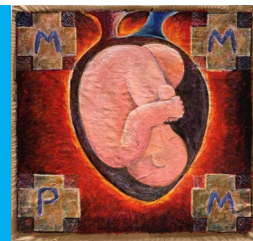




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Current News Items

Prayer to St Anthony

Saint Anthony, perfect imitator of Jesus, who received from God the special power of restoring lost things, grant that I may find (mention your petition) which has been lost. At least restore to me peace and tranquillity of mind, the loss of which has afflicted me even more than my material loss. To this favour I ask another of you: that I may always remain in possession of the true good that is God. Let me rather lose all things than lose God, my supreme good. Let me never suffer the loss of my greatest treasure, eternal life with God. Amen.



17th January 2020

Foundation Day in Lower Hutt from Brother Douglas

Lower Hutt community celebrated Foundation Day on Saturday the 13th, giving people time to return from holiday and also use the occasion to welcome people to the new community residence. 45 people attended at Maire Street – Kieran and Damien being visiting Brothers, Champagnat Marists, 4 priests, former Grove residents, parishioners and Maire Street residents. The residence provided ample room, both in the lounge and in the outside area for a very pleasant afternoon BBQ experience – abundant meats, salads and desserts as well as liquid refreshments! A highlight was having Kieran present, amazing people, with his current state of health. Unfortunately, in the excitement of the afternoon no-one took any photos until this one at the end.

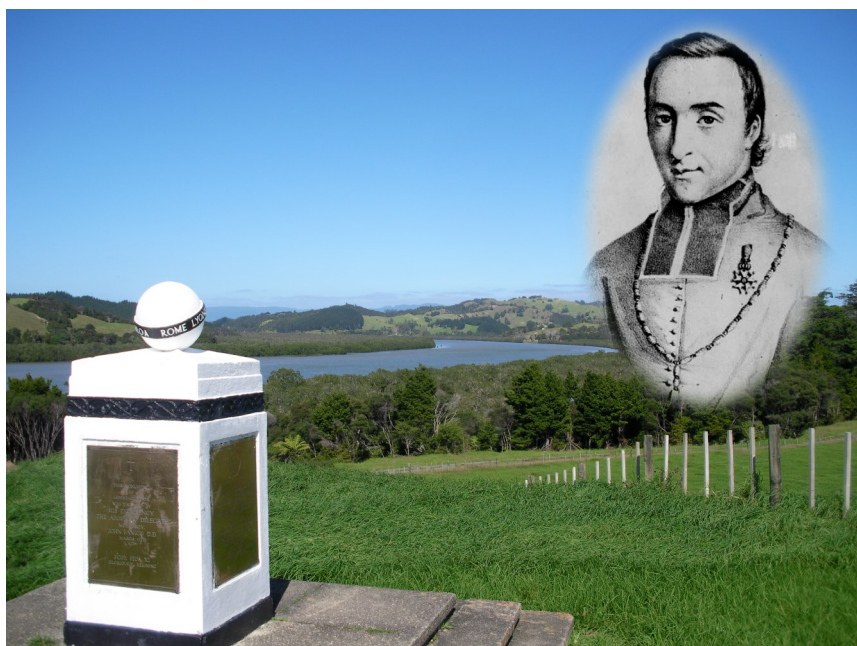


District Dates

Marist Anniversary 1838: The first Catholic Missionaries, Bishop Pompallier, Father Servant SM, and Brother Michael Colombon FMS arrived at Hokianga in New Zealand.



Totara-Point-Centennial-Plinth — Hokianga Harbour



Extra - Attached Report:
No extra report this week



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Brother John Hazelman Reporting



Brothers of the Lomeri International Novitiate gathers for Morning Prayer. The Novice Master is Brother Jone Seduadua (Fiji). At present, another Fijian Brother Luke Fong assists Jone on the staff. Luke has just received his Visa for Brazil and will be soon departing our District for the LaValla 200 community at TABATINGA BRAZIL. The Novices consists of 2nd Years from Kiribati. There are Lere-mia Karekennatu and Lenraku Temoai. There are also two 1st

Years. They are from Fiji (Karolo Ratuyada) and the Philippines ...Nowelle Melchor. Nowelle just received news that the ashes from the latest Taal Volcano eruption were found at his home at Lake Laguna. The good news is that his family are all safe.



Brother Luke Fong giving a morning session on 'Discernment'. Lenaraku and Karolo were giving a presentation.

The four novices doing their evening studies in the library/computer room. Tonight was their internet night.



Brother Kevin O'Malley has been appointed recently as President of St Joseph's College by the Samoa Marist Governance Board with the blessing of the District Council. Kevin will be traveling to Apia at times to be involved with the College. He will be part of the Brothers working at St Joseph's College, Alafua, from July.



Love of Work

- * Being responsible.
- * Understanding the dignity of work that leads towards Christ-like service.

The Marist Pillars



Presence

- * Being available to others without expecting anything in return.



Simplicity

- * Being genuine and straightforward.
- * Being aware of one's limitations and potential and therefore understanding others.



Way of Mary

- * Being open to God's call.
- * Being prepared to respond with a wholehearted 'YES' when needed.



Family Spirit

- * Being warm and welcoming.
 - * Accepting people as they are.
- Providing a sense of belonging within a community.