

# 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016 District Update



**Champagnat Marists**  
DISTRICT OF THE PACIFIC

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## Advent Prayer Resource

This is available online at  
[maristbrothers.org.nz/spirituality/  
advent-prayers-2016](http://maristbrothers.org.nz/spirituality/advent-prayers-2016)

Print versions are available from  
Marist Publications.



## Earthquake in Wellington/South Island

We have been in touch with our communities in Wellington and Christchurch and are pleased to be able to say that they have not been adversely affected by the earthquake.

Carl reports: Life has been a bit shaky here with the quakes and then yesterday with the rain and flooding ... which is far from us.

Brother James (89 years old) is quite philosophical about the quakes and in fact there were two shakes while Carl was talking with him. Most of those recorded are not felt here but anything over 4 makes its presence felt.

Below is a link to some photos of the devastation

[www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/318010/  
earthquake-in-pictures](http://www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/318010/earthquake-in-pictures)

The following message has been received from the Secretariate of the General House in Rome:

"I hope that all the brothers with their families and friends, who are in the part of your beautiful land involved with the terrible earthquake, are well. I watched the TV news, so sad and terrible. As you surely know, the center of Italy has been devastated in these last months since August. Many victims and many places completely destroyed. God help your land to find serenity that people need to go on.

Emanuela Lisciarelli—Statistics-General  
Secretariat Marist Brothers, P.le M. Champagnat, 2  
00144 Roma"

## Spotted at a venue in Christchurch



Br Denis Turner and the provincial rugby trophy.



## St Bernard' College Rugby

A comprehensive history of rugby from 1946-2016 is available at \$25.00 copy. It will be launched on 14 December. To order a copy please email:

[ngraham@sbc.school.nz](mailto:ngraham@sbc.school.nz)

## Sunday Gospel Reflection

The weekly reflection may be downloaded at  
[maristbrothers.org.nz/spirituality/sunday-gospel-  
commentary/november-2016/](http://maristbrothers.org.nz/spirituality/sunday-gospel-commentary/november-2016/)

## District Administration:

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| <b>21 Nov</b>         | District Administration Finance Committee |
| <b>25 Nov</b>         | Term 3 ends (NZ)                          |
| <b>27 Nov</b>         | First Sunday of Advent Marist Family      |
| <b>27 Nov - 2 Dec</b> | Retreat, Suva                             |

**Aotearoa New Zealand, Fiji Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Kiribati**

**Brother John Hazelman:**

Br Joe McKee in Rome has been in touch to confirm that the Superior General is appointing Brother John Hazelman as Rector/Community Leader of MAPAC next year. John will start in that new position in early 2017.



The Council is very disappointed to lose John from the District but we are pleased that his skills, compassion and wisdom are being recognised by the Institute.

**Brothers from the Pacific:**

Brothers Kevin O'Malley, Donald Teixeira and Terence Maney from St Louis, Kiribati, have arrived back in New Zealand, as has Brother Peter Brown from Samoa.

Brother Siasi Ioane is expected in for the Council meeting Friday 18th.

**Xtra emails:**

Have you changed your password and given your permission to move your Yahoo or Xtra emails, calendars and contacts to Spark? To do this, please go to [spark.co.nz](http://spark.co.nz).

If you need help, please contact Kerri on [nzmarist@fmispacific.com](mailto:nzmarist@fmispacific.com) or 09 573 5233.