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# Happy Easter

TRUSTING IN JESUS...

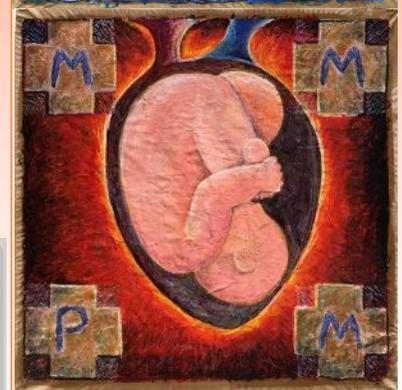
...is living your life with hope..."

(by Samuel L Mills)

## At the Beautiful Resurrection Morning!

Mary had gotten up early to visit the grave of Jesus, but to her surprise, the body of Jesus was missing. In His place were angels, real angels, and they said to her, "He is not here, He is risen." (Matt 28:6).

Surely the words of the angels at the empty tomb, "He is not here, but is risen," are among the most significant words ever spoken, (Luke 24:6),



Jesus had paid it all! His life, death, burial, and resurrection ushered in a new plan of Salvation for humankind. This better and more perfect way was God's "New Covenant" with His people.

Salvation and Eternal life were now available to anyone who would believe and accept Jesus as their Savior.

Every time we take the bread & drink the cup of the New Covenant we are proclaiming that Jesus is the Messiah, the Lamb of God, and Savior of the world.

No Longer Separated  
No longer does mankind need to be separated from God.

Nicodemus was a Scholar and Bible teacher of the Old Testament, yet had never heard that the Holy Spirit of God would enter into a person.

He could not understand what it meant to be born again, and he asked Jesus, "how is it possible?"

We do not know the words Jesus used, but we know He explained to Nicodemus the Plan of Salvation under the New Covenant:

Perhaps He told him that when an individual believes, and asks the Lord Jesus to come into his life, that the Spirit of God immediately enters in and he/she is then a born-again Believer. God then calls them His Children, and they call Him, Father!

The act of God indwelling man separates Christianity from every religion in the world.

"Lord of Lords," "King of Kings"

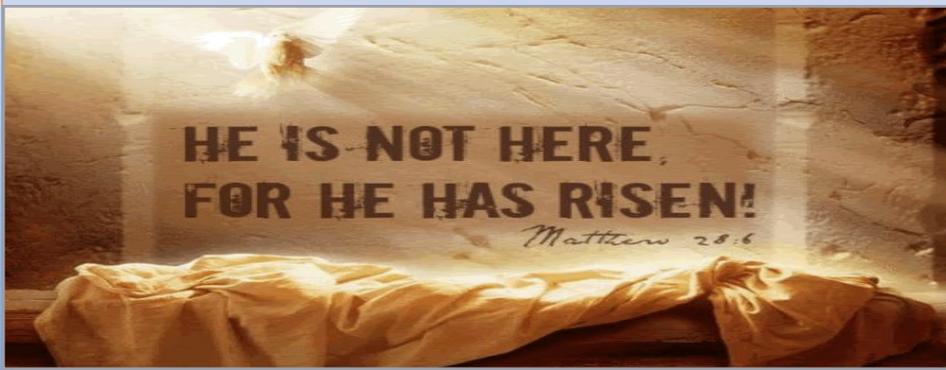
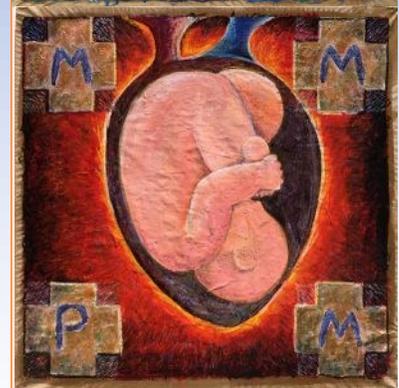
The chief priests and Pharisee's had tried to stop the inevitable, but neither Roman soldiers, government seals, nor large stones could prevent the King of Kings and Lord of Lords from accomplishing His mission.

**Jesus is the true message of Easter**, and Because Of Him mankind can have a relationship with their Creator, and be with Him for eternity.

Easter brings hope, new beginnings, and Eternal Life, made possible by the One who loved us enough to die in our place, Jesus Christ.

For much of the world, Easter is only a tradition celebrated by colored Easter Eggs and the Easter Bunny. To the Followers of Christ, the true message of Easter proclaims the greatest act of love known to man.

