offered the message of love in a very personal way - St John gives us one of the shortest yet most profound statements about God in all of the Bible: “God is love.” He adds that “God’s love was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son.”

If all authentic love is life-giving, this is uniquely true of Jesus himself. He invites all who are burdened by life’s cares to come to him and to find rest, peace and hope. If we glimpse the tremendous love of God for us it can transform our hearts. It can empower us to love one another as God has loved us.

Using the “Heart of Jesus” as a symbol of love, the Church strongly promotes trust in Jesus as the incarnate love of God. A key text in St. Luke is about God the Shepherd who, on losing one stray sheep, leaves the other ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the lost one until he finds it. Later, in St. John’s Gospel, Jesus transfers this Shepherd imagery to his own life’s work. He himself became the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep. This developing awareness that Jesus is the visible manifestation of God’s love in our world gradually led to an explicit homage to the Heart of Jesus as the symbol of God’s love for us.

Columban News:

1. Columban Assembly 2 -3rd July. To look at their missionary priorities in today’s changing world.
2. Combined Columban Council Meeting of the Australia/New Zealand and Fiji Regions on 4th July, getting ready for amalgamation of the two Regions – to become the Region of Oceania on 23rd November 2019.
3. Workshop and Training on the Columban ‘Child Protection Policy of the Fiji Region’ will be held at the Central House on Friday 5th July. A number from the Parish has been invited to attend.
4. CCIM Celebration of their Silver Jubilee – on the 6th July at Sacred Heart College starting with Mass at 9.00am. The high light of the celebration will be the announcing of the winners of the Wellness Programme that 17 teams took part in. Congratulations to all members of CCIM on their Silver Jubilee.

Welcome to the Christian Community: Sokoveti Kulamailagi Cirikisuva daughter of Salote Cakausesse and Jese Cirikisuva of Community 5A, received the sacrament of baptism yesterday

In Loving Memory: Ratu Ilisoni Vonomaivatu (5b), who died suddenly on 24th June 2019. His funeral will be Monday 1st July in Levuka. He attended Mass on Sunday. He is Uncle of Mere Koroi, Maciu and Sitiveni Naulu. RIP.

Synod Celebrations: ‘‘If God is missionary then the Church must be missionary. God’s mission began to have a Church. It is for this reason, that the Vatican II’s document on the Mission Activity of the Church states: ‘‘The pilgrim Church is missionary by her very nature, since it is from the mission of the Holy Spirit that she draws her origin, in accordance with the decree of God the Father,’’ The Church has continued God’s mission for the last 2000 years. ‘*May the Synod make us fearless in the mission of Jesus.*’’

Parish Bazaar 2019: We have 27 days to our Parish Annual Fundraising event which will be held at Swann Park. Thanks to all Communities who have been depositing monies in the parish and congratulations to all Communities who are full steam ahead now with fundraisings. Keeps the momentum going. Vinaka vakalevu.

St Vincent de Paul Central Eastern Street Appeal (6 July – 14 September) is a 3-month initiative that will be carried within the vicinity of Suva area. Proceeds from the Street Appeal will go towards the financial upkeep of Fr Law Home. Every donation is highly appreciated.

Women of the Parish: All members of the Catholic Womens League are reminded to update your levies before 12 July. The Annual General Meeting will be held in Natovi on the month of August.

Parish Website: This has been updated just a reminder that Newsletter could be sighted or downloaded from the site. **Columban Kaulotu** magazine will be on sale for \$1 only, after the Masses this morning.

Grid Security recruitment drive All unemployed in search of work at the range of age of 25yrs to 35yrs of age, vacancies are available. Call Harold Swann on 775 0111 for further details.

Evangelization News:

1. There will be no prayer meeting this afternoon due to the Synod Mass at the Sacred Heart College.

2. Feast of Corpus Christi Procession – a big vinaka vakalevu to all who joined the procession last Sunday. To the altar servers, the flower girls, ushers, youths and their Head of Commissions, Evangelisation members and individuals who prepared and organised the procession, making it a success – thank you for your time and support. May God’s blessing be upon us all. Thank you.

Liturgy: Liturgy Commission Meeting next Sunday 7th July 2019

All Liturgy commission members Mass tomorrow Monday 1st July 2019

Choir Practice for our Saturday mass on Thursday evening (4th July) after Mass

CCIM Visitation to the Columban Fathers Assembly on Wednesday evening with a Mass at 5:00 pm at the Central House. Please see Joana Qalo for details.

Meetings Today and During the Week

1. **St Patrick Community** -Family Catechism facilitated by Fr.Tino continues this evening at 7pm.
2. **Our Lady of Hope (4A)** : 7 steps will be held at Opeti & Kapilela Katoni’s residence.
3. **St Gabriel (4A)** 7 Steps this Tuesday will be hosted by Pat and Dan at 8 Vuiyasawa Lane.
4. **Community Treasurers** meet in the Finance Council meeting on Thursday, 4 July after the evening Mass
5. **Evangelisation Commission** meets on July 14th after 8.30am Mass.

Parish Youth: First Friday Mass, Adoration & Social (July 5): Youth Mass (6:30pm), Adoration (after Mass until 8pm), Social & Thanksgiving (until 9:30pm). Thank you very much to the parish youth for attending Synod Youth Festival. Come & Enjoy with us this Friday. **Youth Hymn Practice:** Saturday, July 6 at 6pm, AB Hall.

Fiji Roads Authority Public Advisory: Road pavement testing will be done throughout Milverton Road on the 5th of July from 9pm to 6am. Please maintain a clearway on the streets with no parking.

Thanks and Appreciation:

- To St Patrick Community for animating the Liturgy during the week and the church cleaning yesterday. We invite St John the Baptist Community to take on this important responsibility from tomorrow evening
- **All for your generous Collections Last Week:** The following is a summary of the collections: 1st Collection: \$707.25; 2nd Collection: \$66.85; Envelopes pledges: \$21.00; Envelope Pledge: \$230.00
- **Total Collection: \$1,025.10**

Reading coming week: Today Sun 30/6- **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:** Ez 34:11-16/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7; **Mon 1/7:** Gn 18:16-33/Mt 8:18-22; **Tue 2/7:** Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27; **Wed 3/7 St Thomas Apostle:** Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29; **Thurs 4/7:** Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8; **Fri 5/7:** Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Mt 9:9-13; **Sat 6/7:** Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17; **Sun 7/7** Fourteen Sunday in Ordinary Time: Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20