



# MARIST LAITY NZ

INSTRUMENTS OF MERCY IN DAILY LIFE.

March 2018  
News

Hi everyone, Lent has arrived early this year and we thank Bev for her powerful reflection on Pope Francis' message to the Society of Mary Chapter in Rome. It is very appropriate as you will see, on our journey through Lent to Easter.

**Bev is still on her extended break** and will be back at the office on 18th March. Your ongoing prayers for her time of renewal is much appreciated.

**Cyclone Gita** has caused a lot of destruction in Tonga and we send our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to all of you who have been affected. Fr Chris Skinner sm, has offered a Mass for everyone.

**Congratulations to Fr Barry Scannel** who has received an award in the New Year Honours for *services to the community and heritage preservation* - for his restoration and seismic strengthening work on St Mary of the Angels.

**Okaihau Marists** were farewelled by the parishioners of the three Mid-North Pastoral area communities. They resided at Okaihau since 2004 and operated for many years from Rawene and Moerewa prior to that.

**The Otara Community** is also preparing to leave the parish after 16 years of service by the Society of Mary.

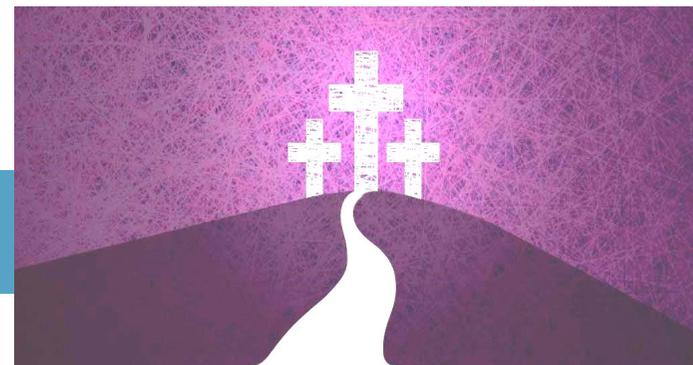
## **Bereavement:**

**Fr Donald (Don) Forbes  
from Hamilton**

Passed away on 24 January 2018.  
Please keep him, his confreres and family in  
prayer. *May he rest in peace.*

We wish you every blessing on your Lenten journey and pray that you will be refreshed, renewed and filled with the hope of our Resurrected Jesus.

*God Bless, Bev & Vanessa*



## **March Marist Dates**

**1822 March 9:** letter of Pope Pius VII praising the idea of the Society of Mary and encouraging its founders which marks the first papal recognition of the Society.

**19th:** St Joseph, husband of BVM

**25th** Palm Sunday

**29th** Holy Thursday,

**Fri 30th** Good Friday

**31st** Holy Saturday

## **The Episcopal Ordination**

**Of**

Bishop-Elect Paul Martin SM

will take place on

**Saturday 3rd March,  
in Riccarton.**



We extend our congratulations and continue to pray for him and the people of the Diocese of Christchurch.