**God's infinite love for mankind is the true message of Easter, a love that will continue into Eternity.**



# Joyeuse Pâques

*AVOIR FOI EN JÉSUS ...*

*... c'est vivre ta vie avec espoir ... "*

*(par Samuel L Mills)*

*Au beau matin de la résurrection!*

Marie s'était levée tôt pour visiter la tombe de Jésus, mais à sa grande surprise, le corps de Jésus avait disparu. A sa place, il y avait des anges, de vrais anges, et ils lui dirent: "Il n'est pas là, il est ressuscité." (Matt 28: 6).

Certes, les paroles des anges sur la tombe vide, "Il n'est pas ici, mais est ressuscité", sont parmi les paroles les plus significatives jamais dites, (Luc 24: 6),

Jésus avait tout payé! Sa vie, sa mort, son enterrement et sa résurrection ont inauguré un nouveau plan de salut pour l'humanité. Cette façon meilleure et plus parfaite était la "Nouvelle Alliance" de Dieu avec Son peuple.

Le salut et la vie éternelle étaient maintenant disponibles pour quiconque croyait et acceptait Jésus comme son Sauveur.

Chaque fois que nous prenons le pain et que nous buvons la coupe de la Nouvelle Alliance, nous proclamons que Jésus est le Messie, l'Agneau de Dieu et le Sauveur du monde.

Plus séparé

L'humanité n'a plus besoin d'être séparée de Dieu.

Nicodème était un érudit et un enseignant de la Bible de l'Ancien Testament, mais n'avait jamais entendu dire que le Saint-Esprit de Dieu entrerait dans une personne.

Il ne pouvait pas comprendre ce que cela signifiait être né de nouveau, et il a demandé à Jésus, "comment est-ce possible?"



Nous ne connaissons pas les mots que Jésus a utilisés, mais nous savons qu'il a expliqué à Nicodème le plan de salut sous la Nouvelle Alliance:

Peut-être lui a-t-il dit que lorsqu'un individu croit et demande au Seigneur Jésus d'entrer dans sa vie, l'Esprit de Dieu entre immédiatement et il est alors un croyant né de nouveau. Dieu les appelle alors ses enfants, et ils l'appellent, mon père!

L'acte de Dieu qui habite l'homme sépare le christianisme de toutes les religions du monde.

"Seigneur des Seigneurs", "Roi des Rois"

Les principaux prêtres et les pharisiens avaient essayé d'arrêter l'inévitable, mais ni les soldats romains, ni les sceaux du gouvernement, ni les grosses pierres ne pouvaient empêcher le roi des rois et le seigneur des seigneurs d'accomplir sa mission.

**Jésus est le vrai message de Pâques**, et à cause de Lui l'humanité peut avoir une relation avec leur Créateur, et être avec Lui pour l'éternité.

**Pâques apporte l'espoir, de nouveaux commencements, et la vie éternelle**, rendus possibles par Celui qui nous a aimés assez pour mourir à notre place, Jésus-Christ.

Pour une grande partie du monde, Pâques n'est qu'une tradition célébrée par des œufs de Pâques colorés et le lapin de Pâques. **Aux disciples du Christ, le vrai message de Pâques proclame le plus grand acte d'amour connu de l'homme.**

L'amour infini de Dieu pour l'humanité est le vrai message de Pâques, un amour qui continuera dans l'Éternité.



## TUDELA NOVITIATE

BY CYRIL BENORA, NOVICE



There were many things that happened since I began my formation journey in the Marist International Novitiate in Tudela, Sri Lanka. It has been a tremendous and enriching experience for me to be with other novices from other countries. Living in an international community, I try my best each day to live with others and love them as my brothers and try to connect with their realities of their cultural background. Personally I try to accept myself as I am and to let go of my cultural things that I came with that don't help me to change and grow. First time it was very difficult

but as time goes on, I started to feel changes in my life. I was very concerned about living peacefully with others which become more real to me. This quote has helped a lot in my journey with others in community; "Marcellin shows us how we are to form and live in our communities of mission. In the name, he chose the Little Brothers of Mary, the summaries, the fundamental identity of his community. The Gospel virtue of simplicity, the call to fraternity and the contemplation of the person of Mary."



# FEAST OF ST JOSEPH'S

## MABIRI COLLEGE, BOUGAINVILLE

According to the Liturgical Calendar, this patronal feast of the institute falls on March 19th annually. This year, March 19 was on the Monday. Therefore, the Events Committee and the Liturgy Committee of St Joseph's College, Mabiri, with the understanding of the Administration decided to move the celebration to the 23rd Of March 2018.

