



# MARIST LAITY NZ

INSTRUMENTS OF MERCY IN DAILY LIFE.

October 2017  
News



Hi everyone, We are in Mary's month and it's finally getting a bit warmer and drier. But we are also aware of those around the world impacted by flooding and earthquakes and especially pray for the poor in areas like Bangladesh and Mexico. It is also the Centenary of the Final Apparition at Fatima on 13th October 1917. A day to join in solidarity prayer.

**Visits:** I was in Timaru in September and it was so good to catch up with the group there. Like so many around the country there are ongoing challenges for them around the merging of parishes. I encourage you to pray for each other and for all parishioners and priests around the country working through these changes. Photos of my visit are on the website.

**Feast of the Holy Name, 12th September:** We hope you enjoyed a wee celebration of some sort for our Marist Feast. In Auckland we were blessed with the opportunity to gather with the Marist Family for prayer and lunch. It was a beautiful reminder of the family we belong in and a commemoration of the Marist Brothers FMS and Marist Sisters Bi-Centenaries this year.

**Chapter:** The Society of Mary Chapter is continuing in Rome. Bev and Michel Macquet, the leader of the World Marist Laity Co-ordination Team from France, are sharing 4 days at the Chapter where issues of Marist Laity worldwide will hopefully be explored. It is a great privilege to attend and we ask for your prayer for our travel and the whole Chapter.

*God bless, Bev and Vanessa.*

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

**Mary Cullen-Walsh:** died suddenly 26th August in Oamaru. Mary was a long standing member of the Third Order of Mary and married to Pat Walsh who passed away last year.



**Sr M. Catarina Lee SMSM:** died at St Joseph's Home of Compassion on the feast of the Holy Name of Mary, 12 September 2017, and her funeral was on the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Catarina worked with Marist Laity and Fr John Allardyce in the 1960's and with other Directors through to the mid 90's, supporting the Third Order of Mary groups and Marian Mothers. Thank you for your service to Laity Sr Catarina. Many remember you fondly in prayer.

## **Hawkes Bay Area - Open to ALL**

**Sunday 15th October:**

**Hall at 58 Osier Rd Taradale**

**10 - 3:30 pm.**

**The Jesus Gaze:**

**Show Us Your Face O Lord**

*Fr Chris Skinner & Fr John Allardyce*

*Bring pen, paper, Bible & food for shared lunch.*

*Koha appreciated.*

*Bring a friend!*

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# CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME (LAUDATO SI')

BY BEV McDONALD

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**Start your meeting** with the Sign of the Cross & prayer.



**Someone read:** Psalm 24:1,2

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths.

## Listen to the cd or read the script.

The song is 'Awesome God' by Fr Chris Skinner from the Album 'Awesome God'

## Share from these reflection starters:

- Silently re-read the Scripture: share what strikes you.
- How would you describe our Catholic 'spiritual perspective' on the environment.
- What challenges you most about the idea that 'less is more' and that we need 'the capacity to be happy with less'?
- How can your Catholic community contribute and even become leaders in discussion & practical action on environmental impacts and care of the poor in your area?
- What practical & spiritual responses will you make?

## October Marist Dates

2nd Guardian Angels  
4th St Francis of Assisi  
7th Our Lady of the Rosary  
13th Final Fatima apparition of  
The Blessed Virgin Mary  
18th St Luke Evangelist  
Sat 28th St Simon & Jude Apostles

## Pope Francis's October Prayer Intentions: Workers & Unemployed

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

**Pray for your needs and intentions and conclude with this prayer**

## A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature, as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

**Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'***