



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marists

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24th November 2017

General News

Brothers on the move



Br Sam Eathorne arrived in New Zealand last week.

Br Jone arrives in Auckland next week.



Br Siaso arrives in Auckland next week.

Advent Prayers

Please visit <https://maristbrothers.org.nz/assets/Prayers--Reflections/Advent-Prayers-2017.pdf> to download this year's Advent Prayers.

District Dates

28th Nov. - Marist Brothers Champagnat Trust meeting

30th Nov. - Investment Review

30th Nov. - Champagnat Partnership workshop in Samoa and American Samoa
30th Nov - 8th Dec.

New Principal for St Joseph's College



For the first time St. Joseph's Alafua, Samoa, has a female principal. Since it was founded in 1950 the principal has always been a Marist Brother. Susitina Maletino Levao follows Brother Bryan Stanaway, who resigned for medical reasons last year.

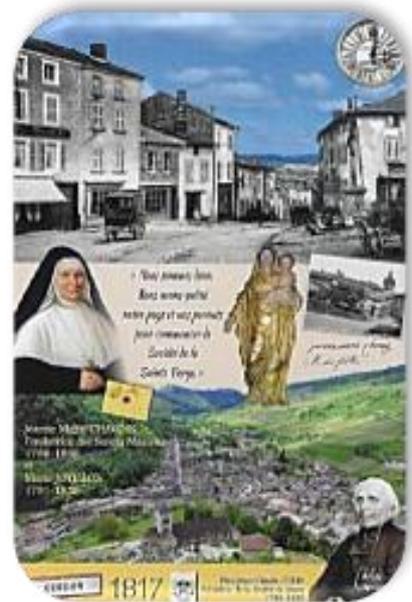
Ms. Levao first joined the teaching staff of the College in 1999, working her way up to the senior management team of the college. By January 2017, she was the school deputy Principal. In May she inherited the duties of acting principal when Brother Stanaway left.

Marist Sisters Bicentennial Celebrations

On Saturday, 18th of November the Marist Sisters celebrated their Bicentenary joined by SMSM Sisters, Marist Fathers, Marist Brothers and various branches of the Lay Marist Family at St Mary's Church in Mt Albert.

At the beginning of Mass Sister Gemma Wilson SM welcomed everyone and Father David Kennerley SM was assisted by two other Priests.

Sister Kathleen Bright SM then explained their foundation history with details printed on the postcard (above) that came with the Mass leaflet. The singing and readings were very enthusiastic and appropriate for the occasion. After Mass people gathered in the Parish Hall for a beautiful morning tea and a chance to meet with lots of other wonderful Marists.





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Brothers William and Damien Report on their Travels

After the travels in France it was "relaxing" not to have to board a bus to get to a destination; our time was spent in the house. The week began with Mary Rickard, an Irish registered nurse, who spoke with us on various health related topics, many of which we supplied in advance (a number of which we have discussed at some of our monthly Wellness mornings). Mary has a position similar to Cilla's with us with the Irish Jesuits, so she is familiar with our concerns.

Then on Wednesday through to Friday Br Brendan Geary, Provincial of our West Central Europe province (Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, UK and Ireland), and Sister Catherine Darby took us through "Sexuality and Affectivity" as it relates to the vowed life and the implications for ministry.

This coming week is another busy week; we have two mornings with Br Jose Maria Ferre "Walking with Mary", an audience with Pope Francis on Wednesday (we will be with about five thousand other attendees!), and a pilgrimage, including travel time, to Assisi.

My heartfelt thanks to those of you who have taken the time to comment on what I have sent you to date. May God and our Blessed Mother continue to bless you all and keep you safe and well, Brother Bill



Mary Rickard addresses our group while Damian discusses the food selection.



Bicentenary celebratory Mass in Masterton

On Sunday November 26th there will be a Bicentenary celebratory Mass in Masterton. The aim is to thank people for their support of the Marist Brothers, St Joseph's College and Chanel College over the years.

Contact Brother Douglas for more information.