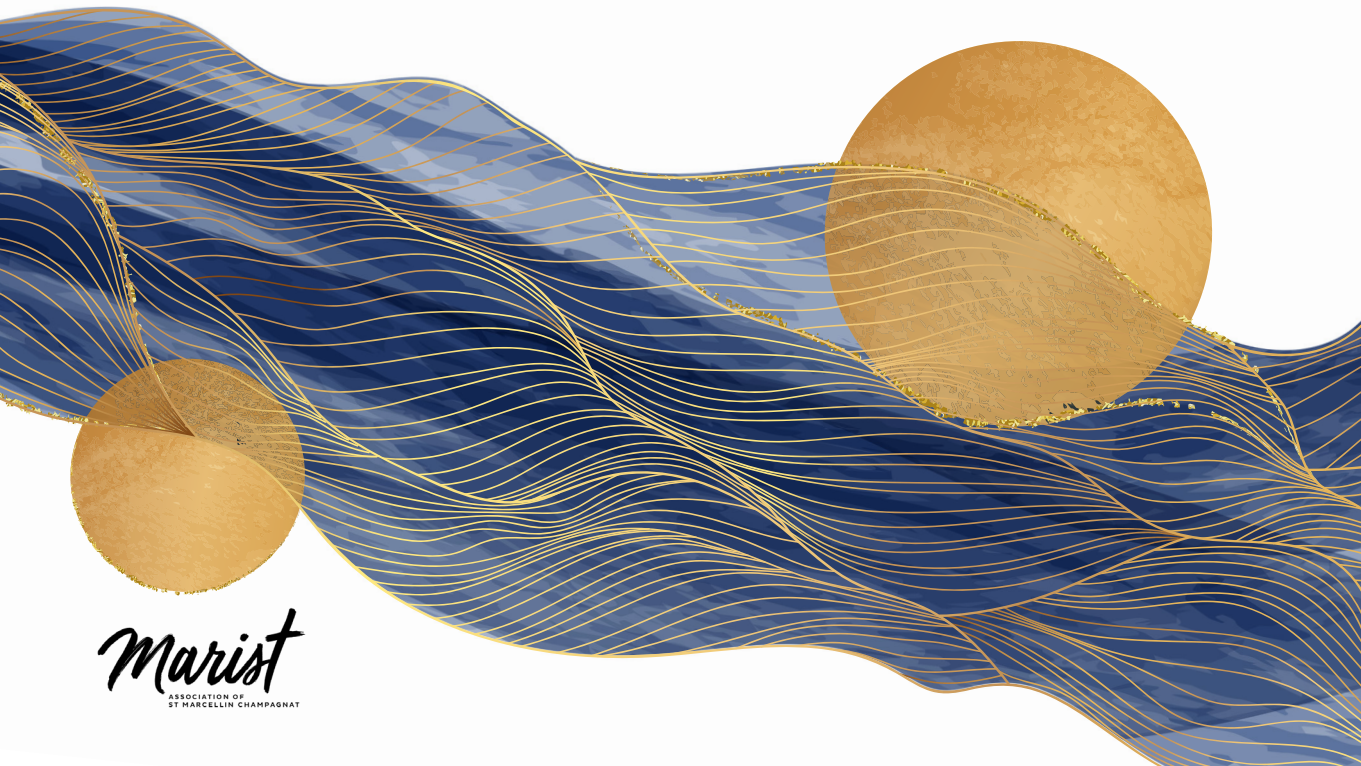


# 2022 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

150



YEARS OF MARIST EDUCATION



*Marist*  
ASSOCIATION OF  
ST MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT



**MARIST EDUCATION**  
*celebrating 150 years*

Dear Marist Friends

In 2022 we celebrate the *one hundred and fiftieth* anniversary of Marist education in Australia.

An international group of four Brothers (a Scot, two Irishmen, led by a Frenchman, Br Ludovic) arrived in Sydney in March 1872 to establish a school in the Parish conducted by the Marist Fathers at The Rocks. You can imagine the challenges they faced! How welcome was a Principal who was a Frenchman? What rumours and gossip may have spread? How did the poor Irish immigrants take to this group, when they would have preferred Brothers from their own native country? Records inform us that these were some of the problems they confronted. Then, of course, there were the children. They had enjoyed only rudimentary schooling up to this point. They preferred to roam the streets, fish in the harbour and play with their mates. Sitting attentively in a quiet classroom wasn't one of their priorities. The Brothers' first weeks at St Patrick's with 139 students has been described as "chaotic". They struggled to bring order to the undisciplined children and to advance their learning. However, they succeeded. In Australian Marist folklore this is described as the May Miracle. This month was a traditional time of devotion to Mary, and the

Brothers encouraged the students to design and build special May altars and decorate them daily with flowers. This engagement of the boys and devotion to Mary seemed to bring about the desired transformation – even if it cost some locals their gardens' flowers. From this point the students were settled and the school enjoyed a growing reputation.

***This sesquicentenary is a time to look back in admiration and gratitude, and to look forward in hope and expectation.***

Over the last 150 years, Marist schools have provided young people in every State and Territory (save Tasmania, where the Marist Fathers conducted a school) with the solid foundations of a Catholic education. While we're well aware of past errors, we know that the majority have benefitted from their Marist education.

