



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

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



District Dates

November 30th – December 4th
Royal Commission Redress Catholic Church NZ.

December 1st NZMBTB meeting

December 7th MAPAC Board Meeting (ZOOM)

December 8th Leaders of Asia and Oceania (ZOOM)

December 8th: St Paul's Prizegiving. Liturgy for remaining students on the 9th

December 11th District Council Meeting (ZOOM)

Attached Reports:

Marist News from Rome 653

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20th November 2020



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Special Character Reflection

We are now drawing to the end of the Church's liturgical year culminating on the Feast of Christ the King in two weeks' time. The readings we hear in the next few weeks should remind us of the end times and our responsibilities as Christians. The Gospel this weekend is the Parable of the Talents in which a master gives his servants "talents" to care for and invest while he is away. Two are wise and invest well, one simply buries his talent and is given a scolding by his master on his return. While this seems harsh and almost un-Christian like it is important to put it in context.

Due to the similarity of the name in English a "talent" has been often linked with a person's natural ability, however, a talent in the time of Jesus was a measure for large amounts of gold and silver; almost the equivalent of our modern day gold bars. Seen through this lens the parable is not just about using our talents, but about being wise with all those things that are given to us. As with many of the Gospels we have heard in the past few Sundays, we are reminded that we will one day have to give an account to God about how wisely we used these things. Did we care for these things in our life? Do they help us grow and aspire for higher things or do they keep us stagnant and therefore actually move backward? In this parable, Jesus is clear that we need to use the things of this world wisely not to become attached to them but to leave them better than we found them knowing that one day we will have to give them back. **Steve Dooley Principal**

Farewell to Brothers John and Kevin from Sacred Heart College Hostel



Brother Colin



Head Boarder



Boarding Staffer



Brother John



Brother Richard



Brother Kevin

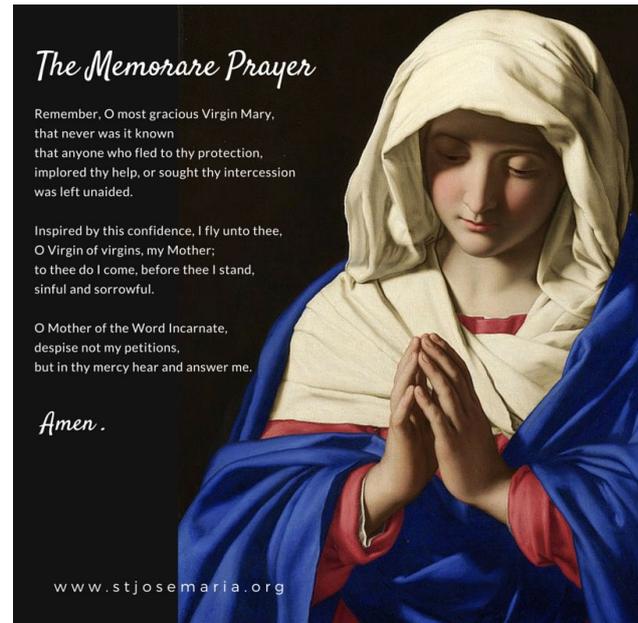


Brothers and Lay Staff Gather at Wall's Road

Brothers and Lay Staff at the Champagnat Marist Centre Walls Road gathers 'around the same table' to celebrate the multinational element of our group identity with the sharing of dishes from the various cultures. Our team is made up of members from New Zealand, England, Northern Ireland, Russia, South Africa, Colombia and Samoa.

Marist Brothers who have died due to Covid 19

1. Bro. Euguen Trzeciecki age 92 USA
2. Bro. Alberto Davila age 84 Mexico
3. Bro. Isidoro Mueller age 85 Brazil
4. Bro. Deodato Magomero age 56 Malawi
5. Bro. Etienne Pitiot age 76 France
6. Bro. Georges Pitiot age 80 France
7. Bro. Paul Sester age 93 France
8. Bro. Robert Andrews age 72 USA
9. Bro. Andre Montavon age 93 France
10. Bro. Ary Suliani age 84 Brazil
11. Bro. Salvador Durante age 93 Brazil
12. Bro. Herbert Wildner age 99 Brazil



We pray for these Brothers as well as Champagnat Marists from around the globe who have passed away due to this pandemic.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to you do I come, before you I stand sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen

May they Rest in peace – Amen.

REMAR Day at Marcellin College

Marist Youth Ministry is a significant aspect of our ministry to youth people. Here are a few photos of a recent REMAR Day at Marcellin College. The meaningful liturgy and fun activities were mostly led by the Year 13 members of the REMAR (Marist Youth Group) team.

