

# Marist Champagnat Family Newsletter

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Dear Marist Family Friends

Greetings to you and your families as we begin another year. May it be one that you can look back on in December with much satisfaction and cause for thanksgiving.

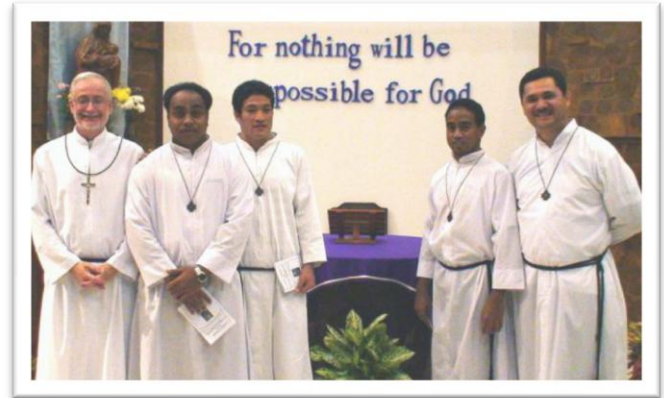
## Our Younger Brothers Renew Their Vows



Brother Tainga in Samoa (on right)

On November 15<sup>th</sup> our communities in Samoa gathered at Alafua to witness and celebrate **Brother Tainga's** renewal of vows during the usual Tuesday evening community Mass. Later, on December 8<sup>th</sup>, three of our young Brothers training at MAPAC in Manila, **Ueanimatang, Borerei and Amberoti**, renewed their vows.

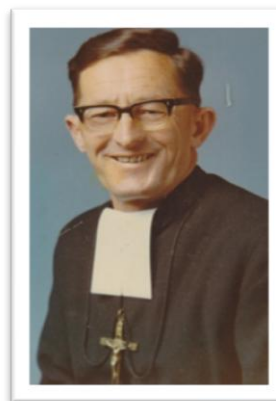
Our congratulations and support goes with them all.



Our young Brothers at MAPAC in Manila renewed their Vows at a ceremony on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

The photo shows Brothers Peter Rodney (Rector), Ueanimatang, Borerei, Amberoti and John Hazelman (Vice-Rector).

## Brother Kieran O'Sullivan R.I.P. from a tribute by Brother Romuald



Brother Kieran died on December 6<sup>th</sup> 2011. He had been a Marist brother for 71 years.

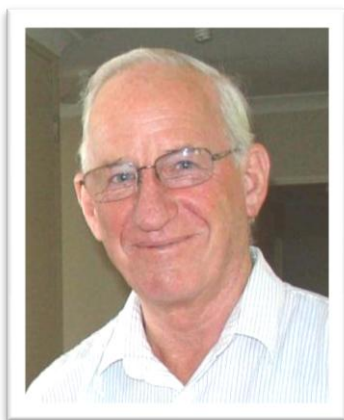
Kieran impressed as man in whom the Spirit's gifts were gentleness and faith.

He had a keen sense of humour, often using it in a gentle way to defuse a tense situation. Beneath this engaging warmth there was a sturdy Irish independence and a determination to make sure that everyone had a fair go. He was his own man, neither a loner nor lonely,

but one prepared to walk the path he saw given to him. He seldom put down deep roots, yet was always prepared to contribute his skills and wisdom to those situations asked of him. As a teacher he committed himself to help and guide young people, in the classroom, the chapel, the sports field, and through many friendly contacts in playground or streets. His pupils really appreciated him as a teacher and coach, and they certainly enjoyed his genial company, as we did in community. We sensed hidden depths of a rich inner life, in which he was never alone, and which showed itself time and again in his sheer goodness, his genuine interest and concern for others.

Death came gently for Kieran in his 90<sup>th</sup> year; home at last. He was laid to rest in the Waikaraka Cemetery in Auckland.

**Brother Sean Hanaray R.I.P**  
from a tribute by Brother Romuald



Brother Sean died on December 20<sup>th</sup> 2011, aged 72.

Sean grew up in Lower Hutt, where he attended St Bernard's, our school there. The

example of his teaching Brothers' work for young people motivated him to decide to join them and share their work. But he found that despite his numerous talents the classroom was not his natural territory, so he bravely changed course, moving in 1968 to the archives in our headquarters in Rome, to face the huge challenge of organising a massive and disorganised collection of documents. Sean set to work, learning the art of archiving, and enough French and Italian to cope with living in a multi-national community and the

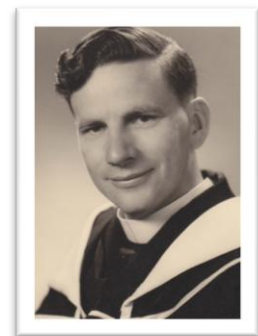
oldest of cities. Meticulous, patient, highly organised, logical, and blessed with a number eight wire Kiwi handyman practicality, Sean flourished. He brought order out of chaos, becoming a significant figure in our administration in Rome. The Superior General drew him into his retreat team, where he calmly and with great skill organised the numerous questionnaires pouring in from each Province visited. In all of this extraordinary achievement Sean found great satisfaction and contentment. His brave move from the classroom had paid off handsomely.

