



# MARIST LAITY NZ

INSTRUMENTS OF MERCY IN DAILY LIFE.

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News

Dear Marist Friends, we have certainly had a cold spell with polar blasts and flooding causing widespread problems. We pray you are warm and well and that those impacted receive all the help they need.

**Living the Word:** Many of you know Fr Frank Bird SM. He set up a weekly Scripture Guide for the Sunday readings called “Living the Word”. Marist Laity NZ has accepted responsibility for this Resource, freeing Fr Frank for other initiatives. You can sign up for reflections at [www.livingtheword.org.nz](http://www.livingtheword.org.nz). These are ideal for either individuals or groups and can be used equally well before or after each Sunday Mass. Check it out and share it in your parish. While targeted to younger adults it is ideal for all age groups.

**Retreats this year:** I am sorry that so far retreats this year in the districts have not happened as intended. Fr Chris was available but I have had quite significant health and family issues and have only been managing to do the basics so I haven't been able to fit in retreats or visits. I hope you can understand and I really appreciate your patience. For those of you who knew, thank you for the prayers for my husband, Stuart. He is now recovering well from surgery.

**Wellington Area Visit:** I am coming to Wellington in early August and hope to catch up with as many of you as possible.

Information  
*without*  
application is  
fascination.



**YOUNG ADULTS  
WANT A CHALLENGE?**

Information *with* application is  
transformation.



## ***Bereavements. Please pray for the repose of the soul of:***

Mrs Koreti Mavaega Tiumalu, who passed away unexpectedly on 2 July, younger sister of **Fr Joe Savesi SM**.

Mrs Epiena Lomu, who passed away on 22 July, mother of **Fr Soane Lomu SM** (Otara Parish)

Following the death of Cassie Devlin, Fr Pat and Rob Devlin wrote: *“Thanks to those who sent messages and to those who were able to be at the rosary vigil or Requiem Mass. Because the church was full we may not have been able to greet everyone individually but your presence was appreciated”*.

## **Social Media**

There is a good Youtube reflection just added to the Marist Laity Facebook page about discernment which you may like to share with your young people. Please send in some stories and photos of your groups. Please keep praying for the Chapter in October. *Keep warm in body and spirit, Blessings Bev and Vanessa*