The celebration of this great feast day started with the Eucharistic Celebration on Thursday 22nd at 3pm. Fr Michael Bora (Diocesan Priest) came and celebrated this feast day mass with us. The mass started with the presentation of symbols. Since St Joseph is known to be a Carpenter, the vocational section of the college presented tools like hammer, saw etc...Mr Aimo represented the vocational section highlighting, in order to build a house, you need the right tools at the same time there are skills and knowledge acquired to use the different tools. Mrs Gawen represented the Elementary and Primary section, presenting a book as a symbol. Joseph was both a builder and a teacher. Nothing much is written about Joseph in the bible. However, when we see the person of Christ, we see Joseph. Joseph moulded Jesus to be a person God wanted him to be.



Therefore, in any educational set up, a book is needed to mould a child towards his/her future. The book is used to impart the knowledge and skills to the students. Finally the Principal of the College presented the pencil as a symbol. In order to be a better person, like pencil we need to be sharpened from time to time. At times we will be broken into pieces like



the pencil; we need those moments of brokenness to shape up our future. The central message of the presentation of different symbols during the celebration of the feast of St Joseph, like Jesus growing up in this holy family, to be a better person, we need different tools and

skills for our journey in life. We need to have a better future, therefore, our life will be broken, and we will need to be sharpened in order to achieve whatever future that awaits us.

Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, it was all sporting and feasting activities. Like the Bicentenary celebrations last year, all stalls were built around the soccer field. There was sporting activities, cooking activities; there were vendors too on the side, to sell their local produce. Teachers, students, families, etc etc, had the moment to enjoy the feast together. From Elementary right to the National Certificate 1 (NC-1) students, had this opportunity to enjoy life together at SJC. The little kids enjoyed the day with little games organized by the Events Committee. The staff and the bigger students took part in Soccer, Touch Rugby and Volley Ball. It is proposed on June 06 when all finals will be played. While others were taking part in sporting activities, others were cooking in their respective stalls. At around 4pm all games were called off and students with their respective teachers shared their meals in their respective stalls.

According to many, this was the best St Joseph's feast day celebration ever held at St Joseph's College, Mabiri.

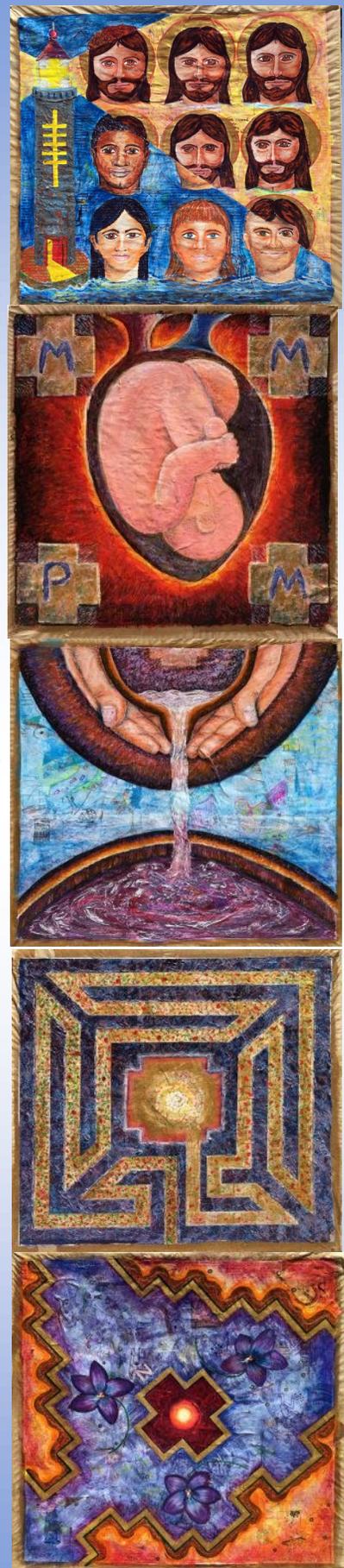
Big Thank you to the College Administration (Elementary, Primary, Vocational and High School), the Liturgy and Events Committee, the College choir group, all the students and staff, parents and families for making this celebration a memorable one for all in 2018. A big thank you to Fr Michael Bora, with your generosity and flexibility, the Eucharistic Celebration



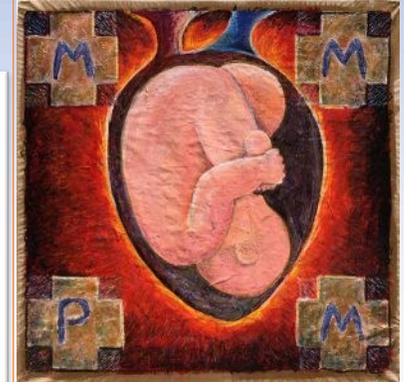
gave a meaningful touch to the whole celebrations.

