

Verguet's Sketchbook

About the book

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Fr Leopold Verguet SM (1817-1914) was part of the first Christian mission to the Solomon Islands in 1845. Verguet was an artist and he used pencil and water colours to record the places and faces, birds, flowers, tattoos and artefacts that they found in the Solomons. *Verguet's Sketchbook* records his story, illustrated by the sketches.

Fr Peter McMurrich SM will launch *Verguet's Sketchbook* in the crypt of St Patrick's Church, Church Hill, Grosvenor St, Sydney, on Sunday, Oct 26, at 1.30 pm.

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One of the masterpieces of the archives of the Society in the General House in Rome is the sketchbook of Fr Léopold Verguet (1817-1914).

He was a great artist, and part of the first Marist mission to Oceania. His missionary career was short, but extraordinarily eventful, and he visited many of the islands.

On the occasion of the centenary of Verguet's death, Frs Alois Greiler (Europe) and Mervyn Duffy (New Zealand) have published a book with his story accompanied by his illustrations.

The volume, in coffee-table format, is dominated by the extraordinary images made by Verguet of first contact with the culture on the islands, and contains also extracts from letters from Verguet and his confreres.

The book, published by Adelaide, ATF (Australia), is colourful and captivating, showing the beauty and drama of the beginnings of the Church in Oceania.

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