The Marist Theme for 2022 is 'Known and Loved – Dignity for All', and what a marvellous theme it is for this special year. St Marcellin's 'Golden Rule' should be embedded in the DNA of all Marist educators: 'love them all and love them equally'. There could be no better motto. Irrespective of background, appearance or ability, all young people are to be loved; there should be no favourites. I'm sure your

own experience confirms the wisdom of these directives; when they aren't practiced problems occur. Christian anthropology tells us that every human and all creation is to be valued, respected and treated with dignity, because all is a reflection of the Creator, all is made in God's image and likeness. All has the divine spark within.

For 150 years, Marist schools in Australia have sought to nurture, educate and evangelise young people. If we have failed

to know and love them; then we have failed. When we have done as St Marcellin instructed, then I'm confident we've succeeded in our mission. As we face the future, let's all commit to advancing the dignity of all our students and, in fact, all people. Let's start with our own though, by knowing and loving them – *all of them* – equally.

Br Peter Carroll FMS  
*Provincial and Leader of the Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat*



St Patrick's Church and the first Marist Brothers school, The Rocks, circa 1870

# Known and Loved

## dignity for all

After taking the pulse of Australia for over six decades, the social researcher and renowned psychologist, Hugh Mackay, claims that: “Everyone’s deepest desire is to be heard.”<sup>1</sup> He says by nature we are social beings who are born to connect – we share a common humanity and we need each other. What we long for most is to be listened to, have a sense of belonging, and to be accepted. Interestingly, this was echoed by a number of our Marist students who were recently asked, “What is the one thing you fear the most?” They expressed that their greatest fears were loneliness, being forgotten, and a lack of love for who they are.

What then could this be saying about the deepest desire of the human heart? Perhaps it is the desire for a place where people are known, loved, and feel the immense value of their personal worth; where everyone is welcomed and has a place at our table, where their voice is heard, valued, and respected. A place where every person is treated with ‘dignity’. The word dignity is derived from the Latin word *dignitas* meaning, ‘of being worthy of honour or respect’. Doesn’t this speak to what is at the heart of the Gospel message? That every human being, no matter who they are or where they come from, possesses dignity because they are created in the image of God. St Paul captured this beautifully by describing each one of us created as **“God’s work of art”** (Eph 2:10).

What does this ask of us? Jesus’ mission was to restore human dignity and what he cared about was lifting people up from whatever dehumanised them or caused them suffering. Jesus put his words into action by restoring sight, removing social stigmas, setting people free, and reclaiming the inherent dignity of each person he encountered. The pandemic has given us moment to pause and breathe, now it feels like it is a time to act.

We believe as Marists we are being called not simply to recognise the dignity of all, but let the world know about it by the way we live our lives for and with others. It’s a call to roll up our sleeves and to live our spirituality on the streets; it includes the staff member sitting next to you, the student in the second row that often feels invisible, the cleaner on a temporary visa, the family risking their life in a desperate search for a home where they can raise their kids safely, those suffering from the effects of inequality because of race, sexuality, economic class or gender. Anyone who is at risk of feeling and being left-out or forgotten.

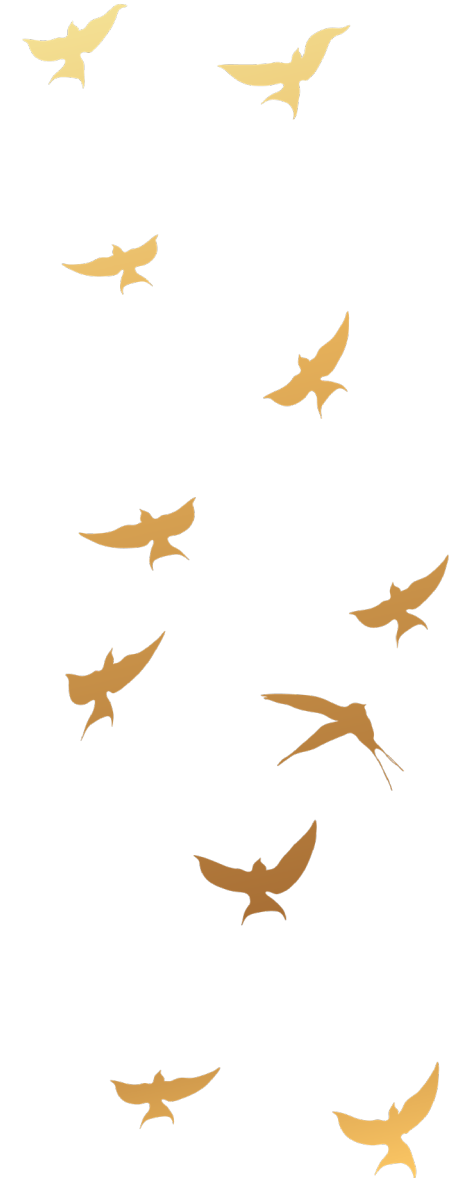
In this year of our Sesquicentenary it is a time for celebrating our Marist mission of making Jesus Christ known and loved among the young, especially the most neglected. Let us be encouraged to live this mission courageously through our actions and the witness of our lives. Human dignity is the heartbeat of the Gospel, Catholic Social Teaching and our Marist story: “*Love one another as Jesus Christ has loved you...May it be said of the Little Brothers of Mary as of the first Christians: ‘See how they love one another’*” (Marcellin Champagnat). Let our prayer be that everyone, especially the least, lost, and invisible are **‘known and loved’** as we strive to uphold, restore and defend the **dignity for all**.