Big shout as well to some business houses in Arawa that contributed in cash and kind towards this great feast day...Tampara Masingka, Niganituana...your tse...

*By Br. Mark Kenatsi fms*



# ST JOSEPH'S CELEBRATION

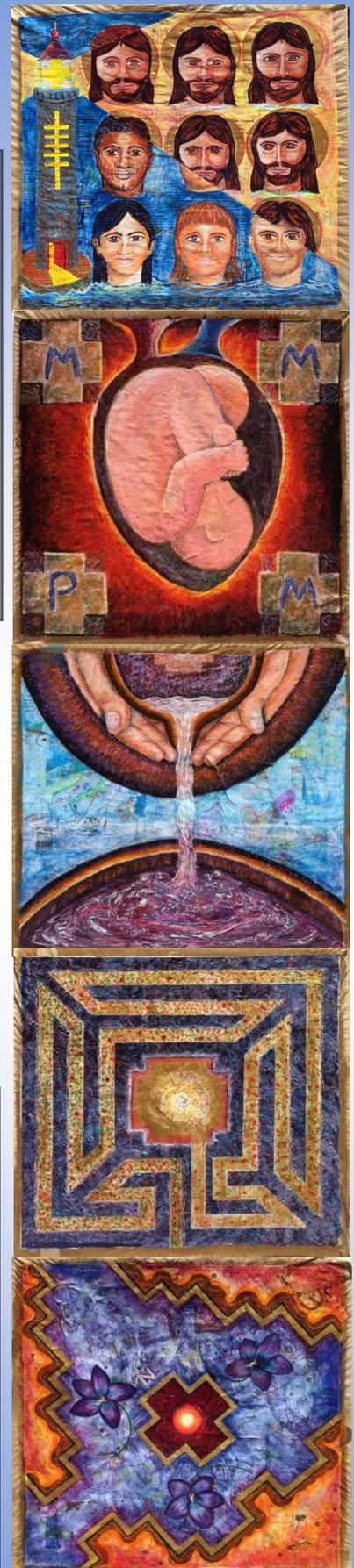


# GOOD FRIDAY IN PAITA, NEW CALEDONIA



Students from two schools in Paita, Lycee Professionnelle Marcellin Champagnat and Lycee Jean XXIII , doing the Station of the Cross on Good Friday. For many, this was a very intimate experience with the suffering Jesus because they were able to take in it. It was a moment of personal encounter with Jesus who suffered from their sins.

After the Station of the Cross everyone came together to share plain cups of rice to be in union with all those who have nothing to eat especially the displaced children because of wars and natural disaster.



# BROTHERS' COMMUNITY PAITA

## SATURDAY ACTIVITIES



# AT PORT MORESBY COMMUNITY

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**Bomes TUKANA (candidate) & Br Doug  
having English lesson**

**Bomes Tukana** is one of our candidates from Buka in Bougainville to be going to Laumana to do his formation as a postulant. For time being he is waiting for his Solomon Island visa to be processed.

Br Doug has been very helpful for him so far. Doug is doing some English lessons with him.

Once his visa is ready, Bomes will join the other seven (7) postulants from the Solomon Islands who are already at Laumana.

The English lesson takes place every day around the dining table. A very significant area or space to learn, to share and to support each other. Like Marcellin and the first Brothers, everything happens around the Table at La Valla. It was at the table that Marcellin formed the first young men to become Marist Brothers and helped them to go on mission.

Doug also makes himself available for Bomes to talk to him about his life and his vocation.



## RAPHAEL FAKAIA

### COTABTO CITY, PHILIPPINES

Mabuhay!

It's summer, the humidity intrudes its way on the land while students, teachers and parents ended the academic year with colorful graduations. Certainly, it seems that everyone is in the mood of the summer holidays.

