

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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PENTECOST SUNDAY - : YEAR C 09/06/19

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: Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

Reflection for Pentecost Sunday: The Spirit of Truth

In our churches there is no shortage of images, mostly statues, paintings or stained glass. They are mostly images of Jesus, Mary and the saints. There is a long tradition of images within the church. The Holy Spirit, whose feast we celebrate today on Pentecost, does not lend itself easily to imagery. The traditional image of the dove is drawn from the scene of the baptism of Jesus. But the language in that passage is rather vague; the Holy Spirit *descended like a dove*, or in the way that a dove might descend. There are two other images of the Holy Spirit in today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Luke says that all who gathered in one room heard *what sounded like a powerful wind* from heaven; he goes on to say that something appeared to them that *seemed like tongues of fire*. Just as the evangelists do not portray an actual dove at the baptism of Jesus, Luke does not say that the wind and fire at Pentecost were tangible phenomena. The Holy Spirit is impossible to visualise, because the Spirit cannot be seen as such. **Yet the Holy Spirit is profoundly real.**

Humanity is at its best in today's first reading. Pentecost brought about a wonderful bonding of people from all over the Roman Empire. They were united in admiring and praising the marvels of God. In spite of differences of language and culture there was a real communion among them. Wherever communion of heart and mind exist among people of different backgrounds, the Holy Spirit is at work. Unity in diversity is the mark of the Spirit. Jesus points out another manifestation of the Spirit: the pursuit of truth. Only the Spirit can lead us to the complete truth. If someone is genuinely seeking for truth, and willing to engage in good works with others, there the Spirit is at work. Fullness of truth and love is always beyond us; but the Spirit is given to lead us towards the complete truth and love, in all its height & depth.

Parish Website-This has been updated just a reminder that Newsletter could be sighted or downloaded from the site if you wish to.

The month of June we have two Community Patron Saints Solemnity celebrated and we would like to remind St John the Baptist (4C) that yours will be on the 24th and St Paul on the 29th June please be mindful to celebrate together.

Kaulotu magazine will be on sale after Mass this morning and at the parish Office during the week.

This is a special edition devoted to Columban Priestly Missionary Vocations. All the articles are written by our Columban Students and our Priests on Mission at the present time. \$1.00 per copy.

Archdiocese of Suva Synod Session: is happening this weekend at the Novotel in Lami- Let us be reminded that ‘the secret of the success of the Synod, as of every other ecclesial event and initiative, is in fact ‘PRAYER’. It is a spiritual journey guided by the Holy Spirit. The Synod assists the Archbishop in making important decisions for the future of the Church in Fiji. This is especially in the areas of pastoral planning, restructuring, and a common understanding of the Archdiocesan norms that govern the local church in Fiji.

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

Adult Catechism-this parish program organised by the Men of the parish continues on Thursday 13th June in the A B Petero Mataka hall from 7.30pm to 9pm .All interested parishoners please feel free to attend.

Children's Catechism continues after both 7.00am and 8.30am Masses will continue next Sunday 16th June due to animation of Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Meetings today and during the week:

1. **St Patrick Community** -Family Catechism facilitated by Fr.Tino and continues this evening at 7pm
2. **St Gabriel Small Christian Community**-this coming Tuesday 11/06 will be held at Barbara and Alex Edwards residence.
3. **Faith Formation**-meet next Sunday 16/06 at 10am all members be mindful.
4. **Family Life Commission** –please be reminded also that you meet next Sunday also at 10am, previous meetings was not well attended. All reps please take note

Evangelisation and Bible Commission News

1. Evangelization and Bible Commission –Please reps your meeting will be at 5pm today, the meeting schedule last Thursday did not happen due to poor attendance.
2. A kind reminder to all Small Christian Community please continues faithfully as this would enhance your life as agent’s evangelizers.
3. Feast of Corpus Christi procession –This will be held on Sunday 23rd of June,2019 commencing from the former Raiwaqa Market at 8.30am and then processing to Church .

Parish Youth Empowerment Session: Saturday, June 15 at 7pm (AB Hall). Columban seminarians will come to support our parish youth for the empowerment. All parish youth (14-35 y/o) are invited. Come & Enjoy the day with us!

The Marist Family of Priests, Brothers, Sisters and the Missionary Sisters are inviting young people in High School, Tertiary and those who left school for a Talanoa Session on issues and concerns regarding Priesthood and Religious Life on Friday 14th June from 6pm to 9pm at Lambert Hall. Refreshment will be provided at the end of the sessions.

Thanks to St Joseph the Worker (2) for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound. We now invite St Joan of Arc(3) to take on this important responsibility from tomorrow evening

Thanks for your generous Collections Last Week: The following is a summary of the collections: 1st Collection: **\$907.80**; 2nd Collection: **\$150.80**; Total Collection: **\$1058.60**

Reading coming week: Today Pentecost Sunday 9/6: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23; Mon 10/6: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34; Tues 11/6: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-Mt 5:13-16 3;Wed 12/6: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19;Thurs 13/6: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Mt 5:20-26;Fri 14/6: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 5:27-32;Sat 15/6: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Mt 5:33-37;The Most Holy Trinity Sun 16/6: Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15