



# SM bulletin

Friday, 5 April 2019

## General Administration

Fr John Larsen is in New Zealand where this week he has had a few days of reflection with confreres in Auckland. Now he is in Wellington where he meets with the Provincial Council.

### BISHOP TINO ORDAINED IN WALLIS—FUTUNA

On 24 March the ordination of Bishop Susitino Sionepoe sm took place in the cathedral of Mata'Utu, the capital of Wallis et Futuna, in the presence of local authorities and a delegation from the government of New Caladonia which included the president, M. Philippe Germain. The main celebrant was Bishop Michel Calvet sm, archbishop of Noumea, assisted by bishop John Bosco Baremes sm of Port-Vila, bishop emeritus of Wallis-Futuna, Ghislain de Rasily sm and several other bishops. The provincial and vicar provincial of Oceania were present with many confreres, other diocesan and religious priests and a big congregation of faithful. A special delegation,



200 people, came from New

Caledonia, where Tino has served for more than 15 years in the parish and where he left a big impact on the local community. The solemn mass was followed by a great feast, showing the Polynesian way of hosting guests, celebrating and rejoicing. On Monday 25 March, on the feast of the Annunciation, bishop Tino gave his thanksgiving mass at Hihifo. Pictures can be found [here](#).

### THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY VISITS NOTRE DAME DE FRANCE



On the first Sunday of Lent, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of the Anglican Communion, Justin Welby, visited our parish of Notre Dame de France in London at Sunday mass. Archbishop Welby encouraged the faithful to pray wholeheartedly for unity amongst Christians. He developed a profound reflection on the question of identity, speaking about the identity of peoples and nations as well as personal identity. He pleaded for an identity which is open to 'otherness', rather than an identity that feeds on fear and may be tempted to close in on itself. (You can read his homily [here](#)). With a lot of realism he referred directly to current political and religious events and left the congregation words filled of great hope.