Mary, defender of the displaced, the accompanier of the lost, the least and the lonely. **Pray for us.**

Tony Clarke  
*Director, Mission and Life Formation*

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<sup>1</sup> The Kindness Revolution, Hugh Mackay, 2021.



**Artwork:** Our Lady of Loreto with the Refugees' Cloak  
**Artist:** Margherita Gallucci  
**Size:** 40cmx60cm  
**Medium:** Oil on Panel  
**Year:** 2020

The image 'Our Lady of Loreto with the Refugees' Cloak' was painted by young Italian artist Margherita Gallucci. She explained that she dedicated the painting to "the sacredness of human life, to the sacredness and dignity of all those who are victims of brutality, war and racism". The image captures a contemporary Visitation: Mary, defender of the displaced, the accompanier of the lost, the least and the lonely.

Margherita reflects on her painting:

"The Sanctuary of Loreto (Italy) is close to my hometown and I spent a lot of time there. It contains part of the Holy House of Nazareth. Inside, there is 'The Black Madonna', a dark wood sculpture representing Mary and Jesus wrapped in a golden mantle with precious jewels.

I thought about how it can be easy to see Jesus and Mary in a statue, and how hard it is to see God in our Brothers and Sisters. I reflected on Mary's "Amen", which she traditionally pronounced within those walls. We see Mary's motherhood more easily as Sacred, but we hardly realise the Sacredness of every person. However, it is not too difficult to see this in the faces and souls of real people...children, women and men, victims of war, violence, injustice and poverty.

We are called to recognise the preciousness and sacredness of every person, to welcome God into our hearts and homes."

More about the artist Margherita Gallucci here.



# Sesquicentenary CELEBRATIONS

## SESQUICENTENARY MASS AND DINNER

Mass of thanksgiving for the gift of 150 years of Marist education in Australia.

**Date:** Friday 8 April 2022 | 5:00pm

**Venue:** St Patrick's Church Hill Sydney

Dinner celebrations to follow at The Rocks precinct, Circular Quay

## A NEW MARIST SCHOOL AUSTRALIAN MARIST SOLIDARITY FUNDRAISING DAY DURING THE WEEK OF THE FEAST OF SAINT MARCELLIN

The Marist Brothers have been working for a number of years in Timor-Leste and are currently planning to build the first Marist school in the country, which will be located near the regional town of Lautem in the east.

In celebration of 150 years of Marist education in Australia, we are asking you to help fundraise to support the Marist Foundation Timor-Leste and donate to Australian Marist Solidarity to ensure the young people of Timor-Leste have access to educational opportunities. For further resources to introduce your students to the beautiful nation of Timor-Leste visit: [www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/](http://www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/)

## FEAST OF ST MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT MASS AND RESOURCES

Resources for the celebration of the Feast of Saint Marcellin Champagnat Mass and other liturgies and events throughout the year will be provided to emphasise Saint Marcellin's inspiration and influence on Marist education in Australia.

## MSA REGIONAL MASS AND DINNERS

The MSA Regional Mass and Dinners will include a particular focus on the 150 years of Marist education in Australia.



# THE 2022 MARIAN Lecture

## Restoring dignity for all

*A conversation with Jesuit priest and human rights lawyer, Fr Frank Brennan.*

The Marian Lecture takes up the theme of restoring and upholding the dignity of all people and the implications for living as a just society where we are all proud to live. A place where everyone is a little kinder, more giving, compassionate and welcoming. A place where our success is measured by how much we enrich another person's life, particularly the least, lost and forgotten.



**Frank Brennan** is a Jesuit priest and Rector of Newman College at the University of Melbourne. He has been actively committed to Indigenous reconciliation, justice and recognition for over 40 years. Frank serves on the boards of Jesuit Social Services and the National Apology Foundation for Indigenous Australians. His research work and interests include conscience and faith, human rights and the rule of law, and the rights of Indigenous peoples and asylum seekers. Frank is an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for services to Aboriginal Australians.

**Date:** 10 May 2022  
**Time:** 6:00pm-7:30pm (AEST)  
**Mode:** Online  
**Contact:** Mark O'Farrell |  
[mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au](mailto:mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au)

# National ASSEMBLY III

MARIST ASSOCIATION OF ST MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT

*'Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky.'* Philippians 2:15

2022 will see the third Assembly of the Marist Association take place. The theme proposed is 'Known and Loved: A New Humanity'.

This will take the form of a process, rather than a one-off event. Over a period of months, there will be online consultation and dialogue between Members regarding the spirituality, ministry and future direction of the Association. Following this, an in-person gathering will be held – with Members also having the option of virtual attendance. The process will culminate in recommendations for the new Association Council.