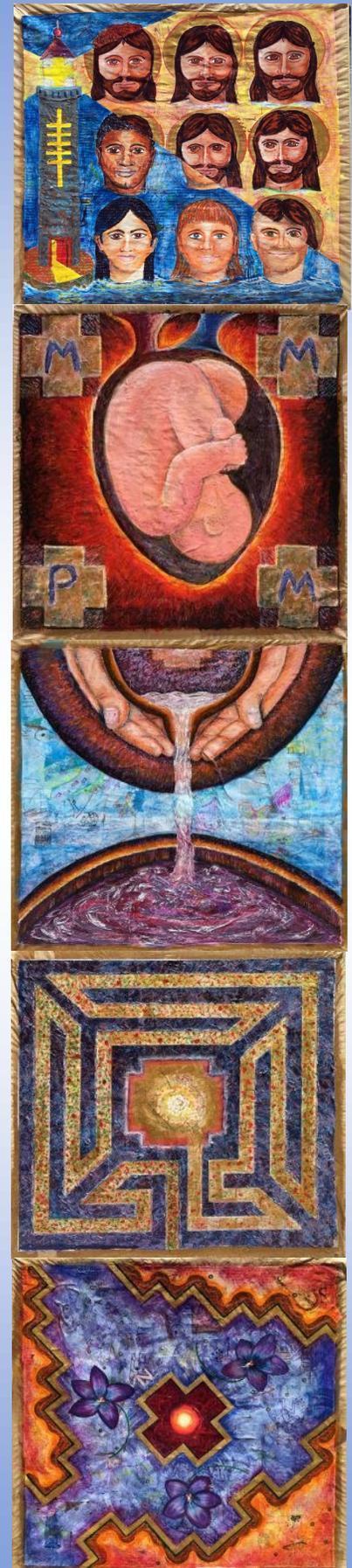
I had a few stop overs before settling down for some months here in the Tamonkata Novitiate. My first stop over was at Mapac for few days in waiting for the extension of my visa. The warm welcome and hospitality given was overwhelming and of course a golden opportunity for me to team up with old friends, Brothers and

new people on the compass.

A few days later, I flew over to General Santos and lived with elderly Brothers there for a while. Their hospitality was remarkable despite of their age. Br.Wency an elderly brother continued to ask me a lot of questions about the Pacific, in particular Bougainville where he had worked for five solid years. I could see their fidelity as Marist Brothers and its a tremendous joy for me to be in their midst.



*Raphael enjoying ice cream with a friend*



Three days later, I was picked by Br. Ador the director of Notre Dema of Cotabato (NDC) and we were heading south of Mindanao to the Marist community where I will be for the rest of the year. It was quiet a long journey but I had enjoyed it. Unexpectedly I was taken by surprise for a delicious (masarap) welcome meal in town by Brothers in Cotabato. I spent a night in community then at dawn I moved to the Immaculate Conception Novitiate at Tamonkata. Again, hospitality is in the blood of these great people, as I was welcomed and felt at home in the company of Brs. Nelson Roustico and the Novices.

Generally speaking, the warm welcomes and hospitality given to me so far by the Marist Brothers is im-

measurable. I felt the great spirit of brotherhood. The respect, care and to provide the best to visitors is something not just with mere words but in deeds. And obviously of course the usual Filipino smile that brightens your day. . So far I am adopting little by little and I am enjoying every bit and pieces of what's happening in my life. I sense that residing in the Novitiate so far is an ideal and positive start for me in this process of re-entry. I am feeling grateful for the support rendered to me and to welcome with gratitude the twists and turns on this journey.

That's all from me on the other side of the world. May God bless you all.



***Raphael with the Novitiate Community  
in Philippines***



## DISTRICT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

### District Leader's Visits & Travels

- ◆ March 28—April 6, visit to Paita, New Caledonia
- ◆ April 19—27, visit to Buka/Mabiri/Arawa, Bougainville

### Meetings

- ◆ April 19—meeting with Bishop Bernard, in Buka
- ◆ April 19—meeting with Catholic Education Secretary, Mr Samuel Ephraim, in Buka
- ◆ April 19—23—Brothers community Mabiri and School
- ◆ April 24 & 25—Evaluation of the Marist Project Arawa

### Prayers & Thoughts

- ◆ Br Mark Poro's Mother—passed away recently
- ◆ Br John Paul Mauro—his health
- ◆ Brothers discerning their vocation as Brothers and going through difficult moment in their religious life
- ◆ Br Sixtus Winduo—doing the Marist Pilgrimage from April 6 - May

## Vision

*Yumi wakabaut wantaim olsem wanpela family igo long niupela time.*



## Mission

*Long dispela niupela taim, wok blong yumi emi blong mekim ol yanpela i save long Jesus na laikim em.*