



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

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



District Dates

- Friday 2nd April: Good Friday—Public Holiday.
- Sunday 4th April: Easter Sunday.
- Monday 5th April: Public Holiday.
- Tuesday 6th April: New Province Executive Meeting
- Thursday 8th April: Strategic Planning District Council & New Zealand Marist Brothers Trust Board.
- Friday 9th April: District Council Meeting.
- Thursday 15th April: Proprietor Company NZ. Meeting.
- Friday 16th April: Community Leaders Meeting.

Attached Reports:

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April 2nd 2021



Sacred Heart College

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Special Character Reflection—Annunciation and Holy Week

Yesterday marked the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, when Mary first discovers that she alone has been chosen as the Mother of God. In Luke 1:26-38, Mary's brief shock at the unique Good News quickly subsides, as she embraces what she is being asked to do for her God. "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered "May your word to me be fulfilled."

As we move into Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday this weekend, we are also reminded of Jesus' momentous calling from God - that of giving up His life to save all of humanity from our sins.

Both the Feast of the Annunciation and Holy Week reminds us that God has a unique calling for each and every one of us. We are created in His image and likeness so that we may serve His will, whenever it may arise and whatever it may be.

As we strive to detect and fulfil God is calling for us, we can only pray that we are as willing to accept our calling as Mary and Jesus were. Luckily for us, the 'Mother of God' vacancy and the 'Saviour of all of humanity' vacancies have already been filled, so we don't need to worry about being asked to take on either of those particularly momentous tasks!

In the Heart of St Marcellin—**Steve Dooley—Headmaster**

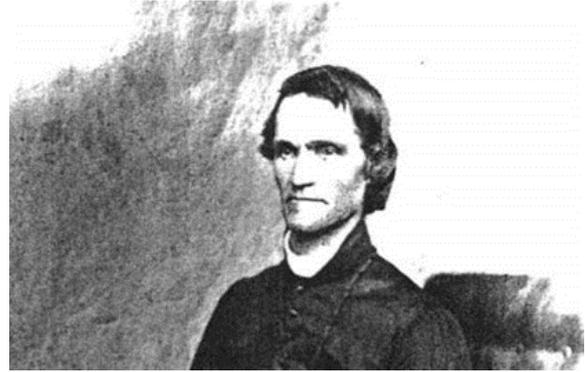
Special Ministers of Holy Communion at Sacred Heart College

At Thursday's lunchtime Mass, 14 Year 13 students were blessed in their role as Special Ministers of Holy Communion. Two absent students will be blessed later next week. The badges were blessed by Father Stephen and presented by Mr Dooley and Brother John. Students in this ministry underwent preparation and development prior to the day. **Josh** has taken responsibility for allocating the ministers for various school and boarding Masses throughout the year and we thank the boys for putting themselves forward for this important role within the College.

Sunday 4th April
Day Light Saving Ends
Clocks go back—2.00am



“Father Garin's Chapel will be restored, just not yet!”
Recent major news in New Zealand newspapers and Stuff News



An earthquake-prone historic chapel at Nelson’s Wakapuaka Cemetery will be restored, but it’s a long-term project, the Catholic Church says. The final resting place of Father Antoine Marie Garin SM is listed as a category one historic place, with “special or outstanding historical or cultural significance or value”. In 2018, a notice from the Nelson City Council said the building’s owners needed to carry out work by 2028 to ensure the chapel was no longer earthquake prone. Parish of the Holy Family Nelson and Stoke spokesman Gerry Quin said the notice covered two aspects of the chapel: the canopy at its entrance, and the bell tower.

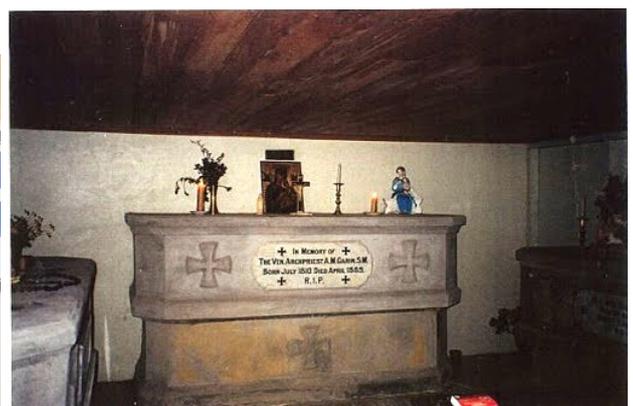
Father Antoine Marie Garin SM was born in France in 1810, ordained in 1834 and arrived in Nelson in 1850. He had his work cut out for him in the largely Protestant region. For a year or so before his parishioners bought him a horse, the priest travelled on foot, as far as Tākaka, Westland and Marlborough. Garin College in Nelson, he founded, is named in his honor. On his death in 1889, Father Garin SM was laid to rest in the Wakapuaka Cemetery. Following his wishes, the chapel was built in his name to house his remains. Archives show that 18 months after Garin was buried, his remains were exhumed so they could be placed in a crypt underneath the chapel.



with Father Garin SM.

Brother Claude-Marie, a cousin of Marcellin Champagnat, was one of the best known of the early French missionaries, and arrived in new Zealand in 1840. When the Brothers moved to Wellington in 1850 he was appointed to join Father Garin SM in founding the Nelson Mission. He spent the next 40 years looking after household affairs and assisting in running the college. One of his pupils was the future Archbishop Redwood. He died in 1893. He was buried in Father Garin’s original tomb in the Nelson cemetery. In May 1894 the Superior General lauded his zeal in catechizing the children, his great piety and his wonderful bond

Father Garin’s Tomb inside the Chapel



Brother Samuel arrives home

After 14 days of quarantine at the Nadi Tanoa International Hotel and a Year in Auckland, Brother Sam has returned to his home at Marist Vatu-waqa Suva Fiji.