Further details, including timing and venue, will be confirmed.

**Contact:** Michael Evison, Chair - Assembly Working Committee | michael.evison@marists.org.au



# MARIST Association

## MARIST ASSOCIATION LOCAL COORDINATORS' FORUMS

The Forums aim to strengthen the connections of Local Coordinators and support them in their role of animating Marist life and accompaniment of their Local Group. Participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences as Local Coordinators and explore ideas and practical resources to foster fellowship and nurture growth of the Association. A significant part of the forums will take up the shared vision and future directions of the Marist Association and the themes for discernment of the Plenary Council.

**Dates:** 1 March 2022 and 16 November 2022 | 5:00pm-6:00pm (AEDT)

**Mode:** Online

**Contact:** Paul Harris | paul.harris@marists.org.au

## MID-WINTER RETREAT (For Association members, school and ministry staff)

THE POETIC ART OF PRAYER - WITH FR ANDREW BULLEN, SJ | \$670.00



Andy is a Jesuit priest who currently resides in Melbourne. He has held various roles including Parish Priest, Rector of Jesuit Theological College, Rector of St Ignatius College Riverview, Socius to the Provincial and Novice Master for new Jesuits. Andy is a published poet and an artist and in 2010 he was one of three judges for the Blake Prize for Religious Art. Over the years he has developed various ways of using art to engage people with the Gospel.

Our annual retreat offers a time of insight and renewal through a process of quiet reflection, spiritual reading and quality input.

**Date:** 5-8 July 2022

**Venue:** The Hermitage, Mittagong

**Contact:** John Hickey | john.hickey@marists.org.au

## ANNUAL MOMENT OF RENEWAL

Each year, the Moment of Renewal provides a simple way for members of the Marist Association to remember in each other's company our desire to be a vital faith community, remain attentive to the God of all life, nurture our spirituality, draw on our mission imagination to serve and foster connectedness and communion.

Marist Association Local Coordinators choose the most appropriate context for the ritual to be carried out. Three suggested dates (or a convenient time close to these dates) are:

**6 June**      Feast Day of St Marcellin Champagnat  
**23 July**     Fourviere Pledge  
**15 August**    Feast of the Assumption

Resources are made available to Marist Association Local Coordinators.

**Contact:** Paul Harris | paul.harris@marists.org.au

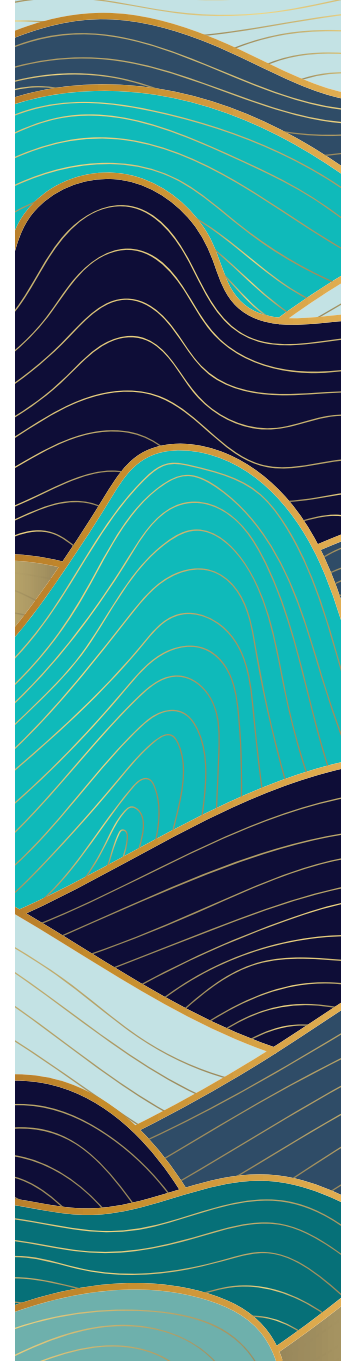
## FRATELLI TUTTI – GROWING FRIENDSHIP AND DIALOGUE, TOGETHER

This online formation program will explore Fratelli Tutti with Marists from the diverse regions of Melanesia, Oceania, Australia and Asia, experiencing what it means to truly walk together as brothers and sisters in our regional Marist family. Participants will develop an understanding of what it means to place 'human dignity' at the centre of our world, and its implications for building a new kind of solidarity by how we treat others and reach out to those in need. Fratelli Tutti proposes the question... *Who do you need to be in the world?*

The four 90-minute sessions provide participants with an intercultural experience of authentic dialogue, opportunities to know each other and a practical way of walking together in solidarity. An additional two sessions are available for those seeking an extended period of reflection.

