

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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TRINITY SUNDAY IN CYCLE C: 22/May/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.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 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.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Door of Sacred Heart Cathedral Sat 14th May '16.

A sincerely word of thanks to all those who attended about 200 in all. We would have liked many more. It was a memorable evening – Thanks to all who prepared for the event. The Evangelisation Commission and all helpers.

Reflection for Trinity Sunday: Today we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, the revelation of the mystery of God's inner life. This mystery will remain for all of us as long as we live in this world. The Holy Trinity is beyond the reach of time and 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. His life itself 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 behaviour of three passers-by, the priest, the Levite and the Samaritan; the sower sowed his seed in three different types of terrain, yielding three different levels of harvest. The end of his life, as the beginning, has again the three motif. During his Passion, Peter denied him thrice. On the road to Calvary, he fell three times. 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 use our talents in service of others like the Holy Spirit.

Congratulations: Filise Vuki Apao and Ana Qali Tikolutu who were married here in the parish on Friday, 20th May, 2016. May your relationship as husband and wife be one with the Lord, just as the Lord is with you.

The Commissioning Ceremony for our newly trained Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors: Today 20 new Lectors and 11 new Eucharistic Ministers will be commissioned at the 8.30am Mass in a simple ceremony before all of us. We congratulate all of them and we thank them for the Commitment to the parish and the new ministries that they are undertaking for the next 3 years on our behalf. It is a huge commitment and they will need our prayers to be worthy ministers for us at our public liturgical worship – The Mass.

Feast of Corpus Christi (29/05/2016) – the Parish Procession: will start from behind the market at 8.30am, coming down to church for Mass at 9am. Parishioners able to walk are requested to meet up behind the market before 8.30am. It is requested that the choir have suitable hymns ready and that the Altar Servicers have knowledge of what is expected of them on the day. We are in procession witnessing our faith to Christ, present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Small Christian Community Workshop: at St Joseph Secondary School. A team from the Parish is currently attending workshop, please pray for them.

Summary of Financial Community Reps meeting with (some) members of the Financial Council Mon. 16th May.

Although not all Community financial Reps were present – it was one of the best attended meetings of this group for a long time. A useful and wide ranging discussion on financial matters took place as well as planning for this year's Bazaar 30th July, 2016. The Parish Treasurer, Angie Kainamoli presented a 5 year analysis on Parish Bazaars that reflected the commitment of groups like 1b, 4a and 5b – it was felt that extra effort was required by other communities to achieve their allocated targets.

Venue for this year's Bazaar: Swann Park – beside the church. **\$215.00** to be paid to Suva City council)

Revision of prizes to take away competitive spirit but encourage communities to contribute willingly

- (a) Consolation prize for 1st community to achieve target within set timeline i.e. From 29.5.16 - 30.6.16.
- (b) Consolation prize for all communities who achieve their target. Prizes also for:-
- (c) Best decorated stall. (d) Best item. (e) Consolation prize for community that raises the highest amount.

Recommendation for Improvement:

- a) **Investment:** Parish to consider investment as long term plan (properties, buildings, assets, etc.)
- b) **Term Deposit:** Suggestion that term deposit be increase to \$ 10, 000.00
- c) **Organise** a 2-day 7 a side tournament.
- d) **Envelopes:** F.C. to maintain proper record of families volunteering & acknowledge volunteers who contribute.
- e) **Parish Receipts:** to be presented on proper Parish Printed Receipt Books
- f) **Finance Council Members:** need to play a much greater part and be more committed to their responsibilities.
- g) **Car Park:** Suggestion a fee of \$5.00 per night be charged to non-parishioners – (and what about parishioners?).

St Peter Chanel Community (4a): Area Rosary (for the month of Mary) continues during the week.

St Joseph the Worker Community (2) Prayer meeting Tues 24th May at 7.30 in Margaret Fuata's residence.

St Columban Community (5b): Area Rosary (for the month of Mary) continues during the week.

St Jacob's Community (7a) Area Prayer Meeting on Wed 25th May in Emily Low's Residence at 7.30.

Evangelisation Commission meets on 26th May after evening mass to finalise Task list. Evangelisation reps, please take note of this meeting and be on time.

Family Life Commission: Meeting on 24th May right after the 6:30 pm Mass. All Community Family Life Reps are encouraged to attend.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting: at 3pm in the church. Invitation is extended to interested parishioners as well.

Farewell to Marisia Daurewa: who has been with us for the last 3/4 months – returns to Vanuatu this week to promote the teaching and learning of English both in primary and secondary schools in Port Villa. We wish her God's Blessings.

'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 Fr Donal re this request.

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**)

For your Generous Contribution: Last Sunday's collection which amounted to **\$ 901.95I** (1st Collection: \$ 581.00; 2nd Collection \$ 89.95; Envelope Pledges \$ 231.00)

Readings for next week: **Trinity Sunday** [22/05/16] Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15; **Mon** [23/05/16] 1P 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27; **Tue** [24/05/16] 1P 1:10-16; Mk 10: 28-31; **Wed** [25/05/16] 1P 1:18-25; Mk 10: 32-45; **Thurs** [26/05/16] 1P 2: 2-5, 9-12; Mk 10: 46-52; **Fri** [27/05/16] 1P 4: 7-13; Mk 11: 11-26; **Sat** [28/05/16] Jude 17:20-25; Mk 11: 27-33; **Corpus Christi Sunday** [29/05/16] Gen 14: 18-20; 1 Cor 11: 23-26; Luke 9:11-17