

‘Let them always keep in mind that they belong by gracious choice to the family of the Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, from whose name they are called Marists, and whom they have chosen from the beginning as their model and their first and perpetual superior.’

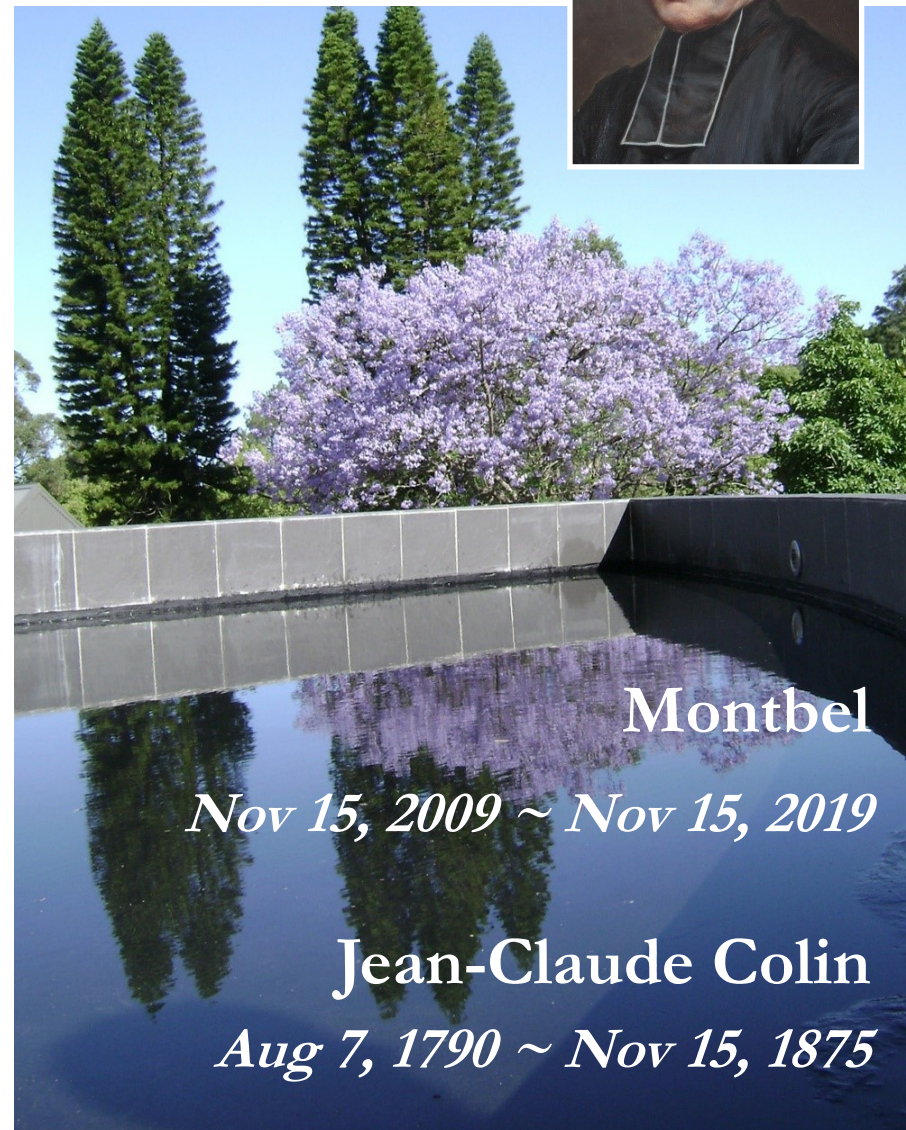
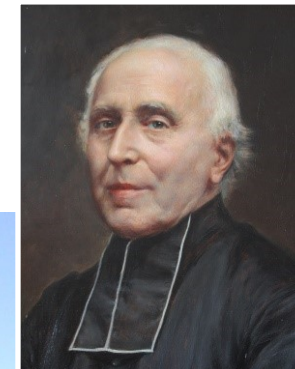
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The first Montbel
near Toulon, France



The second Montbel
Gladesville Rd, Hunters Hill



Montbel

Nov 15, 2009 ~ Nov 15, 2019

Jean-Claude Colin

Aug 7, 1790 ~ Nov 15, 1875

Opening prayer

Loving God, we thank you for this, our home of Montbel.

We ask you to bless our confreres who have lived here before us, those with whom we now live, those who have cared and continue to care for us.

Through the intercession of our Founder and Father, Jean-Claude Colin, may you order our days in your peace.

We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [1:13-14]

When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying; that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. These were of one mind and continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Gospel [John 19: 25-27]

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and her sister, as well as Mary the wife of Clopas and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that moment, this disciple took her into his home.

Intercessions

We gather in confident prayer with Jesus who promised always to be in our midst and with Mary, our Mother and perpetual superior.

1. We give thanks for the gracious call to bear the name of Mary, and to live with her spirit in this place. We pray to the Lord...

5. We pray for fidelity to the spirit of our confreres who lived in the first Montbel in France, and in the second

nearby. May their faith, courage and pioneer spirit remain alive in us. We pray to the Lord...

3. We remember those who continue to support and care for us in our life in this place. May God reveal his great delight in them and to all our benefactors. We pray to the Lord...

4. We hold up to you the younger members of our congregation. Fill them with the spirit of the Gospel and of Mary and give each a true missionary heart. We pray to the Lord...

5. We pray in thanks for the great witness of our holy Founders, Jean-Claude Colin, Jeanne-Marie Chavoin, Marcellin Champagnat, Françoise Perroton and those whose lives have touched and inspired us. May they rejoice forever in your eternal and loving presence. We pray to the Lord...

[Other prayers...]

Blessing [Numbers 6:24-26]

May the Lord bless us and keep us.

Amen

May the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

Amen

May the Lord turn his face towards us and give us his peace.

Amen.

Salve Regina

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiæ, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve. ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevæ, ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte; et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende. O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.