

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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TRINITY SUNDAY - CYCLE A: - 11/06/17

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.p.m

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.

Trinity Sunday

Today we celebrate the mystery of our faith. We would not know anything about it if God had not revealed it to us. The mystery is this that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is something to celebrate, pray and live.

One Day Workshop: To look at Guidelines for dealing with cases of Sexual Abuse - 4th July in St Joseph's Hall from 8.30am to 5pm.

Reflection for Trinity Sunday: The Holy Trinity, whose feast we celebrate today, is outside the reach of time and beyond the grasp of human reasoning. It is a mystery of our faith. We can only fumble in the dark in search of glimmers of light. "Two is company, three is a crowd" is a popular expression. The gospel would have it otherwise. There, the figure three symbolises completeness and perfect symmetry, and re-appears at all the key moments of the Christ story.

The life of Christ constantly reflected the Trinity. Three figures make up the nativity scene in Bethlehem — the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Their first visitors were the three wise men. Later, in the desert preparing to begin his public life, Jesus was tempted three times by the devil. A good story should have a beginning, a middle and an end. Christ was a storyteller par excellence and three figures prominently in his parables. The Prodigal Son is about a father and his two sons; the Good Samaritan tells of the three passers-by, the priest, the Levite and the Samaritan; the sower sowed his seed in three kinds of soil, yielding three kinds of harvest. The crucifixion scene has three figures, Christ between two thieves. Before his resurrection, he spent three days in the tomb.

God is love. There are Three Persons in the Trinity, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. Together they represent the fullness of love. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father. The Holy Spirit is their love for each other. We are made in the image of a triune God. God the Father, who created us, his Son who saved us, and the Holy Spirit who continues to guide us. Our lives should reflect the Trinity. We should be always creative like the Father, compassionate like his Son, and dispose our talents in the service of others like the Holy Spirit...

Parish of St Pius X – Chosen for Synod Pilot Project re Synod Preparations: Thank you so much to the Leaders of all 11 Communities. You all picked up the Questionnaire after Mass last Sunday and distributed them to the Families in your Communities. The Parish Team again humbly request 100% cooperation from every family in the Parish and Community Leaders to have these Questionnaires filled and returned to the Parish Office on or before next Friday 16th June, so they can be returned to the Archdiocesan Office by the given date 18th June. Apart from the Youth (who gathered and filled out theirs) on Friday last 9th June) have we any other Parish Group eg SVDP or a Commission volunteered to fill out a Questionnaire?? The Questionnaire can be answered either in English, Fijian or Gilbertese Thanking you all in anticipation... **Fr John McEvoy and Parish Team.**

The Corpus Christi Procession Next Sunday 18th June: The Programme: The 7.00am Mass will be as usual in the Church. Then at 8.00am to 8.30am all will gather at the back of old market for **Benediction** and the starting of the Procession back to the Church.

- 9.00am: All should be back in the Church for another Benediction and the starting of Mass
- Rehearsal in preparation for Procession to be held on Friday Evening 16/06 after the Evening Mass.
- The following people/groups are requested to attend rehearsal:
- Flower girls; Altar servers; Ushers; Canopy bearers.
- **Men of The Parish:** Please be reminded that we will be animating the 9am Mass on Corpus Christi Sunday. Choir Practice will be held on Wednesday 14th June 2017 in the Parish Hall at 7.45pm.
- **Evangelisation Commission** meets after the 8.30am today to finalise arrangement for Feast of Corpus Christi, Benediction and Procession. **The Lectors will also meet this morning after 8.30 Mass.**

JPHD Workshop: “Reading the Signs of the Times” Workshop (8.6.17) was organized by the Archdiocese Justice and Development Commission. The workshop focused on concerns with social-economic or justice issues affecting our marginalized Fijian people, and attempts by the Church to equip its members to:

- address political and social questions by helping them to develop a well-formed conscience which includes several elements which begins with a willingness and openness to seek the truth and what is right by studying Sacred Scripture and the social teachings of the Church. Some of the topics covered during the day included:
- A Historical Analysis of Power in Fiji – The Archbishop and Alisi Daurewa.
- A Reflection on Laudato Si in the Context of Fiji – The Archbishop, Vani (Youth and Mining) John Vodokula (Ridge Ocean Care) Sereima Koi/Noa Tuiloma (Ministry of Mineral Resources).
- The proposed new Village By Laws – Simone Sevudredre, Tui Cakau, Ro Temumu, Rev Apisalome Tudreu {Methodist Church}, Marteta Tikosuva, a lawyer.
- Church Bearer of Alternative Narrative – Introduction to the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching – ArchB.

This Workshop was attended by about 150 people (JPHD Reps from many parishes throughout Fiji) Some Catholic Members of Parliament and Representatives from other Churches. Our parish was represented by Parish Priest, JD Commission member’s Veronika Rausuvanua and Ema Mua. (*Veronika Rausuvanua, Head of JPHD Commission*).

