



MARIST LAITY NZ

INSTRUMENTS OF MERCY IN DAILY LIFE.

MARCH 2017
NEWS

Dear Marist friends, our prayers are with all who have been impacted by the fires.

LENT: Ash Wednesday is on 1st March and always seems to come too early. I think Lent for me has tended to feel quite negative. But I am discovering it as an invitation to grow in the joy of loving and as a journey, a bit like our topic this month perhaps.

I used to make token Lenten sacrifices rather begrudgingly. Instead I am going to focus on loving more effectively this Lent. What do I need to do today to grow in love for God, my husband, my children, family, friends, community and myself? What effort on my part will help build and restore those relationships? Who is in most need of love today? How could I build a bridge in a



wounded relationship? Who do I find hardest to love? What will help me grow as a Marist in relationship with Mary my mentor?

This is my personal challenge for Lent. Instead of a list of token 'give-ups', I will try a question like that each day. You might consider something similar. Hopefully we can rediscover the joy of sacrificing for love and experience growing deeper in love for God, ourselves and others as we journey toward Easter.

The **LOGOS** Youth team hosted the Auckland Diocesan Youth Mass on 12th February.



Fr **Denis O'Hagan SM** gave a very inspiring homily during which the Cathedral lights went out by mistake! The impeccable timing matched his words about needing the light to see one another as God would have us see them.

Marist Seminary welcome **Hayden Kennedy** and **Seremia Turagabeci** for the year.

Please pray for them.



MARIST BROTHERS **2017**
a new beginning

Marist Laity are invited to attend the Mass to celebrate the bicentennial of the foundation of the Marist Brothers at

**St Patrick's Cathedral,
Wyndham St Auckland,
Saturday 25h March 4:30 p.m.**

Parking is available at Wilsons Carpark in Durham Lane or Hobson Street

Bereavements: Fr Fred Bliss SM

Passed away on 15 February. Please keep him, his confreres & family in prayer.