

ST. PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 06/01/2019 (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

Youth Holy Hour: Friday before the First Sunday (Youth Sunday) - 6:30pm (Mass) adoration until 8:30pm.

Holy days 7:00 am. & 7:00 pm. except Christmas & New Year.

Confessions: - Friday & Saturdays after Mass.

Baptisms: At 8.30 am 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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS

At 3.00am on the **NEXT SUNDAY**, January 13
Change your clock backward 1hour.
3am → 2am

BLESSING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

NEXT SUNDAY, January 13
at Both Mass (7am / 830am).

Please, wear school uniform for Mass.

1st TERM BEGINS Monday, 14th January, 2019.
Prayerful good wishes to our children returning to school, especially those starting school for the first time. God bless!

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

REGISTER TODAY (6-18 y/o)

Please, come to the parish office and register the **Children's Catechism for 2019.**

Up to 3rd Child **\$15.00 / child**

4th & 5th Child **\$7.50 / child**

6th Child + **FREE**

Sunday's Reflection- As far back as history records, people have been fascinated by these tiny lights in the sky. They engage us at many different levels. For some they are portents and omens to predict future events. Others focus on calculating the ages and distances to faraway stars. For some of us they are simply beautiful but beyond our reach. We try to catch them in the joy of language. Stars flicker everywhere in our love stories and poems. We even use them as a description for our role-models. Stars are inspiring.

Peace to people of good will – the Prince of Peace welcomes everyone who seeks peace. Shepherd and king, rich and poor, local and stranger all seek the same thing, a life of peace and fulfilment. "All humans seek peace" is a generalisation that is close to being true. Breaking peace is always a decision. Anger, nastiness, belligerence and unkindness are not natural to the human person. In our better instincts, we desire peace and benevolence. The symbols of universalism in the Magi story speak to an audience far wider than just Christians. It is for all those who have gazed beyond the senses and dreamed for something better, something that is both natural and common to us all.

Unlettered shepherds and learned Magi alike took inspiration from the skies as near Bethlehem when Jesus was born. We may explain them off as tales of omens and calculation and seldom think of the inspiration that set them on a journey. It was an early example of a peace march. The recurring wish of the star-gazer is a place of peace that lies maybe somewhere beyond the stars. Across the ages every culture has stared up and the stars and wondered. There must be something else out there in the vastness beyond our understanding. Part of us inexplicably believes that whatever is out there is good or at least better than what we have here. In most cases our desire for inspiration asks the one thing we feel entitled to expect here on Earth. We feel it but rarely seem to get it – peace! Let us pray that a peaceful spirit between nations, families and individuals will prevail throughout this year.

Parish Executives Timeline:

Date	Time	Activity
Sunday, 13 th January, 2019	10.00am	Parish 2019 Budget Meeting - PPC Members & Community Finance Reps
Monday, 14 th January, 2019	7.30pm	First Executives Meeting in the AB Mataca Hall
Tuesday, 15 th January, 2019	---	Distribution of Nomination Forms to Community Leaders
Monday, 28 th January, 2019	7.30pm	Collation of AGM Reports and the Elections Process
Sunday, 3 rd February, 2019	10.00am	Parish Annual General Meeting and Elections

This is very important information, not only for the Parish Executives, but the parish as a whole as we gear up towards our AGM and election of parish chairperson and assistant. You may want to start discussing your nominees at Community level and not leave things for the last minute.

HILTON HOUSE FOUNDER PASSES AWAY Mr. Frank Hilton, known as the "Father of Special Education in Fiji" passed away peacefully on the 2nd Jan at the age of 98. His funeral will be held in the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Thursday 10th Jan at 9.30am. Whilst requesting the Parish choir to sing, His Grace, Archbishop Peter said that, "Dr Hilton has done tremendous charity for the people of Fiji. This is our thank you to him." May he rest in peace!

The Parish celebrated the following Sacraments during 2018:

Baptisms: 49; Marriages 10; Confirmations 40; 1st Holy Communions 39; Deaths 21; 5 RCIA adults received into the full communion to the church. God has touched us in many ways during 2018 especially through the graces of the above celebrations. We as a parish gave thanks for all these blessing on the evening of 31st Dec. when a huge crowd attended that Thanks Giving Mass.

January 2019 - Overview for the Month The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, which is celebrated on January 3. The first eight days of January fall during the liturgical season known as Christmas which is represented by the liturgical color white. The remaining days of January are the beginning of Ordinary Time. The liturgical color changes to green — a symbol of the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious.