**Date:** By request

**Contact:** Nathan Ahearne | nathan.ahearne@marists.org.au



## AVAILABLE FOR RETREATS AND SEMINARS WITH GROUPS

### Br Graham Neist

Living Contemplatively

graham.neist@marists.org.au

Cost: Covering travel and accommodation

### Br Robert O'Connor

Sabbath Experience (with previous experience on a silent retreat)

Nurturing the Spiritual

robert.oconnor@marists.org.au

Cost: Covering travel and accommodation

### Br Mark O'Connor

Connecting Faith and Daily Life - the Pastoral Theology of

Pope Francis

mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

Cost: Covering travel and accommodation

### Available for one-to-one spiritual accompaniment

Br Robert Aitken      robert.aitken@marists.org.au

Br Darren Burge      darren.burge@marists.org.au

Mrs Elizabeth Lee      elizabeth.lee@visionandaction.com.au

Mrs Chris McCabe      chris.mccabe08@gmail.com

Br Mark Needham      mark.needham@marists.org.au

Br Robert O'Connor      robert.oconnor@marists.org.au

Br Tony Shears      tonyshears@hotmail.com

Br Bill Sullivan      bill.sullivan@marists.org.au

Br Bill Tarrant      bill.tarrant@marists.org.au

**Cost:** As discussed and negotiated with Spiritual Accompanier

**Contact:** Tony Clarke | tony.clarke@marists.org.au



# Hermitage **RETREATS**

## **CARE FOR THE SOUL | 3 DAYS, 2 NIGHTS | \$395.00**

How do we nurture the Spiritual in the midst of our daily routine? This retreat offers participants a quiet and reflective space away from the busy nature of daily life. A variety of input, prayer experiences, spiritual accompaniment and silence is offered during the retreat. This retreat is an ideal place to start if you have never experienced a silent retreat. The Eucharist is celebrated on the final day of this retreat.

**Dates:** 20-22 May, 10-12 June, 5-7 August, 9-11 September, 1-3 December

**Commences:** 5:00pm and finishes 11:00am

## **CARE FOR THE SOUL – GIFT OF THE MYSTIC WITHIN | 4 DAYS, 3 NIGHTS | \$495.00**

This is a guided silent retreat with accompaniment and daily Eucharist. It would be an advantage to have previously experienced a silent retreat though this is not essential. There will be daily input and a variety of prayer experiences. The writings of some of the mystics will be explored during the retreat. Much of the final day is unstructured to allow participants the space to consider what has been offered during the retreat time.

**Dates:** 16-19 June, 11-14 August

**Commences:** 5:00pm and finishes 11:00am



## **EASTER AT THE HERMITAGE**

Limited places are available for accommodation. Stay one or more nights by sending a booking enquiry form from our website: [www.thehermitage.org.au](http://www.thehermitage.org.au). Join us for these days of quiet and reflection.

Booking is essential!

- 14 April - Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm
- 15 April - Stations of the Cross: 10:00am
- 16 April - The Lord's Passion: 3:00pm
- 17 April - The Vigil of Easter: 7:30pm

## **PRIVATE RETREATS**

The Hermitage offers a variety of retreat experiences including those tailored to individual circumstances. If you would like to participate in a personal retreat please contact Br Bill Sullivan on 02 4872 1911 or email at [bill.sullivan@marists.org.au](mailto:bill.sullivan@marists.org.au). Spiritual direction is available during these retreats for those wishing to consider this.

Prices may vary according to retreat requirements. Individual Hermitage Cottages are available for retreatants and a variety of catering packages are available for these retreats.

### **CONTACT**

Br Bill Sullivan

E: [bill.sullivan@marists.org.au](mailto:bill.sullivan@marists.org.au)



# Staff PROGRAMS

## IN THE MARIST WAY: NEW STAFF FORMATION PROGRAM | \$60.00

This program introduces staff to the story, spirituality and pedagogy of Marist education in the contemporary Catholic school. It is an initial formation program designed for staff who are new to Marist schools. Participants will explore the Marist mission as a mission of the Church and gain an insight into the charism of the founder, St Marcellin Champagnat.

### Dates:

|             |                     |        |             |
|-------------|---------------------|--------|-------------|
| 24 February | Canberra            | 2 May  | Melbourne 2 |
| 7 March     | Northern Queensland | 2 May  | Sydney East |
| 15 March    | Melbourne 1         | 3 May  | Gippsland   |
| 16 March    | Central Victoria    | 9 May  | Brisbane    |
| 16 March    | Riverina            | 24 May | Macarthur   |
| 17 March    | Central West        | 25 May | Sydney West |
| 28 March    | Adelaide            | 26 May | Hunter      |
| 6 April     | Perth               |        |             |

**Contact:** Paul Harris | [paul.harris@marists.org.au](mailto:paul.harris@marists.org.au)



## FOOTSTEPS: MAKING JESUS CHRIST KNOWN AND LOVED | \$690.00

A three-day residential program for staff who have been in Marist schools and ministries for two years or more. It explores Marist charism, identity, pedagogy and spirituality.

Footsteps provides an opportunity for participants to strengthen their understanding and practice of Marist pedagogy using core documents, formation processes and community building. This understanding is enriched through gaining a greater appreciation of the Marist story and charism of St Marcellin Champagnat. It also provides a platform for participants to enrich and deepen their own faith journey through exploring contemplative practices of Marian spirituality.

All Footsteps programs are held at The Hermitage, Mittagong NSW.

