



MARIAN MOTHERS

WOMEN TO WOMEN – SEPTEMBER 2018 Newsletter

FATHER'S DAY



Bev in Gisborne at Reflection Day

Kia Ora Friends, I enjoyed spending time in **Gisborne**. Bev visited sick Lay Marists and had a beautiful reflection day on Sat. 18th August then shared with Tokumaru Bay parish on Sunday. We were all blessed. Communities of faith are so valuable in Gods eyes for the church in New Zealand, whatever their size.

Sexual Abuse: Pope Francis: *“It is essential that we as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by ... all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for the most vulnerable.” ... “May fasting and prayer open our ears to the hushed pain felt by [victims] ... and ... make us hunger and thirst for*

justice and impel us to walk in the truth, supporting all the judicial measures that may be necessary.” “[Mary], the first of the disciples, teaches all of us ... how we are to halt before the sufferings of the innocent, without excuses or cowardice.” Please read full text of his letter at www.maristlaitynz.org and also the NZ Catholic Bishops letter. If you need to talk in confidence about any of it you are welcome to ring Bev.

Auckland Quiz night—8th Sept to raise money for **Logos Marist Project** to support another young Marist to Ranong. Fr Frank Bird will be sharing about Ranong. Dress up as *‘A Night in South East Asia’*. Food and drinks available to purchase. Prizes. Tickets \$15.00 pp. or \$100. table. EVERYONE Welcome. Come and Make up a Table. Booking ONLINE essential.

Marist Family Day: Sun. 16th, 2-4 pm. St Anne’s Manurewa. Its 180 years since Bishop Pompallier and 1st Marists arrived in Hokianga, and we are celebrating the **Feast of the Holy Name of Mary**. Bring a small finger food plate and be with Marists young and old. **YES—Marian Mothers are more than welcome.**

Pope Francis at the **World Meeting of Families in Dublin:** *“As families, you are the hope of the Church and of the world! God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, created mankind in his image to share in his love, to be a family of families, and to enjoy the peace that he alone can give.”* Think about sharing this months reflection with young mums in your parish if it seems appropriate and lets pray for our dads and men **on Fathers Day**. *Have a Graced September, Arohanui and prayer, Bev and Margaret.*

DISCOVER JOY IN EVERYDAY LIFE”

Sat. 22nd Sept. Fitzroy parish/St John Bosco school, 21 Clinton Rd, Bell Block New Plymouth. Bev and Fr Chris are visiting Taranaki 21st-23rd Sept.

We pray a youth gathering also eventuates. Watch the parish newsletters.

BEV’S UPCOMING VISITS:

Nelson Blenheim Oct. Wed. 17th—Sun 21st
Christchurch area: Wed 31st Oct—Sat 3. Nov.
Hawkes Bay: Nov. Fri 16th —Mon. 19th
Please contact Bev to schedule arrangements.



Congratulations to Gonville MM for celebrating 30 years and a write up in Welcom!