Popes intention for moth of January: “Evangelization”: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Ministers of the Word				
DATE	TIME	1 ST READER	CANTOR	2 ND READER
SUNDAY 06/01 EPIPHANY	7.00am	Salome Levula	Samu Burese	Maria Waqavanua
	8.30am	Hanisi Mausio	Margaret Qalo	Hanisi Mausio
SUNDAY 13/01/2019	7.00am	Barbara Edwards	Tina Poate	Patricia Burese
	8.30am	Maria Chandra	Miliakere Rainibogi	Maciu Vatuloka(Jnr)
Ministers of the Communion				
DATE	TIME			
SUNDAY 06/01/2019 EPIPHANY	7.00am	Betty Chandra	Alex Edwards	Kelemete
	8.30am	Visoni Ravai	Miriama Naikelekelevesi	William Fong
SUNDAY 20/01/2019	7.00am	Alex Edwards	Kelemete	Gina Kivi
	8.30am	William Fong	Mriama Naikelekelevesi	Wakeleo Cakacakavavo

Columban Calendars: Prepared from Australia (flip Calendar) for \$5 and Fiji Columban Wall Calendars for \$2.00

Catholic Times Sep/Oct and Nov/Dec issues are available in the parish office to be collected by Community Leaders and Treasurers who have not done (Communities 3, 4C, 5A-Sep –Oct issue) and (Nov/Dec –Communities 3,4B,4C,5A,5B,7A).

World Apostolate of Fatima: They would like to thank the parish for support given them on their all night vigil after the Thanksgiving Mass which was a enriching moments as they stayed awake until New Year’s Day morning mass.

Fr. Iowane Gukibau’s Farewell Mass: Thanks the Men of the Parish and Women of the Parish for animating the farewell mass and meal prepared. May we in the companionship of our prayers continue to remember all missionaries abroad and those serving here.

Archdiocesan Come & See: Fri. Jan. 11 ~ Sun. Jan. 13, 2019 (Lomary Marist Brothers Novitiate)

For more information, Please, contact Fr. Timoci Kolodisi (Ph# 946. 1017 / Email: jimkolodisi@yahoo.com)

Small Christian Communities & 7 Steps Bible Sharing Prayer Meetings: SCC Reps. Please, send venues for Jan & Feb for the parish newsletter. **Prayer Meeting starts on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.**

Awareness on Trauma Counseling Session tabulated hereunder

4A (This Week)	4B (Next Week)	4C	5A	5B	6
11.01.19	18.01.19	25.01.19	07.02.19	14.02.19	21.02.19

► PARISH MEETINGS & PRAYERS TODAY:

- Liturgy Commission Meeting:** Today at 10.00am (Community’s Liturgy Rep. requested to come)
- Prayers Today:** Cenacle (2pm), Divine Mercy (3pm), Charismatic (3.30pm). All are welcome.

► OTHER PARISH MEETINGS & PRAYERS:

- 7 Steps Bible Sharing Animator’s Evaluation Session:** Wednesday, January 9 at 7:30pm
- World Apostolate of Fatima:** Meet on Thursday January 10th @ AB Mataca hall,7.30pm
- Parish Ministry of Hospitality:** Curry nite & inputs on the importance of this Ministry - This Friday at 8pm.
- Lector’s monthly meeting:** Sun., 20th Jan. All lectors are asked to please attend the first meeting of the year.

PARISH YOUTH	PARISH CHILDREN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Monthly Meeting: Sun., January 6, 2019 at 10am. Youth 7 Steps Bible Sharing Meeting starts: on Tuesday, January 22 Group 1: Communities 1B + 4A Group 2: Communities 2 + 3 + 6 + 7A + 7B Group 3: Communities 4B + 4C Group 4: Communities 5A + 5B (including Veidogo) Group 5: Community 5B (Nanuku) Please, elect group leaders & submit the meeting venues by this Friday to the parish office. Junior Youth (14~18 y/o) Beginning of the Year Retreat Saturday, January 26 starts with 8:30am Mass. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher’s Committee & Parent’s Committee Meeting: Sun. Jan. 13 at 10am Blessing of School Children: Sunday, January 13 at Both Mass (7am/830am). Please, wear school uniform for Mass. FIRST DAY OF CHILDREN’S CATECHISM SUNDAY, JANAUARY 20, 2019

The challenge of passing on the faith to the next generation has gotten more difficult in our age. But this challenge actually brings us back to the heart of the Gospel. When reading the Gospel, we find many ways that Jesus calls us to place him first, loving him and serving him in our daily lives up desiring to love and serve him and draw to know him intimately.

Thanks: To St Joseph the Worker (Community 2), for animating the Liturgies during the week and the Church cleaning we now invite St Joan of Arc (Community 3) to take on this important responsibilities from tomorrow (**including Thursday Adoration**). Thanks also to the Parish Youth for animating the Liturgy for the last Friday & Today as well as the Holy Hour & Adoration on Friday.

Thanks for last Sunday’s Collection: 1st Collection \$448.80 2nd Collection \$49.60 amounted to **\$498.40**

Readings Today Sun 06/01 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Solemnity): Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12; **Mon 07/01:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25;**Tue 08/01:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44;**Wed 09/01:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52;**Thur 10/01:** Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22;**Fri 11/01:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16;**Sat 12/01:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30; **SUN 13/01 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22