### Footsteps 1:

|                 |               |
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| 20-23 February  | 6-9 March     |
| 15-18 May       | 21-24 August  |
| 11-14 September | 23-26 October |

### Footsteps 2:

|                 |             |
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| 29 May - 1 June | 7-10 August |
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**Contact:** Mark O'Farrell | mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au

## MARIST SOLIDARITY RETREAT | \$600.00\*

A three-day program where participants encounter the living spirituality of the desert and witness the Marist ministry of solidarity in Central Australia. It is suitable for anyone who has been in Marist ministry for three or more years.

The retreat offers a rich experience of indigenous culture and provides spaces for reflection upon our world and our individual faith journeys. Spending significant time with the local community of Santa Teresa, participants are able to gain an appreciation of how the Marist story is being lived and loved. Providing a rich background of desert environs, it is a retreat that connects with the land, its people and the Marist mission.

Please note: proof of full current Covid vaccination and recent negative Covid test result may be necessary prior to participation.

**Date:** 16-19 October 2022 | Commences 1:00pm and finishes 10:30am

**Venue:** Alice Springs/ Santa Teresa

**Contact:** Paul Harris | paul.harris@marists.org.au

*\*airfare not included*

## ONLINE RETREAT

### HOLDING THE SPACE: A CONTEMPLATIVE CONVERSATION

Come and journey with others and experience the power of contemplation as a tool for living with awareness. Experience the richness of dialogue founded on listening to others with an open mind and an open heart.

This online retreat is a four-week experience. Retreatants will receive spiritual input every Friday by email for four weeks. The spiritual input includes a variety of reflections, questions for journaling, prayer practices to explore, and meditations to help contextualise the content. Every Thursday retreatants gather on Zoom to engage in a shared contemplative dialogue in response to what has emerged over the week.

**Dates:** Session 1 - 27 May

Session 2 - 3 June

Session 3 - 10 June

Session 4 - 17 June

**Time:** 7:00pm-8:00pm (AEST)

**Mode:** Online

**Contact:** Elizabeth Falconer |

elizabeth.falconer@marists.org.au



## MARIST MIDDLE LEADERS PROGRAM

A two-day program for teachers who hold positions of middle-leadership in Marist schools. It is an opportunity to explore and deepen their leadership capabilities within the Catholic schooling context, as well as mapping their professional and vocational growth as educators. It draws upon the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (APST) to build upon their understanding of teaching and leading in a Marist school.

This program is practical, future-oriented and provides spaces for ongoing reflection, learning and action. Based on the writings of St Marcellin, these interactive sessions will engage with contemporary research and practice, enabling participants to explore their sacred role within the school community.

**Date:** By request

**Mode:** Face to face - 2 full days (6 sessions) or in a modification of afternoon sessions

**Contact:** John Hickey | [john.hickey@marists.org.au](mailto:john.hickey@marists.org.au)  
Br Tony Leon | [tony.leon@marists.org.au](mailto:tony.leon@marists.org.au)

## MARIST LEADERS NEXTGEN | \$165.00\*

A national program in leadership development for aspiring leaders in Marist schools. This program is designed for those in the early stages of school leadership who seek to develop their understanding of a Marian style of leadership. This program, facilitated by the Regional Directors of Marist Schools Australia, provides participants with the opportunity to explore new insights into the nature of leadership in contemporary Marist schools.

**Date:** 8-9 September 2022 | Commences 5:00pm and finishes 3:00pm

**Venue:** Marist Centre Sydney

**Contact:** Dr John Kyle-Robinson | [john.robinson@marists.org.au](mailto:john.robinson@marists.org.au)

*\*airfare and accommodation not included*

## PARENT FORMATION

In Marist schools, the faith formation of young people is integral to the mission of the Catholic school and life of the Church. Recognising that parents are the first faith formators of their children, these resources assist both parents and schools in their mutual work of fostering student spiritual formation. The following opportunities explore Marist values and spirituality, whilst encouraging engagement with the school community.

Program and Resources include:

**Year 7 Parents Orientation Program** | A 40-minute Year 7 Parent Orientation Program

The program explores the Marist story and traditions, how being Marist supports the educating community and its faith life and provides an opportunity for Year 7 parents to build relationships with each other.

**A Series of School Newsletter Articles for Parent Formation**

A series of eight Parent Connect newsletter articles for schools to send to their new parents, perhaps accompanying the regular school newsletter, to help continue the Marist formation of parents.

**Contact:** Elizabeth Falconer | [elizabeth.falconer@marists.org.au](mailto:elizabeth.falconer@marists.org.au)

## FORMATION OF RETREAT STAFF

This two-hour program aims to build the facilitation and formation capacity of retreat staff in designing and delivering student-based retreats. Drawing upon contemporary research, it explores how to create positive environments for students grappling with faith issues, whilst exploring effective practices in developing strong relationships and prayer.

The material presented in this program is influenced by Marist spirituality and is based on the philosophy that a healthy retreat experience must ensure it provides retreatants with an opportunity to gain a deeper sense of self, to build relationships with others, and to grow closer to God.