On returning home Sean was appointed Provincial Bursar. He was manager of Marcellin Hall for a term. Then began 14 years of service of the administration of the Auckland Diocese, where his professional approach, his clear-sighted logic and intuition, and his great common sense, made his presence on numerous boards and planning groups so invaluable.

His calm acceptance of terminal illness, the quiet dignity with which he awaited death, was born of a life of prayer, fidelity and integrity, and a deep love of all things Marist. He was laid to rest in the Waikaraka Cemetery in Auckland.

**Doctor James Benefield**, was known to many of us as Brother Clemens.

James died recently in Paris. We will publish a tribute to him in our next edition.



**Appointment of Assistant Provincial**

Our Provincial Council has appointed **Brother Siaosi Ioane** as Assistant Provincial to lead the continuing development of our Champagnat mission and life in the Pacific for two years: 2012-2013. All Marist ministries,

Brothers, community life, finances and Country matters in the Pacific will go to the Assistant Provincial in the first place, and he will either handle them himself or take them to the Provincial Council. The Brothers in New Zealand have a long history of mission in the Pacific and will welcome and support Siasoi as he leads this latest initiative for our Pacific mission.

### **Brother Peter Thompson**



During the holidays Peter spent several weeks in Auckland Hospital where he had operations on both his knees trying to find the source of an infection.

Complications mean that he will not be returning to school this term.

### **New House in Napier**



The New Zealand Province has bought the former presbytery at St Thomas More parish, Napier. Designed by the late Monsignor Brian McAloon, brother of

our Brother Paulinus. It has seven bedrooms, is on a spacious flat section right next to the church, enjoys Napier's fabled weather, and is eminently suitable for the Brothers as they get that little bit older. You will find it at 92A Wycliffe Street, Napier.

### **New Principal for Hato Petera College**

Beginning in February this year, Northcote's 83-year-old Maori school, Hato Petera College, will be led by a nephew of one of its founding pupils. He is **John Matthews**, himself a past pupil and a former teacher at

the school, who has left his position as Head of Languages and Dean of Maori Students at Kelston Boys' High School to become Kaihautu (Principal) of Hato



Petera. His namesake, Hone Pirini, was a founding pupil at what was then known as St Peter's Maori Boys' School when it opened in 1928. We offer John our congratulations and our warm support.

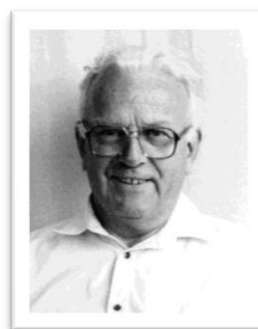
### **New Principal For St John's College, Hamilton**



On January 31<sup>st</sup> Old Boy **Shane Tong** was welcomed back to St John's College, Hamilton, this time as principal. A large gathering of students, staff, parents, friends and Marist Brothers attended.

Our support goes with Shane as he takes over leadership of the College with the aim of preparing young men for life in the Champagnat tradition.

### **Unveiling of Brother Paul Scott's Headstone**



On November 20<sup>th</sup> Father Ray Schmack blessed the recently installed headstone for Brother Paul Scott at the Temuka cemetery. Some thirty family members and friends attended, as well as the

Christchurch community. All then went to Peter Scott's home for a house Mass followed by refreshments. Peter organised the installation of the headstone and Brother Denis arranged the blessing ceremony.

**Mrs Carmen Bader**



Carmen has come to the end of her 33 years of outstanding service to the boarders' hostel at Sacred Heart College, where she has catered to numerous Brothers, boarders, staff and guests. We honoured Carmen In December by affiliating her to the New Brothers of the New Zealand Province.



**.Carmen with her family after being affiliated to the Marist Brothers**

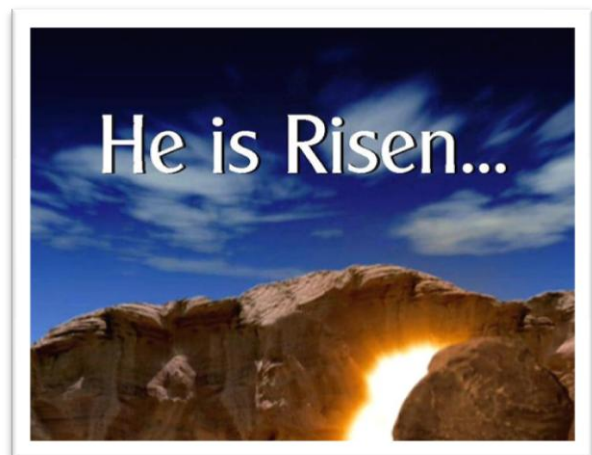


**Cathedral College, Christchurch**



Despite well advertised set-backs over the last eighteen months the staff and pupils of Cathedral College have been hosting other Colleges on their site and getting on with rebuilding and refurbishing earthquake damages classrooms which were rededicated recently. The statue of Marcellin Champagnat was moved to a more central and fitting site and here are some of the Brothers and staff and of course, Marcellin.

