



# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER-YEAR B: 29.04.18

#### 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 1 months before and are required to undertake preparation sessions. Guidelines available at the Parish Office. **RCIA:** Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

**Congratulations:** Maciu, Samantha, Pipiena, Catherine, Clara, Maria, Hanisi, Salome, Maria Vira, Margaret, Milika, Miriama, Sera, & Annie our 14 new Lectors commissioned last Sun. 22/4/2018. Well done.

**Columban Annual Retreat** this week in Ashram. Parish Masses said by MSCs St Agnes.

#### Sunday Reflection: Why pruning is needed

Those who grow shrubs will know that they need to be pruned if you are to get the best out of them. What is true of shrubs is true of most plants; pruning brings on new life. Jesus refers to pruning in this morning's gospel. He suggests that in various ways God prunes our lives to make them even more fruitful than they presently are. There are some things we may need to shed if we are to become all that God is calling us to be. Some kind of letting go, which can be very painful at the time, can help us to grow in our relationship with God and with others. Through any experience of pruning in our lives, the Lord is near to us. In the words of the gospel, he makes his home in us, he remains in us. We don't have to endure being pruned on our own. The Lord who makes his home in us sustains us in those times, leading us to God. God is love and whoever lives in love, lives in God. Today's Gospel explores this intense intimacy using the imagery of the vine, a metaphor which invites wider reflection on faith, grace, prayer and practice. We are all called to such intimacy and no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord into a new and more fruitful life. But for this to happen we need to remain in him as he remains in us.

**Sympathy Expressed:** To **Maria Waqavanua 7b** and family on the recent death of her Son Jamesa Waqavanua who died last Sunday morning 22<sup>nd</sup> April and was buried on Wednesday last 25<sup>th</sup> April. To **Elizabeth Cheer 7b** on death of her mother Bure Bailey who died in New Zealand on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 May they rest in peace.

**Congratulations to Fr Mikaele Tuilau SM** on the occasion of his Ordination to the Priesthood in Mount St Mary's Nadi yesterday Sat 29<sup>th</sup> April. He is wished every blessing for many happy and fruitful years in God's Vineyard.

**Parish Renewal Handbook:** Will be launched today during the 8.30am Mass. All Liturgy and Evangelisation Commission representatives are requested to follow this programme during the month of May and take the statue of Our Lady – to all the houses in every Community. **House to House Prayer:** From May 1<sup>st</sup> until the end of the month. Please, check with your community leaders for the time and venues Mass in Each Community during the Month of May starting in 1B next Friday night 4<sup>th</sup> May. **Open Forum for Parish Elders** (Today after 8:30am Mass at AB Hall. All parish elders are invited).

**St Peter Chanel Priest's Day:** Frs Carlo and John express thanks to the many parishioners who turned up and provided breakfast for them yesterday morning feast of St Peter Chanel – Priest's Day. You are all so generous.

#### Rev John Fong's Ordination to Priesthood on 5<sup>th</sup> May and His 1<sup>st</sup> Mass in St Pius X Parish Raiwaqa 6<sup>th</sup> May.

It has been proposed that a bus will leave Raiwaqa for the **Ordination** at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, **Lomary**, on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, at 7.00am. The return fare is \$10. It will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. Those intending to go can give in your names to Tina Poate after Mass today and due date for payment of fare is 30.04.2018 that is tomorrow. So far only 19 names have been received and only two has paid their fare. The Parish of Lomary is expecting a bus load from Raiwaqa. But if numbers are not sufficient to warrant the hiring of a bus, other arrangements may have to be made. The PPC met on Wed night last to make final arrangements for Rev John's 1<sup>st</sup>

Mass here. They finalized the food contributions from each Community and also the programme to follow in the parish Hall. **1<sup>st</sup> Mass at 9.00am.**

**The Following is a list of Foodstuff that has been agreed on, mostly from Community Reps**

1b. St Cecilia	Chicken curry and rice	5a St Michael's	Lovo (palusami, fish, chicken, pork
2. St Joseph's	Beef Chop Suey and rice	5b. St Columban	Beef / Chicken chop suey with rice
3. St Joan of Arc	Sweet 'n' Sour Fish	6. St Paul's	Yaqona
4a. St Peter Chan.	Chicken curry and puri	7a. St Jacob's	Sweet 'n' sour fish and rice.
4b. St Patrick's	Fruits and potato salad	7b. St Theresa's	Beef Chop suey and rice
4c. St John Bapt.	Fish vakalolo	Parish	\$500 – to help with lovo and juice

