

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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PENTECOST SUNDAY IN CYCLE C: -15/05/16

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 – 6.00pm

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 are available at the Parish Office.

RCIA: Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

Reflection for Pentecost Sunday: The Holy Spirit used to be *the forgotten person of the Trinity*. Perhaps he suffered from being a *spirit*, since for many of us, only concrete things are real. The Father and Son make an impact because one took flesh and the other was given a beard. Have you ever imagined the Holy Spirit with a beard? Whatever the reason, even among devout Christians the Holy Spirit had been overlooked. He had been cast in the role of a third candidate, valued for his transfers to the front-runners, but never earmarked for a seat in the House, much less a post in the Cabinet. It's only recently that he has been coming into his own. And about time too! There are several reasons why we should never forget the Spirit. The first is that he wasn't forgotten by Jesus. On the contrary. On the eve of the Passion, he promised to send the Spirit to the disciples. In fact, he took pains to emphasise the importance of the Spirit's role. Here was no poor substitute, a duckling doing "locum" for a swan. He would be helper, advocate, counsellor, teacher, a replacement for Christ himself. Indeed, Our Lord states this clearly: "Unless I go, the Paraclete will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you" (Jn 16:7).

Another reason for seeking the Spirit is the example of the early Christians. He made such a difference to their lives that they could never forget him. Before his coming they were timid and afraid, like children huddling together in a storm. When he descended upon them in a miraculous confusion of wind, fire and speech, they were utterly transformed. "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4), St Luke tells us, and we think of billowing sails or mothers filled with child. But some of the bystanders were less poetic in their reaction. "They're drunk"

Wedding Bells: Congratulations to Augustine Peni Robanakadavu and Nora Sara, Lot 28 Derrick St. Raiwaqa who were married here in St Pius X Church, yesterday 14th May 2016. They are wished every success in their married life.

New Fijian Missal Comes into force today Pentecost Sunday: Small pamphlets will be made available for some time with the new responses of (some parts of the Mass) until the people gets used to them. This is the Roman Approved Missal—in Fijian. So we don't have any choice in the matter. After a short time we will get used to it—just as we did with the new English Translation. Thomas has been requested to put the new translations on the overheads.

'Misericordiae Vultus' Pope Francis Encyclical on God's Mercy: For sale at \$2.00 per copy. Let us all make an attempt to read this great document on God Mercy for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. We hope to have this most wonderful letter by Pope Francis translated into Fijian and made available to the many Fijian Parishes. Suggestions as who might do this for us – would be appreciated. Contact Fr John or Donal re this request.

Archdiocesan Formation Team: Are leading a 2 day workshop at St Joseph's Hall on the 2nd and 22nd May for those who were trained in Small Christian Communities (SCC) in the Ashram a few years ago to attend the above and to bring 5 other parishioners who have shown competence and enthusiasm for SCC. The cost of the workshop is \$20.00 per person attending.

Pentecost Sunday. I have survived one year in the parish here with you and you have survived one year with me. We have achieved a lot together in that year. I am very happy in Raiwaqa. Thanks for your friendship and cooperation. Parishioners have been so good to me. Vinaka Vakalevu.

Faith Formation Commission News:

Raising children calls for an orderly process of handing on the faith. This is made difficult by current lifestyles, work schedules and the complexity of today's world, where many people keep up a frenetic pace just to survive. Our CCD program is designed to aid parents in the religious education of their children. It is *meant to supplement the faith, which the family already practices by word and example in their home*. Parents & Guardians the CCD teachers are volunteers who take their time, energy and faith to plan lessons and share their faith with your child.

They will be available every Sunday after the 8.30 am mass for:

- (a) First Holy Communion in the hall (**See Niseta Buatava. She will decide if you still have a chance For this year because classes have begun already.**)
- (b) Pre confirmation in the church immediately after Mass. (**See Master Dan for enrolment**)
- (c) Post Confirmation classes also in church. (**See Master Dan also**)

Training for Parish Eucharistic Ministers: 6th session today May 15st at 10:00 - 11:30 am in the Church.

Recollection for Parish Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: The new date for this day of Recollection is Saturday 21st May to be followed by the Commissioning Ceremony on the Sunday Morning 22nd May – Trinity Sunday.

Lists of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers have already been finalized for commissioning and have been submitted to the Archdiocesan Office for approval. Thank s to all participants for your commitment to serve God's people.

Meeting Reminder's	
Evangelization & Bible Commission	Meeting after 8.30am mass today in the meeting room to finalise commission program's and preparatory for the Feast of Corpus Christi Parish procession in June. Attendance of community rep's compulsory.
Liturgy & Sacrament commission	Trainee Lectors and Eucharistic ministers requested to attend meeting after the 8.30am mass today.
St Joseph the Worker, community 2	Prayer meeting on Tuesday(10.5.16),7.30pm at the Vosalevu's residence (10 Soqeloa Lane, Raiwaqa)
St Peter Chanel, community 4a	Area Rosary (for the month of Mary) continues during the week. Members encouraged to participate.
St Columban, community 5b	Area Rosary (for the month of Mary) continues during the week. Members encouraged to participate.
St Jacob, community 7a	Prayer meeting on Wednesday(18.5.16) at the Sorby's residence.
Social Justice & Human Development Commission	Meeting after the 8.30am mass today. Community rep's please take note.
Charismatic	Prayer meeting today at 3pm.
Finance Meeting	Community rep's are requested to attend meeting with parish treasurer on Monday(16.5.16), 7.45pm – 9pm in the parish hall.

Special thanks :

- to Fr Iowane Gukibau who celebrated Evening Mass during the week here in the Parish, while the rest of the Columbans were on Retreat in the Ashram.
- to parishioner's that turned up for the pilgrimage to Sacred Heart Cathedral
- to members of [5a] St Michael's for animating the Liturgy during the week, clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of Community 5b St Columban's Vatuwaqa to continue from tomorrow 16th May.
- for your generous contribution towards last Sunday's collection which amounted to **\$1,212.95 (1st collection: \$794.90; 2nd collection : \$133.05 = \$927.95; Envelope Pledge: \$285.00)**

Reading for the coming Week: Pentecost Sunday [15/05/16] Acts 2: 1-11; Romans 8:8-17; John 20: 19-23; Mon [16/05/16] James 3: 13-18; Mark 9: 14-29; Tue [17/05/16] James 4: 1-10; Mark 9: 30-37; Wed [18/05/16] James 4: 13-17; Mark 9: 38- 40; Thurs [19/05/16] James 5: 1-6; Mark 9:41-50; Fri [20/05/16] James 5: 9- 12; Mark 10:1-12; Sat [21/05/16] James 5: 31-20; Mark 10:13- 16; **Trinity Sunday** [22/05/16] Proverbs 8:22- 31; Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15.