Best wishes to all our readers. As I write this, I can see sports teams working hard at getting fit. May Lent be a great opportunity for us to get in some solid training to make us fit for a great Easter.



*Brother Humphrey O'Connor*

**"If you want to teach young people, first you must love them - love them all equally"**

*St Marcellin Champagnat*





## Where the Brothers are - 2012



### Mangere Bridge

Br Stephen Filipo [‘til March]  
Br Bryan McKay

### 52 Onslow Ave - Epsom

Br Aidan Benefield  
Br Patrick Bignell  
Br Graeme Clisby  
Br David Greenlees  
Br Henry Spinks

### 48 Crossfield Rd.

Br Reginald Burgess  
Br Mark Chamberlain  
[plus Guide Dog, Pierce]  
Br Richard Dunleavy  
Br Marcel Hall  
Br Albert Kennedy  
Br William Lawson  
Br Humphrey O’Connor  
Br Gabriel Power

### 50 Crossfield Rd.

Br Dunstan Henry  
Br Murray Kelly  
Br Gerard Mahony  
Br Anthony Walker

### Christchurch

Br Denis Gallavin  
Br Patrick Hill  
Br Osmund Macnamara  
Br Jordan McCormick

### Hillsborough

Br Peter Brown  
Br William Lawley  
Br Peter Thompson

### Trafalgar St. Lower Hutt

Br Tim Leen  
Br James McBride  
Br Emilian O’Dowd  
Br Claudius Pettit  
Br Desmond Quirke  
Br Edgar Tansey  
Br Kevin Wanden

### ‘The Grove’, Lower Hutt

Br Douglas Dawick  
Br Kieran Fenn

### Province House

Br Nevil Bingley  
Br Peter Horide  
Br David McDonald

### Marcellin College

Br Alan Henley  
Br Kevin King  
Br David Lavin  
Br Denis Turner  
Br Brian Wanden  
Br John Paul Wilson

### Napier

Br Bosco Camden  
Br Fidelis Kiely  
Br Mark Oliver  
Br Basil Ward

### Ngaruawahia

Br Roger Dowling  
Br Joseph McCarthy

### Pt Chevalier

Br Raymond Harold

### Richmond Road

Br Colin Divane  
Br John Fitzgibbon  
Br Campion McMahon  
Br Rupert Woods

### St Paul's College

Br Patrick Macnamara  
Br George McRae  
Br Carl Tapp

### Takanini

Br Romuald Gibson  
Br Martin Pattison

### Sacred Heart Hostel

Br Terence Costello  
Br John Koorey  
Br Michael Taylor

## Beatrice Avenue Remuera

Br Kevin Dobbyn  
Br Peter Henderson  
Br Christopher Maney

## Overseas Missions

### Philippines MAPAC

Br Stephen Filipo [in March]  
Br John Hazelman  
Br Ueanimatang Kimaere  
Br Amberoti Nantei  
Br Borerei Katarake

### Kiribati - Bairiki

Br Bernard Blewman  
Br Kevin O'Malley  
Br Joseph McDermott  
Br Christopher Poppelwell  
Br Donald Teixeira

### Kiribati - Bikenibeu

Br Terence Maney  
Br Jone Seduadua  
Br Samisoni Talia

### Samoa - Sigamoga

Br Bernard O'Malley  
Br Sefo Une

### Samoa - Mulivai

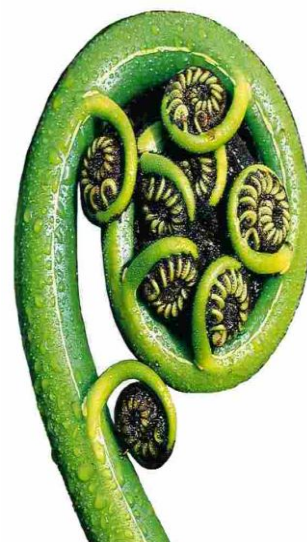
Br Edward Danielson  
Br Kevin Hore  
Br Iulio Suaesi

### Samoa - Alafua

Br Brian Callaghan  
Br Siaosi Ioane  
Br Tainga Moanriba  
Br Bryan Stanaway

### Fiji - High School

Br Sam Eathorne  
Br Fergus Garrett  
Br Jioseva Wara



### Fiji - Vatuwaqa

Br Luke Fong  
Br Kees Van der Weert

### Fiji - Lomeri

Br Afaese Afaese

### Thursday Island

Br Damien Shutt

### Rome

Br Barry Burns  
Br Edward Clisby

### Ad Gentes Programme

Br Michael Potter

