

ST. PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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PALM SUNDAY PASSION OF THE LORD

07/04/2019 (YEAR C)

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: 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Friday Holy Hour: Friday before the First Sunday (Youth Sunday) - 6:30pm (Mass) adoration until 8:30pm. World Apostolate of Fatima continues the Adoration until 10pm.

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 wishing for baptism of their child make arrangements with the assistance of Community Leaders in seeking Sacrament Priests before commencing preparation Baptismal Helpers.

Matrimony: Those preparing for marriage must contact a priest to seek for the Sacrament and are required to undertake preparation sessions earnestly. Guidelines are available at the Parish Office.

RCIA: Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass, as for now programs are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5pm and Saturdays at 3pm to 5pm.

Reflection for Palm Sunday and Holy Week: Our Greatest Week

We begin the most solemn week of the liturgical year. Once called the 'Great Week', nowadays we know it as 'Holy Week'. In it we witness the total self-giving of Jesus. St Paul describes it as his "kenosis" (In Greek emptying or 'self-emptying'). He emptied himself becoming a slave.

Our liturgy this week invites us to follow Jesus every step of the way, **beginning with his triumphant entry into Jerusalem today Palm Sunday.** There he was welcomed, applauded and acclaimed by a crowd of well-wishers. **On Thursday we will join him at table**, to receive his gift of himself in the Eucharistic bread and wine. After dining we will go with him along the trail from the Upper Room to the Garden of Olives. There we will see him struggling with fear and anxiety about the cruel death that awaits him. **On Good Friday we will stand in spirit beside his mother** at the foot of the cross, while he hands his spirit back to the Father who sent him.

On Saturday we will be quiet and silent around his tomb, as we remember the injustice and cruelty of humanity, for which he died. Then, late on Saturday, **we will move from the darkness of our Passion journey to the place of the bright Easter fire.** There we will join the procession of the great **Paschal Candle**, representing the risen Christ, as he lights up the darkness of our church and lives. The pain of Calvary will **give way to the hope and joy of Easter.** Jesus Christ is not dead and gone. No, he is risen, strong and powerful, alive in himself, and alive in us. 'All will be well, all will be well, all manner of things will be well.' Juliana of Norwich.

Chrism Mass in Cathedral at 5pm on Tuesday, 16th April - Mass at 7:00am in Raiwaqa Parish.

Men and Women of the Parish Choir for Easter - choir practice this afternoon at 5pm in the Mataca hall.

Lay Missionaries: Heiti and Liliane wise to thank the parishioners of St Pius X for attending their re-sending and re-missioning Mass on Thursday evening last. The Parish also thank Naanise and all from the Lay Missionary House for supplying refreshments and grog after the Mass to all in the Parish Hall. It was simple and impressive ceremony. Our prayers go with them as they return to Mission in the Philippines for another term of 3 years.

In Loving Memory: Fr. Patrick (53) MSC who died suddenly on Thursday at Chevalier Training Centre Wainadoi. He has been a religious for at least 28 years. Vigil Mass in St Agnes Mon 15th April; Funeral Mass at 10 on Wednesday. RIP.

Family Life Commission; PRS Pastoral Training Program will finish this Sunday evening at St Cecelia's 1B. We thank parishioners of 1B, the students of PRS and Fr Tino for this great opportunity of learning. A win-win situation says Fr Tino.

Easter Triduum Program

The Last Supper:18/04 (Holy Thursday) -7pm followed by Adoration

Good Friday: 19/04 Station of the Cross 10am and Veneration of the Cross 3pm.

