



# MARIAN MOTHERS

WOMEN TO WOMEN ON FAITH AND LIFE

August 2017 Newsletter

Warm greetings during the depths of winter. We hope that you had a good break over the school holidays and managed to avoid the terrible colds that are going around.



**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.

**Living the Word:** Many of you remember 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



YOUNG ADULTS  
WANT A CHALLENGE?

Information  
*without*

application is fascination.

Information *with* application is transformation.

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.



**Pope Francis'**  
MONTHLY  
PRAYER  
INTENTIONS

**August  
For Artists**

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

**Women to Women Marian Mothers** has its own Facebook page.

It's a way to introduce people to Marian Mothers and get up to date information and resources. We would love those of you on social media to use it and share what is happening in your groups. There is a good Youtube reflection just added about discernment you may like to share with your young people. Please send in stories and photos of your groups.

*Keep warm in body and spirit, Bev and Vanessa*



## **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)

Some of you may not have heard that Mrs Cassie Devlin, mother of Frs Pat and Rob Devlin passed away in June. 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"*.