



ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER –29TH MAY 2022

The Feast of the Ascension: Christ's last will and Testament

The Feast of the Ascension: Christ's last will and Testament. In the gospel we have just heard Our Lord's final instructions, his Last Will and Testament. Just before leaving them, he reminds them of what he expects of them.

Earlier he had sent them out to spread the Kingdom of God. Those who go in his name, do so with his authority. The authority goes with the mission, so to speak. In Matthew's version he now adds this great promise, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Mark says that the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it". And Luke emphasises that they will be "clothed with power from on high", that is, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is very definite about what he has to say. Like any gathering of people, the feelings of his disciples were varied. But he sends them out to speak and act in his name. Their mission was both easy and hard: easy to understand but hard to carry out. It was to teach others all that he had taught them. Just as he asked them to follow his way, they were to ask that others should follow that way too. Has a doctor ever put you on a course of antibiotics? The most basic guidance about antibiotics is to complete the course. Even if the patient starts to feel well after a few days, to discontinue taking the medicine can let their condition grow worse. Similarly, the message of salvation must continue to be shared until the end of time. With all the changes in the church and in society, neither Jesus nor his message have changed. His Gospel remains a call to live our lives to the full.

You write a new page of the gospel each day, through all that you do and whatever you say. Others read what you write, be it faithful or true.

So what is the gospel according to you?

He is with us always. This can be a real help against loneliness. Being alone is not the same as being lonely. One can feel lonely in a crowded street: This applies especially to those who believe the promise, "I am with you always." Talking with him doesn't even need words. If we are open to His presence in our heart, and treasure it, we can experience fully that "Joy of the Gospel" so warmly described for us by good –*Pope Francis*

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The Solemnity of the Ascension commemorates Jesus' ascension into heaven 40 days after his resurrection. Thus Ascension Day falls 40 days after Easter, on the 6th Thursday of Easter the 26th of May 2022. A directive for all parishes in the Archdiocese came from the Archbishop P Loy Chung that it be celebrated on the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Petitions

The Parish will be petitioning to object against the planned construction of the new market on Swann Park beside the Parish Boundary. All those interested please fill in your details in the form provided at the church entrance.

Faith Formation Commission

- CCD Classes resumes on Sunday and parental support is very important, so as to ensure that their children attend and also understand more.
- **The RCIA**, which stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes 42 weekly meets marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass. Also welcome to attend are adults that have yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, although have been Baptized and received Holy Communion, and those who are willing to share moments of their Faith Journey.

Invitation is extended to all interested persons in the parish .

Tuesday 31/5 Feast **The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** –Mass will be at 6.30pm also the end of the month of the Rosary please note.

Cleanliness of the Parish Premises and the upkeep is all our responsibility and not only a few people Hall booking and requesting to see Priest are to be done in the parish office during working hours only.

A kind reminder to all wishing to receive marriage and baptism that couples, parents come themselves to seek for the sacraments from the Priest rather than the grandparents, relatives etc. exceptional only for certain cases.

Meetings

Eucharistic Ministers

are requested to meet with the Liturgy Commission head this Sunday after the 9am Mass 29/5

May month of Rosary

Rosary recital and processing of Mother Mary's statue house to house continues every day this month with 7steps on Tuesdays. Members please take note.

World Apostolate of Fatima will be having there meeting in the Ab P Mataka hall on the 4th from 11pm to 3pm

Evangelisation and Bible Commission

Community Reps and organisation reps please be mindful of your meeting on the 12th June 2022 after 9am mass

Family Life Commission

Please be mindful members that your meeting will be on Friday the 10th June at the Koroicure's residence at 8pm

Thanks & Appreciation

Thank you for your generous contribution towards last Sunday's collection which amounted to **\$860.25** plus Envelopes **\$5.00** Total amount collected **\$865.25**

We would also like to thank St Cecilia, Community1, for animating the liturgy from Monday to Friday and the church cleaning. We now invite St Joseph the Worker 2 to take on this important responsibility.

Thanks and Appreciation to those Youths that attended the Fun Day and launching of their logo, Facebook page and brochure.

OTHER NEWS

COME PLAY THE GAME OF YOUR LIFE! Come to a Missionary Vocation Program on Saturday 4th June 2022 From 8.30am to 3.30am at the Columban Formation House, 239 QE Drive, Nasese. Young men who have passed the FSLC are invited.

PARISH YOUTH NEWS

The Parish Youths are having a **clean up session** on Saturday 4th of June. Youths of the Parish are encouraged to attend the clean up.

Moreover, the Youths have organized a Team Bonding Activity on Sunday 5th of June at Deuba Pacific Harbor. Community Leaders are urged to encourage their Youths to attend this activity. For more details please contact Mr. Carl LowChee on 7153916.

Purpose of Youth Team Bonding

As we journey together not as brothers and sisters but as young people of St Pius X, we humbly ask for your love and prayers in this activity. Since the pandemic, it is evident that the youths are affected mentally and physically and through this team bonding activity we hope to get the youths back onboard and finish what we started. We look forward towards your support in this activity that will **ENCOURAGE** and **EMPOWER** the youths of the Parish.

Interested youth could collect Consent form after mass and to be returned by Wednesday

As the month of Rosary with the Our mother Mary end son the 31st May and we begin with the month of June **Christ's Sacred Heart of love** is expressed most profoundly in the Blessed Sacrament. Pope Francis' June Intention: We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.



LITURGY ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY

DATE	COMMUNITIES/ ORGANIZATION	5:00 PM	
4th June	St. Cecilia (1)	St. Joseph the Worker, Community 2 to animate	
	St. Joan of Arc (3)		
	St. Theresa of the Child Jesus (7B)		
	St. Joseph the Worker (2)		
5th June	Communities 4B & 4C to animate	7:00 AM	9:00 AM
		St. Peter Chanel (4A)	St. Jacob (7A)
		St. Michael (5A)	St. Paul (6)
		Men of the Parish (MOP)	St. Columban (5B)
		St. Patrick (4B)	St. John the Baptist (4C)

WEEKDAY ANIMATING COMMUNITIES:

Monday May 30th - Friday 3rd June **St Joseph the Worker Community 2**
Monday June 6th - Friday 10th June **St Joan of Arc, Community 3.**

NORMAL WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mondays, Wednesdays Thursdays & Fridays: @6:30pm,
Tuesdays, @7:00am
Confessions: Sat 8:30am - 9:30am Adoration: Thursdays - 5:30pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

29/5	7th Sunday in Easter - Acts 7:55-60 / Rv 22:12-14 16-17, 20 / John 17:20-26/ Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53
30/5	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
31/5	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56
1/6	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
2/6	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
3/6	Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
4/6	Pentecost Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
5/6	Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/ Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26