**Date:** By request

**Mode:** Face-to-face

**Contact:** Nathan Ahearne | [nathan.ahearne@marists.org.au](mailto:nathan.ahearne@marists.org.au)



## COUNCIL AND BOARD FORMATION

Throughout Marist schools and ministries, many generous people give their time in order to support the governance and leadership required to meet the needs of those we serve. Whether in a governance or advisory capacity, it is critical that all board and council members are familiar with the Christian Marist story and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching to inform their work.

Council and Board Formation resources include:

### **Online Modules for Individual and Group Reflection**

45-minute online modules which may be facilitated for use by individuals or with whole council or board groups covering topics including:

- The Marist Story
- Catholic Identity and Marist Spirituality
- A Marist Approach to Ministry
- Faith Leadership and Discernment

### **Prayer Reflection Resources for Meetings**

A resource pack of 15-20-minute reflections for use at council and board meetings.

### **Selected Texts and Resources**

A collection of selected texts and resources for use in extended council reflection opportunities.

- Optional overnight retreat opportunities will be offered every two years for members and their partners

**Contact:** John Hickey |  
john.hickey@marists.org.au



## FREE TO BELIEVE

A one-hour or two-hour seminar exploring how we can offer:

- young people an imaginative journey to faith
- nourishment for believers who wish to support their always fragile faith
- practical resources on how to escape unfreedom/false images of God in its many disguises

**Mode:** Face-to-face

**Contact:** Br Mark O'Connor | mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

## BESPOKE PROGRAMS

The MLF team offers bespoke programs that are specially designed to meet the needs or interests of a particular school community or ministry. Some of the bespoke programs developed include:

What it means to be Marist?

Marist Pedagogy

Spirituality Programs for School Officers and Services Staff

Contemplative Practice for Daily Life

**Date:** By Request

**Mode:** Face-to-face and online

**Contact:** Tony Clarke | tony.clarke@marists.org.au

### **Available for Professional Supervision for Principal and School Leaders**

Mrs Elizabeth Lee: Supervisor, Australasian Association of Supervision AAOS  
elizabeth.lee@visionandaction.com.au | <https://visionandaction.com.au/>

Dr John Lee: Supervisor, Australasian Association of Supervision AAOS  
john@inspiringeducators.com.au | <https://inspiringeducators.com.au/>

**Cost:** as discussed and negotiated with the professional supervisor

**Contact:** Regional Directors, *Marist Schools Australia*

# ONLINE Modules

## THE ART OF READING AND PRAYING SCRIPTURE

A series of four one-hour e-learning modules examining different methods of reading and praying Scripture. Each module focuses on a distinctive methodology to interpret and pray the Divine Word of God. The modules will concentrate on selected Scripture passages from both the Old and New Testaments.

This program aims to help people understand and experience how God speaks to us through Sacred Scripture and gain the necessary skills and insights to effectively interpret and pray with the living and active Word.

**Mode:** Online

**Contact:** Nathan Ahearne | [nathan.ahearne@marists.org.au](mailto:nathan.ahearne@marists.org.au)

## FULL OF GRACE: MARY FOR US TODAY

A new series of four one-hour e-learning modules that examine the influence of Mary in the Christian tradition. The modules will explore how Mary has remained a religious symbol of enduring power in Christian imagination for over 2000 years, as well as learning of her prophetic influence for our times.

This course aims to help participants gain a deeper understanding of the person of Mary and offers opportunities to contemplate the role she played within the faith life of the early Christian community.

**Mode:** Online

**Contact:** Nathan Ahearne | [nathan.ahearne@marists.org.au](mailto:nathan.ahearne@marists.org.au)

## OUR MARIST SPIRITUAL HERITAGE

A series of four one-hour modules exploring the rich Marist spiritual tradition and heritage of Saint Marcellin Champagnat. The modules will focus on the spiritual history that comes to us from the life and works of Champagnat from Lavalla to the Hermitage.

The program aims to help participants study and reflect on key Marist sources to gain a deeper appreciation of Saint Marcellin and our spiritual heritage. Participants will learn how our contemporary expressions of Marist life are in conversation with our past.

**Mode:** Online

**Contact:** Mark O'Farrell | [mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au](mailto:mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au)

# Known and Loved

dignity for all

The national Marist Staff Spirituality program for 2022 (4-hour program).

One of the deepest desires of every human being is to be heard, listened to, and accepted. To be heard is to be known and loved. This captures what is at the heart of the Gospel message: that every human being, no matter who they are and no matter where they come from, possess dignity because they are created in the image of God.

The program explores the way Marist communities strive to be places where everyone, especially the least, lost and invisible are 'known and loved'; places where each person's voice is heard and respected, where their dignity is recognised and honoured. We know that we are called to move beyond simply recognising human dignity, but to act accordingly.

The aims of the program are to:

- grow in awareness of our own inherent dignity and that each of us is known and loved by God
- draw on contemporary expressions of society and culture to carefully listen to the voices of the unheard or invisible
- explore how all Christians are called to go out to encounter the stranger and share the Good News
- examine how to restore and uphold human dignity through our witness to Christ in words and actions
- discern ways to hear the diverse voices within our community

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# MARIST TERTIARY Education

## TERTIARY, DIOCESAN, MARIST SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA AND PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

A number of Marist programs have university recognition and are also recognised by dioceses and state-based professional and educational bodies for meeting annual professional learning requirements.