Parish Family Life Commission: Breakfast & Seminar for Single Parents was held yesterday 10th June in the Parish Hall. Great credit to the members of this Commission for organizing this event in the parish. Hopefully this outreach will bear much fruit.

Continuation with Parish Renovation towards the Golden Jubilee of the Parish in 2018. At a recent meeting of the Parish Financial Council it was decided that we go ahead with further Renovations and replace all the existing Church Louvres and frames with both Aluminium frames and blades. Work will commence tomorrow. This is possible because of the increase in the Sunday Collections and especially by the commitment of those in the Communities who are so faithful to their pledge envelope collection every week or month. The Parish Team want to thank you very sincerely for your commitment and contribution. Hopefully you are seeing the results of your generosity. But of course, we have a long way to go yet. Thank you all again and Vinaka Vakalevu.

50th Anniversary of the Parish: The Steering Committee's monthly meeting will be held next Thursday (15th June) to finalize program for the Launching to be held on - Monday, 21st August, 2017 - Feast of St Pius X. The Agenda for the meeting:

1. Liturgy; 2. Unveiling of Banner and Theme; 3. Dedication of Archbishop Petero Mataca Hall followed by Refreshments

Animators Visitation: The SCC Animators will be visiting communities on the following dates as per scheduled. Schedule. Community leaders please take note of team visiting your community and date. Confirm locations in Office.

Team 1	Tifanue and Karalo	2 - 13/06	4B – 20/06	6 – 27/06	4C – 04/07
Team 2	Visoni, Vero and Joana	7B – 13/06	3 - 20/06	4A – 27/06	
Team 3	Vama and Maria Q	1B – 13/06	5A – 20/06	5B - 27/06	

Meetings Today Sunday 11th June: Ex Students of Corpus Christi Teachers College meet after CCD Classes this Sunday.

Charismatic prayer meeting continues today after Divine Mercy at 3pm.

Community 5b: Lunch today in Mere Avaiki’s Res. All members to return their Questionnaires-or to Committee members Mon.

Meetings during the Week:

1. **Tuesday 13th June:** Seven Steps Prayer in Maria Qaranivalu’s Res. at 7.30pm
2. **Tuesday 13th June:** Community- 2: Seven Steps method at Petero Loli's residence at 7.30pm.
3. **Tuesday 13th June:** **JPHD Visitation** to Community 4a, & **SCC Meeting** on Tuesday at 7.30pm @ Paula Daurewa’s.
4. **Wednesday 14th June:** World Apostolate of Fatima – Parish hall at 7.30pm.
5. **Wednesday 14th June:** Jubilee Liturgy Sub-Committee Meeting – Fr Hurley Hall.
6. **Youth Prayer Meeting** (7 Steps) Friday straight after the 6:30 pm Mass.
7. **Next Sunday 18th June:** **Justice & Development commission meeting** from 10am - 11.15am in Fr Hurley Hall.
8. **Parish Executive Meeting** in preparation for PPC on Monday 19th June.
9. **The 3 Bazaar Committees** to meet on Tuesday 20th to update on all aspects of the running of this year’s Bazaar.

Other Parish Activities for the Month of June:

Corpus Christi Sunday Procession (Mass at 0900)	18/06/17	Evangelization / Liturgy
Information Sharing (Government Agencies)	23/06/17	Justice and Development
Catholic Social Teachings for PPC members	29/06/17 (1915 – 2130)	Justice and Development
Mt Korobaba Trek and Hike – National Youth Day	30/06/17	Youth

Thanks, and Appreciation: To Community (5b) St Columban’s for animating the Liturgy during the week and for cleaning of the Church & compound. We invite Community 6 St Paul’s to continue from tomorrow 12th June.

Thanks too for your generous Collection for last week. The following is a summary:

1st Collection \$585.00; 2nd Collection \$48.45 and Envelope Pledge: \$165.00 = \$789.45

Reading coming week: Trinity Sunday [11/6/17] Ex 34: 4-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 13:11-13; John 3: 16-18; Mon [12/6/17] 2 Cor 1: 1-7; Matt 5: 1-12; Tue [13/6/17] 2 Cor 1: 18-22; Matt 5: 13-16; Wed [14/6/17] 2 Cor 3: 4-11; Matt 5: 13-16; Thurs [15/6/17] 2 Cor 3: 15—4: 1, 3-6; Matt 5: 20-26; Fri [16/6/17] 2 Cor 4: 7-15, Matt 5: 27-32; Sat [17/6/17] 2 Cor 5: 14ff; Matt 5:33ff; **Corpus Christi** [18/6/17] Deut 8: 2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor 10: 16-17; John 6: 51 -58.