

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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PALM SUNDAY IN CYCLE C: – 20/03/16

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.

Today is Palm Sunday: PPC Meeting

There will be a meeting of the PPC after Mass today due to the fact that Next Sunday will be Easter Sunday. It is likely that most of the discussion will centre on the Parish Preparations for Holy Week.

Reflection for the Coming Holy Week: The Greatest Week.

Today we are beginning the best week in the whole liturgical year. Centuries ago it was called the 'Great Week'. Nowadays we Catholics call it 'Holy Week'. We follow Jesus every step of the way. We start with his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where he is welcomed, applauded and acclaimed, by a big crowd of followers. **On Thursday** we will join him at table and receive the gift of himself in bread and wine. After dining with him we will walk with him along the path that leads to the Garden of Olives. There we will see him falling to the ground in fear and anxiety about the cruel death that awaits him. **Friday** will find us standing beside his mother at the foot of the cross, and feeling compassion for him in both his physical agony and his mental torment. Let us be one with him feeling abandoned, betrayed and deserted, not only by friends and followers, but even by God. **On Saturday** we will be quiet and silent around his tomb, as we remember the injustice, hostility and cruelty, of all those evil men who murdered him. **Then, late on Saturday**, we will move from the darkness of our journey to the place of the brightly burning fire. There we will join the procession of the **great Easter Candle**, representing the risen Christ, as he lights up the darkness of our church and lives. Then the pain and sadness of our journey with Jesus to Calvary, will give way to the hope and joy that comes with our awareness. Jesus Christ is not dead and gone. No, he is alive.

In Loving Memory: Epineri Kuruvakarua; Narikoso, Kadavu and recently St Michael's Vatuwaqa, who died on Monday 14th March and was buried in Nasinu after Requiem Mass here yesterday – 19th March 2016. Rest in Peace.

St. Pius X Raiwaqa Parish - Programme for Holy Week

1. **Palm Sunday:** Blessing of the Palms @ 7.00am in the Hall followed by Procession of Palms to the Church to commemorate Christ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. **Our Second Mass today will be at 9.00am.**
2. **Chrism Mass - Tuesday 22nd March:** Sacred Heart Cathedral @ 5.00pm. **No evening Mass in Raiwaqa.**
3. **Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm with the washing of feet and adoration until midnight.
4. **Good Friday:** Stations of the Cross led by the Youth at 10.00am. Passion of the Lord at 3.00pm.
5. **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil:** Starts at 9.00pm, Liturgy of Light, Word, Baptism and Eucharist.
6. **Easter Sunday Morning:** Mass of the Lord's Resurrection @ 9.00am
7. **Easter Sunday Morning:** Parish Mass on this day (as per bank holidays) @ 8.30am.

Roster for Adoration on Holy Thursday Evening:

From 8.30 – 9.00	Communities 5a & 5b	From 10.00 – 10.30	Communities 2 & 4c	From 11.30 – 12
From 9.00 – 9.30	Communities 6 & 7b	From 10.30 – 11.00	The Youth	Communities
From 9.30 – 10.00	Communities 7a & 3	From 11.00 – 11.30	Community 1b	4a & 4b

Other Important Notices for Holy Week Ceremonies

- People requested **not to take bottles of oil** to the Chrism Mass (Archbishop & Central Eastern Priest's Meeting).
- There will be **no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** from 5.00 – 6.00 on Holy Thursday.
- **Prayer for adoration** on Holy Thursday night will be provided by the Liturgical Commission, but Communities are also encouraged to use their own prayer format.
- **Altar Servers** for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil are requested to rehearse the evening before the actual celebrations.
- **Readers** (Appointed by the Liturgical Commission) for special Ceremonies, should also have a practice.
- **After Easter Ceremonies Holy Saturday Night Refreshments in Hall. Contribution from communities:** Sandwiches tuna (4b,2,3), Sandwiches egg(1b,4c,5a,7b), Pie (4a,5b,6,7a)
- **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: The house-bound and the sick will be visited during the coming week. Some on Tuesday morning around 11.00am onwards and the remainder on Wednesday morning. They will have an opportunity for Confessions, the Anointing of the Sick and to receive the Eucharist.

