



MARIAN MOTHERS

WOMEN TO WOMEN – MARCH 2018 Newsletter



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 wreaked havoc 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.

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.

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 idea of 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

Pope Francis March 2018 Intention

*Evangelization:
Formation in Spiritual Discernment*

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on personal and community levels.