



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

Kia Ora, Greetings, Ni sa bula vinaka, Kam na mauri, Talofa Lava



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Current News Items



St Vincent de Paul Volunteers

Some Brothers are working as volunteers around the country, including Br. Des Quirk in Lower Hutt. Br Bryan M. spends a couple of mornings a week down at the St. Vincent de Paul shop in Mangere Bridge along with about 14 or 15 other volunteers – though not everyone is there at the same time.

They mainly sort piles of donated books, CDs and DVDs that flood into the shop. You can buy three novels for \$1.00 and up to date DVDs for \$2.00. Lots of clothing, footwear, furniture, crockery, toys, etc. Drop in sometime and have a splurge.

District Dates

Saturday 5th – Mass for Br Gabriel at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Palmerston North. Br Martin and Br Kevin D. will represent the brothers.

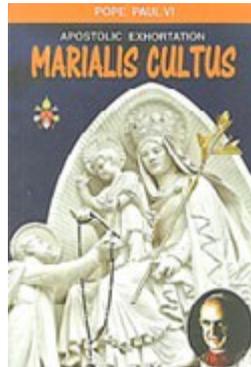
Wednesday 9th - Sacred Heart Hostel meeting.

Friday 11th – Br Chris Maney arrives in Auckland.

Friday 11th - Marist Anniversary (1840) - Marcellin Received the Last Sacrament and gave his final Blessing to his Brothers.

Sunday 13th - Mother's Day

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Oasis Prayer Community Opening Session on the Scriptures

Onslow Avenue - Tuesday 1st May
Brother Kieran Reports

The opening session of the Oasis Community on the Scriptures and our Life began with a prayer from Br Peter. A presentation to mark the beginning of the month of May by Brother Kieran focused on the five points made by Pope Paul VI in his Apostolic Exhortation, Marialis Cultus (1974) on a Mary for our times.

First a brief development of the changing face of Mary in the Gospels was followed by the Mary who accompanies us through the Liturgical seasons of the year. The third point was the Ecumenical dimension of the study of Mary, that she is a treasure to share with other denominations rather than someone to only wheel out at Christmas.

The closing two points were perhaps the most interesting, the Anthropology that gives credit to the real life of a first century woman of Nazareth, and the balanced Theology that recognises that any truth about Mary is first of all a truth about her Son and the Marial face of the Church we long to see implemented.

The interaction and responses were very good as a number of the group recognised the valid nature of the points made in our journey with Mary.

Next session: June 5th. Mark 8:27-10:52 The Heart of Mark's Gospel.

