

# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY -: YEAR C 16/06/19

#### 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: (Can we recommend and enroll new members from the Communities for this year's RCIA Training)???**

#### Month of Synod Update:

Sun. 23 June: (9.00am) *Parish Synod Mass.*

Sat. 29 June: (7.00-10.00pm) *Synod Youth Festival* at Sacred Heart College.

Sun. 30 June (4.00pm) *Synod Year Closing Mass* at Sacred Heart College preceded by procession from My Suva Park (*Two (2) Buses will leave the parish.*)  
*'Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.* Only one Mass in the parish (7.00am)

#### Reflection for Trinity Sunday: Not a Remote God:

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity, the rich mystery of God's inner life as one divine nature shared between three persons. The Bible says that not only is our God a personal God, but that God exists as three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, while remaining one God. Our faith enables us to enjoy the presence and love of God even though it is beyond our understanding. St Augustine wonders about this in a beautiful passage from his "*Confessions*". "What do I love when I love my God?" he asks. He answers, "Not material beauty or beauty of a temporal order; not the brilliance of earthly light, not the sweet melody of harmony and song; not the fragrance of flowers, perfumes and spices; not manna or honey. It is not these that I love when I love my God. And yet, when I love him, it is true that I love a light of a certain kind, a voice, a perfume, a food, an embrace; but they are of the kind that I love in my inner self."

God is love. There are Three Persons in the Holy Trinity whom we name as Father Son and Holy Spirit. Their mutual interactions represent the fullness of love. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father; and we may picture the Holy Spirit as the outpouring of their love. In our innermost selves, we are made in the image of this *triune* God, of God the Father, who created us, of the Son who saved us, and of the Holy Spirit who continues to guide us. Something in our lives should reflect the Trinity, in whom we live and move and have our being. At our God-driven best, we are creative like the Father, compassionate like his Son, and dispose our talents in the service of others like the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday invites us to welcome the Spirit who breathes out the Father and Jesus the Son: This Spirit is God's love, the breath that the Father and Jesus the Son, share the power, the impulse and the vital energy that will make us his co-workers in the service of the grand project of the Holy Trinity.

**The Synod Sessions:** were held at the Novotel Conference Centre from Friday to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> June. Some 200 people from the Archdiocese attended, invitees of the Archbishop, priests, religious, PPC Chairs from every parish, some disabled and impaired as well as invited guests from other churches and faiths. It was a prayerful experience as we invoked the Holy Spirit for the gift of discernment and right judgement to help the Archbishop develop a Diocesan pastoral plan for the Archdiocese of Suva for the next five years. We listened to each other and allow the Spirit to journey with us through the sessions. It was a Blessing and an honour to be part of a gathering of such magnitude. Exciting changes are proposed and planned as part of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan. We were urged to do more for the marginalized "Bring the Periphery to the Centre" It was proposed that 'Catholic Social Services' be established; a Commission for Education be set up; the documents of Catholic Social Teaching be translated into Fijian and much more. The Acts of the Synod will be published soon. Thank you all for your support and prayers as the Synod journey comes to an end on 30<sup>th</sup> June. (Barbara, Dan, Lavinia, Mariana Kees & JME).

**Children's Catechism** continues after both 7.00am and 8.30am today. We thank St Michael's for the refreshments this morning. We invite St Columban's to supply something for next Sunday.

**Liturgy Commission News:** Next Sunday 23rd June is the *Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*. (Corpus Christi) The second Mass commences at 9:00 am after the procession from the old Market. It is also dedicated to the success of the Synod closing Mass which will be animated by the parish and all those who sang at the Sacred Heart Cathedral last Sunday. Karalo and Selina to confirm choir practices.

**Evangelisation and Bible Commission News**

1. 23 June 2019 – Feast of Corpus Christi Sunday - Procession from the old Market to Church starts at 8.30am. Everyone is asked to assemble behind the old market by 8.15am, we will start with Benediction before 8.30am then move to Church. Mass will be at 9am.

2. Rehearsal for those who will take part on Corpus Christi Sunday Procession (i.e. 8 altar servers, 4 flower girls, ushers, canopy bearers - 4 youths) will take place on Friday 21 June after evening Mass. All concerned please take note; your presence will highly be appreciated.

**Parish Website:** This has been updated just a reminder that Newsletter could be sighted or downloaded from the site. **Columban Kaulotu** magazine will be on sale for \$1 only, after the Masses this morning.

**Community Feast Days** celebrated this Month: St John the Baptist (4C) 24/6 and St Paul (6) 29/6.

**Presbytery Garage Sale:** This will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019 from 10am to 1pm. Items will be sold at very reasonable prices. Please come and support this Bazaar fundraising drive, 2019.

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

**St John's ex Students:** meeting will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> June in the AB Mataca hall at 7pm. Please bring your soli (\$10.00) for the Feast day celebration on the 24<sup>th</sup> June at Laucala Bay Parish.

**Meetings Today and During the Week**

1. **Communities Treasurers Meeting** - today at 10am please community treasurers do attend.
2. **Faith Formation**-meet today 16/06 at 10am all members be mindful please
3. **Family Life Commission** –meets today at 10am. Previous meetings were not well attended.
4. **Prayer meetings** today: Cenacle 2pm; Divine Mercy 3pm; Charismatic 3.30pm & World Apos Fatima 4.30pm
5. **St Patrick Community** -Family Catechism facilitated by Fr.Tino continues this evening at 7pm.
6. **St. Gabriel SCC (4A)** – 7 Steps this Tuesday 18 June at 7.30pm. Members please take note.
7. **St Joseph (5B)** 7 Steps this Tuesday at Tavite Saula's place.
8. **St Cecilia (5B)** 7 Steps this Tuesday at Elia Naqolodra's residence.
9. **St Mother Theresa (5B)** 7 Steps this Tuesday at Meena Wati's residence.
10. **CCIM Central/Eastern meeting** on Friday, 21 June, after evening Mass in the AB Mataca Hall.
11. **Pastoral Council Meet:** Deferred to Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June at 10am. PPC Members please take note.

**1.Parish Youth Combined 7 Steps / Meeting for Synod Festival:** All Parish Senior Youth (19~35 y/o) will have a Combined 7 Steps Prayer meeting on THIS TUESDAY at 7:30pm (AB Hall) followed by the preparation meeting for the Synod Festival. All parish senior youth, please attend. From now until before the Synod Festival, parish youth will meet at the parish on EVERY TUESDAY & SATURDAY at 7:30pm for the preparations.

**2.Youth Executive visit** to the Communities on Tuesday 18/06, to enlighten community members on the Youth Synod Festival. Communities to inform parish office on venue and date. *Commission seeks parental support for upcoming Youth Synod Festival. Consent Letter will be distributed.*

**Thanks** to St Joan of Arc (3) for animating the Liturgy during the week and the church cleaning yesterday. We invite St Peter Chanel Community (4A) to take on this important responsibility from tomorrow.

**Thanks for your generous Collections Last Week:** The following is a summary of the collections: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: **\$396.70**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **\$26.55**; Total Collection: **\$423.25**

**Reading coming week:** Today -**The Most Holy Trinity Sun 16/6:** Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15; **Mon 17<sup>th</sup>** 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42; **Tue 18/6:** 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48; **Wed 19/6:** 2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18; **Thur 20/6:** 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15; **Fri 21/6:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Mt 6:19-23; **Sat 22/6:** 2 Cor 12:1-10/Mt 6:24-34; **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi):** Gn 14:18-20/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17