**The following is the proposed Programme for the day and we will strive to follow it as closely as possible.**

**9.00am Mass; 10.30am Gathering in the Hall; 10.45am Sevusevu (St Michael's); 11.15am Speech (Parish); 11.20am Speech (our newly ordained priest); 11.30am Speech (family) 12.30pm Cutting of Ordination Cake & Lunch; 1.30pm his 1<sup>st</sup> Blessing by our newly ordained priest (Music Room); 3.00pm End of Program.**

**The Logistics for the Day:** M.C. at the beginning of Mass in the Church – Tina Poate and in the Hall Master Dan. **Kitchen staff** – Women of Parish (WOP); **Main Table** - Controlled buffet; **Decoration/Preparation of Hall** - WOP and St Michael's Community; **Juice / Water station** - Marj and Joana; **Cutting of Cake and presentation of Gift** - after speeches (before lunch) members of St Michael's involved; **Children** have their food in the Fr Hurley Hall and must be (supervised) **We are looking at preparing Lunch** for 150 - 200 people. **Thanks Expressed:** To those who attended the 3 meetings to put this programme together. We pray that it will be a great day's Celebration and Blessings We express our gratitude and **special thanks to Community 5A** – St Michael's who have volunteered to play the loins share on the day and leading the parish in the Veigravi Ceremonies to our newly ordained priest. Vinaka Vakalevu.

**St Vincent de Paul Raiwaqa Conference:** To celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary since the New Committee was elected in the parish, the members had Mass offered for their intentions on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. This was followed by evaluation of the year's work. The Society is very active in the parish at the present time and further afield. Thanks.

**Wheels of Time:** Talanoa continues. Communities are being reminded again to hold talanoa sessions in your respective areas to discuss and reflect on the past 50 years of life in your communities.

**Old Photos and Memorabilia:** We continue to request your assistance in providing old photos and memorabilia of the parish. Please pass them in to the parish office or James Kamsoo (4B) for the parish history pictorial presentation.

**Raiwaqa Marist Old Boys:** meet this afternoon at 5.00pm in the Parish hall. OBs please make an effort to attend this important meeting. (Master Dan).

**Synod Launching Mass** will be held on Pentecost Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> May. Further details on the event will be published once information comes in from the Archdiocesan Liturgy Commission.. **The Synod Cross** arrives in the parish from St Agnes Parish at **7.30pm** on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> May. (But maybe in time for our 7.00pm Mass on this feast of the Ascension – negotiations are ongoing It will depart the parish at 3.00pm on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> May for Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Parish. We are all asked to support this part of the Synod program as we build towards Pentecost Sunday.

**Evangelization:** Prayer meetings continue as usual this afternoon starting with Marian Movement at 2.00pm – 4.00.

**Charismatic Annual Gathering** this weekend in Bemana Parish. Let's remember all travelling and participating.

**Altar Servers Meeting:** Every Sunday after 8.30 Mass. Please bring your exercise books with you.

**Liturgy:** Parish Choir & Youths choir practice at 4pm today, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

**Bibles for Sale:** New Testament in Fijian (Na Veiyalayalati Vou ni Katolika) \$7.00 & Community Bible \$20.00.

**Seven Steps** in all small communities on Tuesday Evening 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Youth Curry Night** will be on Friday, May 4 at 7:30pm at Fr. Hurley Hall. Please, support our parish youth.

**Parish Works for Golden Jubilee Progressing:** The extension of the car port is now complete – should be an asset for large parish gatherings. Thanks to Visoni, Selina and Alan Smith for erecting railings and gate on dangerous back stairs to the halls. Thanks to the lads from East Club for putting rubber on seats in church ready for tiling and The

**Tiling of the Church** will commence on Monday Morning 7<sup>th</sup> May. Sorry for inconvenience that this will cause.

**Thanks:** To St Jacob's Community 7a for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound. St Theresa of Child Jesus Community 7b starts tomorrow 30/04/2018.

**Thanks for your generous Collections Last Week:** 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: **\$713.15** 2nd Collection: **\$105.55**

Voluntary Envelopes: **\$40.00** Total Collection: **\$858.40**

**Reading coming week:** *Fifth Sunday of Easter* [29/4/18] Acts 9: 26-31; 1 John 3: 18-24; John 15: 1-8; Mon [30/4/18] Acts 14: 5-18; John 14: 21-26; Tues [1/5/18] Acts 14: 19-28; John 14: 27-31; Wed [2/5/18] Acts 15: 1-6; John 15: 1-8; Thurs [3/5/18] Sts Philip and James, Apostles: 1 Cor 15: 1-8; John 14: 6-14; Fri [4/5/18] Acts 15: 22-31; John 15: 12-17; Sat [5/5/18] Acts 16: 1-10; John 15: 18-21; *Sixth Sunday of Easter* [6/5/18] Acts 10: 25-26, 33-35, 44-48; 1 John 4: 7-10; John 15: 9-17