Easter Vigil:20/04 Mass time 9pm

Easter Sunday:21/04 Mass time at 9am

Easter Monday:22/04 Mass time 8.30am

Parish Ministers of the Word Roster

Holy Thursday: Vasiti Kaivei, Margaret Qalo (psalms) Sera Vira; **Good Friday:** Regina Bogi Tina (psalms) Margaret Steiner; **Passion Readers:** Narrator: Barbara Edwards Crowd: Regina/ Margaret Steiner Jesus: Fr. Martin;

Easter Vigil (Saturday) Reader: Samantha Clarke Cantor: Miriama Sarai ; Reader: Clara Joan Cantor: Salome Levula Reader: Catherine Buresse Cantor: Eta Roseru Reader: Maria Vira Cantor: Hanisi Mausio;

Easter Sunday: Patricia Buresse, Miliakere (psalms), Barbara Edwards. That practice for all readers and cantors will be at 3pm on today inside church

Lenten Appeal Drop-In Box: Have been placed inside Church for those who would like to lend a hand in kind or cash to the unfortunate in our communities

Archbishop Lenten Appeal Envelopes - These will be taken up for collection at Mass on Holy Thursday evening. The proceeds go towards the Archbishop's Appeal to provide a few homes for poor families.

Collection for Holy Places: After the kissing of the Cross on Good Friday.

Easter Offering Envelopes for the Parish already given out. If a community have not got theirs - they can be had from the office by Community Leaders or Financial reps. Easter Offerings taken up on Easter Saturday Night and Sunday morning.

Closing of Synod Preparation – The Archdiocesan Cathedral Choir is urgently requesting parishioners to join them. St Pius X has 14 members and still seeks another 26 to make the number per parish. It is in preparation for the closing of the Synod celebrations, a once in a life time opportunity to be a part of a very large choir with members from the parishes of the Archdiocese of Suva.

7 Steps Workshop will be conducted in communities in April. Please look out for dates of workshop in your community.

14/04 – St. Joseph the Worker at 3.00pm and St. Paul at 5.00pm; **16/04** - St. John the Baptist at 7.30pm; **23/04** – St. Michael at 7.00pm; **27/04** – St. Jacob and St. Theresa @ 5.00pm; **28/04** – St. Peter Chanel at 5.00pm; **30/04** – St. Columban at 7.30pm
All families in the communities are urged to attend this important workshop please.

Parish Financial Council Meeting will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month after 8.30 Mass, except on Easter Sunday.

Finance pledge forms and envelopes are ready for collection in the parish office by Community leaders for those that haven't taken theirs

Women of the parish meeting, today 14.4.19 @4pm - 5pm, Nanuku, Vatuwaqa. (Meeting with a difference - deliberation on gospel of the day by Sr Kalala & discussion on development & shared refreshments thereafter.)

CCD classes continue this morning after both Masses. St Theresa Community 7B is requested to provide refreshments.

Confirmation registration deadline Sunday May 5th - last day for registration for Confirmation. *We start with the two-year program on Sunday 12th May.*

St Jacob Community 7A: Please be advised that you are to pick up your Barrel tickets from Madam Community Treasurer Mere Bukasoqo

Parish Meetings and Prayers Today and during the week:

1. **Charismatic Prayer** meeting at 3.00pm. Followed by Divine Mercy and World Apostolate of Fatima.
2. **Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion:** Please be reminded of your **meeting** on today at 10.15am -10.45am
3. **Evangelisation Commission** meets today 14th April after 8.30am Mass. Members please take note.

Thanks: to St Patrick Community 4B, for animating the Liturgies during the week and the Church cleaning yesterday. We now invite St John the Baptist, to take on these important responsibilities from tomorrow (**including Thursday Adoration**).

Thanks for last Sunday's Collection: 1st Collection: **\$1049.85** 2nd Collection: **\$166.30** Total: **\$1216.15**

Readings : Palm Sunday: red Lk 19:28-40 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49 (38);(**Holy Week**
Mon 15/04: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11;**Tue 16/04:** Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38;**Wed 17/04:**Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25;**Thur 18/04:** Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15;**Fri 19/04:** Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42;**Sat 20/04:Easter Vigil** Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12; **Easter Sunday:** *Solemnity* Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 (42) or Lk 24:1-12