

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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PALM SUNDAY IN CYCLE A: – 09/04/17

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.

Popes Intention for of April

Young People: - *That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.*

Reflection for the Coming Holy Week: The Great 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: William Dunn, Bryce Street, Father of Helen Kamsoo & Tina Dunn. May he 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 11th April:** 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 dramatised 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 Monday 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

Morning Offering: God, our Father, I offer You my day. I offer You my prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings in union with Jesus, who continues to offer Himself in the Eucharist for the salvation of the world. May the Holy Spirit, who guided Jesus, be my guide and my strength today so that I may witness to your love., I pray for all Apostles of Prayer and for the prayer intentions proposed by the Holy Father this month. Amen.

Other Important Notices for Holy Week Ceremonies

- **People requested not to take bottles of oil** to the Chrism Mass (Archbishop & Clergy Eastern Priest 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)
- **Easter Monday** (17/04/2017) Mass @ 8.30am followed by clean up inside and around the church premises.

Lenten Appeal Envelopes: They are to be brought back and collected on Holy Thursday Night. They will be sent to the Archdiocese for its Lenten Projects – providing housing for a few families like last year.

The Good Friday Collection after kissing the Cross: This will also be sent to the Archbishop – this collection is meant for the upkeep of the Holy Places in Jerusalem.

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.

Urgent Appeal from Teachers of St Pius X Kindergarten: Our Kindy Teachers request soft toys and other children's toys together with Lego sets and children story books that you may have in your homes and not using any more. Vinaka.

The Ritual of Promise for Confirmation Candidates: What a lovely ceremony this was last Sunday when 46 young adults turned up with their parents and sponsors at the 08.30am Mass to take their first steps on their journey towards Confirmation next year – in the 'Ritual of Promise'. This is a part of the Archdiocesan 2-year Preparation Programme for young adults preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Candidates received a Cross and a white ribbon – which were blessed as a sign of the Candidates' commitment to continue their journey in Faith as followers of Jesus. Thanks, is expressed to all the Candidates, parents and sponsors and of course to members of the Faith Formation Commission and the dedicated teachers.

CCD classes will take place after the 07.00am Mass from now on after 7.00am Mass. (The reason for this is that they are not in the way of other parish meetings. CCD teachers are very often need to attend these meetings.)

Catholic Bibles on Sale for \$15.00 in Parish Office from Parish Coordinator or Evangelization Commission Head.

Meetings Today Sunday 9th April. 2017

1. **Evangelisation & Bible meets:** immediately after 8.30am Mass. Evangelisation reps please take note.
2. **St Vincent de Paul Meeting:** immediately after 8.30am Mass.
3. **Eucharistic Ministers Meeting:** Immediately after 8.30 Mass.
4. **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** at 3.00pm in the Church. **World Apostolate of Fatima Meeting** at 4.00pm.

Meetings during the Week:

- **Jubilee Communication Sub Committee Meeting:** Monday 10th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Prayer Meetings** in most Communities (7 Steps) on Tuesday Evening 11th April.
- **Chrism Mass in Cathedral:** At 5.00pm in Sacred Heart Cathedral. **No Evening Mass in the Parish.**
- **Prayer Meeting & Bible Sharing Community 2:** Mrs Helen Mow's Residence at 7.30 Tuesday 11th April.
- **Youth Prayer Meeting (7 Steps)** Friday straight after the 6:30 pm Mass

Retreat - Charismatic Prayer group: is having its annual retreat at Wailekutu Prayer Centre on 22/04/2017. Transport leaves church at 9am and return after 4.30pm. Invitation is extended to anyone wishing to join the group. Bring writing materials, bible and lunch/return fare (\$5).

JPHD: Justice & Peace and Human Development Parish Commission Justice and Peace Seminar will be held on Saturday April 8th and Sunday 9th April from 10.00 – 3.00pm in the Fr Hurley Hall - facilitated by Vosita and Visenia. All Communities were requested to send 3 Reps each, ie JPHD Commission Reps and Assistant JPHD and a member of the Youth from your respective Communities. Vinaka.

Very Important Notice: Application Forms for Free Medicine Programme – can be had in the Parish Office. The Free Medicine Programme is to assist individuals who earn less than \$20,000.00 per annum, including dependent children and other dependent persons to access selected medicines from the Government Hospitals/Dispensaries and selected private Pharmacies free of charge.

Thanks, and Appreciation: To Community 7a St Jacob's for animating the Liturgy during the week and for cleaning of the Church & compound. We invite Community 7b St Teresa of the Child Jesus to continue tomorrow 10th April.

Thanks too for your generous Mass Collections last weekend. **For your Generous Contributions: -**

1st Collection \$987.35; 2nd Collection \$81.00; Envelopes \$174.95 = \$1243.30.

Reading coming week: Palm Sunday [9/4/17] Isaiah 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Matt 26:14—27:66; Monday [10/4/17] Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11; Tues [11/4/17] Isaiah 49: 1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38; Wed [12/4/17] Isaiah 50:4-9; Matt 26: 14-25; **Holy Thursday** [13/4/17] Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11: 23-26; John 13: 1-15; **Good Friday** [14/4/17] Isaiah 52: 13—53:12; Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9; John 18: 1—19:42; **Easter Vigil** [15/4/17] Gen 1:1—2:2; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ezekiel 36: 16-28; Romans 6: 3-11; Matt 28: 1-10; **Easter Sunday** [16/4/17] Acts 10: 34, 37-43; Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9.