St Columban's Community AGM (5b): was held last Sunday evening 13th March. There was a good turnout. Fr McEvoy Thomas Tavutonivalu and Ben Lee represented the parish executives who conducted the elections for office bearers for the coming year. The following were elected. **Leader of the community:** Manasa Qaranivalu; **his assistant** Koroi Tuiloma; **Treasurer:** Bruce Vute, and his assistant – Torika Clarke; Secretary – Emmaline Qaranivalu.

Commissions: Liturgy: Miliakere Rainbogi; Evangelization: Sofia Waqanidrola; Assistant Evangelisation – Fereti Qereqeretabua; Social Justice: Saverio Apao; **Youth** Vuki Apao; **Family** Life – Ana & Iosefo Baleinatuvu.

St Patrick's Community AGM (4b): was finally held on Wednesday night after Mass (all be it an hour and half late). When the meeting eventually got underway, there was a good turnout and a very successful AGM eventuated. The following were elected: **Community leader** - Mrs Sala Navuku; **Assistant** - Maciu Vakaloka; **Treasurer** – Ratu Joe Niumatawalu; **Liturgy Rep** – Filo Ruru; **Evangelisation** – Cecilia Vakaloka; **Social Justice** – Andrew Grey; **Family** – Elizabeth and Tony Vusonilawa; **Youth** has yet to be filled. The Elections were followed by a form of Reconciliation among the members. Thanks & Congratulations to the leadership teams and Reps elected from the 2 above Communities.

Correction to 4a AGM: Read Community Liturgy Rep - Patricia Burese and her Assistant - Filo B.

AGM for Community St Jacob's (7a) this Sunday at their community lunch. **Three Communities** are still to have their AGM; they are Community 6, Community 4c and Community 7b.

Welcome to Good Lane and to 4b: Our Lay Missionary, **Marjorie Engcoy** has moved into Good Lane. Thanks to members of the Parish who helped her in this move and to Maria Qaranivalu and family for having Marjorie for the past month or so. We look forward to be enriched by her many talents in the area of liturgy, evangelization & communications

After Easter she will initiate the **Training of Lectors & Eucharist Ministers** with the Liturgical Commission.

Choice Weekend: held last weekend 11th – 13th March at Cathedral Secondary School was a great Success. About 75 young adults attended – some came from the West. Our parish was represented by 4 young ladies. We thank the 4 for making the Choice to attend and look forward to great things in the future. Thanks also to the Parents of the participants who turned up for a special secession with their daughters. It was a very emotional experience for all involved. These weekends are an effort by His Grace, the Archbishop to revitalise the youth of the Archdiocese.

C.W. L. Are having a Chicken Kati on Saturday 2nd April. All card holders and prize donors please take note.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting this evening as usual at 3.00pm in the Church.

A Huge Gap Discovered in our Baptismal Registers: There is a gaping gap in our Baptismal Registers. No Baptisms were written into the Register from the month of August 2008 to end of December 2008. And from the month of July 2009 to end of December 2009. So parents if you have had a child baptised in those months during those two years, please contact the office here with details; Date of Birth of child; parents' names; sponsors names and a possible date of Baptism. We will try and insert them on a separate sheet in our Baptismal Register. Your cooperation in the matter is vital for future sacramental events in your child's life.

For your Generous Contributions: Thanks to members of [7a] St Jacob's for animating the Liturgy during last week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of Community [7b] St Teresa of the Child Jesus to start from tomorrow 21st March. **Thanks too for your last week' Collection which amounted to \$677.25**

The second Collection for the Archdiocesan Cyclone Appeal Fund amounted to \$250.00. Thanks too for your generosity in this respect. That was the last Collection for the Victims of the Cyclone.

The 2nd Collection for the last three Sundays amounted to **\$986.00.** All has been paid into the RCA Office.