



BROTHERS DAILY NEWS

Reception of Marist Novices into the Baucau Novitiate

Two moments of historical note for the Province occurred last Wednesday 12th May. Firstly, we recalled the anniversary of the opening of the Marist Novitiate at Hunters Hill (1878), and secondly, the formal entry of novices into the Marist Novitiate, Baucau - the first on Timorese soil.

143 years between these two events, and yet the invitation of Jesus to live the adventure of brotherhood through the charism of Champagnat continues to excite, enthuse, and call young men forward.

Unable to travel to Sri Lanka and continue their formation, the decision was made to commence the Timor novitiate, enabling the novices to proceed with their formation. The eight novices had previously commenced their canonical year on 25 March, however due to Covid-related matters, the Community and wider Marist family were unable to gather and celebrate until now.

During the Mass, novices Clementino, Dionisio, Filomeno, Julio, Juvencio, Pedro, Ronaldo and Salvador, each received their Marist cross and a copy of Chapter 1 of the new Marist Constitutions from Greg McDonald, and then re-committed themselves to entering fully into the novitiate formation program.

Unfortunately, our 9th novice, Zaulino Ruas (formerly at Daceyville), was unable to be present with us as he remains in lockdown in Dili. We look forward to having him join us as soon as it is safe for him to do so.

We pray that our novices here in Baucau, together with the other Timorese novices in Tamontaka, Philippines, continue to open their hearts generously to the invitation of Jesus and Mary in their lives.



40 people gathered for the Mass.



Br Greg McDonald placing the Marist Cross on the novices.



Br Matthew Green reading.



Br Greg McDonald with novices.

Renewal of Vows of Br Jacinto and Br Melquiano

Again, in another first on Timor soil, two of our temporary professed Brothers; Jacinto and Melquiano renewed their vows for one year, during the same Mass. Peter Corr received their vows in the name of the Superior General.



**Br Peter Corr receiving the vows
of Br Melquiano and Br Jacinto.**



Br Lecio Heckler with Br Jacinto and Br Melquiano.

The evening saw all the Brothers present, together with our postulants, some close friends of the young men and a small nucleus of what is becoming our wider Marist family, including Margie Beck and several ICFP staff. Fr Manuel, sdb, the Parish priest, was the presider.

We rejoice in the renewed commitment of our young brothers to Marist life and pray that the Lord, Mary and Champagnat guide and strengthen them in their studies and ongoing formation.

Brothers can follow updates on Marist ministry in Timor Leste on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/Irmaun-Maristas-Timor-Leste-111555600557530>

Marist Community Baucau.



Br Robert Speare giving communion.



Br Michael McManus with novices and friends.

The Funeral of Br Cyrinus Fisk

The funeral for Br Cyrinus (Patrick) Fisk will be held in the Marist College Ashgrove chapel at 10.30 am on next Tuesday, 25th May. As per Cy's wishes, this will be followed by an unattended cremation, and his ashes will eventually be taken to Mittagong.

After the funeral mass there will be a light lunch for all in the Brothers' dining room.

Jeff Barrington

for the Ashgrove community.

Death of Bernie Mullins - Cairns

Bernie Mullins, one of Saint Augustine's College's oldest living old boys, passed away peacefully yesterday morning after a battle with illness in hospital, aged 93. Bernie is the brother of John Mullins FMS (deceased) and an Affiliated member of the Marist Brothers. A memorial service will be held later as one of his children are overseas. We will keep you informed as more information comes to hand. We pass on our deepest condolences to the Mullins family and their friends.

John Horgan

Cairns Community.

'Breathe: the Spirit of Life' - No.6, 2021

The 2nd attachment to this BDN email is my 6th Reflection Sheet for 2021 on the theme: 'Breathe: the Spirit of Life'.

Union of prayers,

Bob O'Connor.

La Valla Hermitage Community, Mittagong.