The following programs have been recognised by Australian Catholic University at the Masters level (AQF level 9):

1. Footsteps 1 - Making Jesus Christ Known and Loved
2. Footsteps 2 - Making Jesus Christ Known and Loved
3. Marist Pilgrimage & Study Tour
4. Marist Educational Leadership Program
5. Leadership from a Marian Perspective

### Marist Scholarship Seminar

This 90-minute online program is designed to give participants some background and insights into Marist Scholarship as well as provide direction on how to access and contribute to its development going forward.

It will be of particular interest to those currently studying or anyone who is thinking of undertaking further study in the future.

**Presenters:** Dr Br Michael Green fms and Prof Br David Hall fms

**Date:** Thursday 12 May 2022

**Time:** 5:00pm-6:30pm (AEST)

## Graduate Certificate Unit in Marist Methodology

This series of 12 two-hour modules are taught for staff in Marist Schools in South Australia as part of the University of South Australia's Graduate Certificate Course. It is a collaboration between the university, Catholic Education South Australia and the Marists and is held in Adelaide. The course aims to help teachers apply Marist pedagogy in their professional practice, serving to promote the flourishing of life for every child and the flourishing of the human community in light of the Catholic Christian understanding of the human person (or Catholic Christian Anthropology (CCA)).

## Marist Educational Leadership\*

This is a Postgraduate Masters level course offered annually for people studying at university, for those seeking accreditation with a Catholic Education authority, or for those who simply wish to learn more about Marist Leadership. The program focuses on educational leadership from a Marist perspective, internationally and nationally, at both the system and school levels. It addresses the Marist enterprise within the context of the Catholic Church and local cultures.

In 2022, this course will be offered as a two-day online program. For those seeking Tertiary Accreditation, there will be additional online commitments and course work.

**Date:** 9-10 June 2022 (accreditation components to be completed by 25 November 2022)

**Cost:** Option 1 - Two-day program \$390.00  
Option 2 - Tertiary Accredited two-day program and online component \$1,600.00

\*Course requires a minimum of ten participants to run

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# CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

## FAITH FORMATORS' COLLOQUIUM

*For Directors of Mission, APREs, RECs, Youth Ministers, Solidarity Coordinators and Chaplains*

The Colloquium will explore the theme 'Known and Loved – Dignity for All' and its implications for forming young people, creating spaces for their voice to be heard, and building inclusive communities where people are known and loved. *Featuring the Keynote Speakers to the right.*

**Date:** 20-22 March 2022

**Venue:** The Hermitage, Mittagong

**Cost:** \$645.00

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**Hugh Mackay**

Social psychologist, researcher and bestselling author of 21 books, including *What Makes Us Tick*, *The Inner Self*, *Australia Reimagined* and his latest work, *The Kindness Revolution: How we can restore hope, rebuild trust and inspire optimism*. He has had a 60-year career in social research and in 2015 was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia.

**Catherine Keenan**

As the co-founder and executive director of the Sydney Story Factory, Catherine has helped thousands of young people, particularly marginalised young Australians, find their voice through cultivating creativity for writing and storytelling. Catherine has a doctorate in English literature from Oxford University and was named in 2016 Australian of the Year Local Hero for her work as a youth educator.



**Isaiah Dawe**

Isaiah Dawe is a 27-year-old Butchulla and Garawa Salt Water Aboriginal man and CEO of the Sydney-based not-for-profit called 'I'D Know Yourself'. Isaiah grew up within the foster care system from two years of age and turned his negative experiences into a positive by founding the first Aboriginal mentoring organisation to support Aboriginal youth in Out of Home Care.







## MARIST SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA - BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

### KNOWN AND LOVED

In a time where the challenges of interculturality and differences in perspective are growing, dialogue is key to building bridges in communities. Each Marist school across the nation and across the world seeks to be a place where people are known and loved and where they have a place at the table and a voice that is heard and valued.

Join Marists from around the nation and beyond for a gathering like no other. Through innovative presentations and forums, prayer and liturgy, and thought-provoking events, this gathering of Marist educators will open new horizons and common dreams for the future.

As if the glorious winter weather isn't enough motivation to spring into Brisbane in 2022.

**Date:** 31 July - 2 August 2022  
**Venue:** Brisbane Powerhouse  
**Contact:** Mark Elliott |  
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## MSA REGIONAL PRINCIPALS' MEETINGS

**Marist Centre Sydney** 15 March  
**Marist Centre Brisbane** 16 March  
**Marist Centre Melbourne** 18 March  
**E:** sally.dillon@marists.org.au

## MSA ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE

**Date:** 22-24 May 2022  
**Venue:** The Hermitage, Mittagong  
**E:** roslyn.collins@marists.org.au

## MEETINGS OF PRINCIPALS OF MSA-GOVERNED SCHOOLS

**Term 1 Face-to-Face:** 15-16 February\*  
**Term 1 Online:** 30 March, 11:00am-1:00pm  
**Term 2 Online:** 12 May, 11:00am-1:00pm  
**Term 2 Online:** 16 June, 11:00am-1:00pm  
**Term 3 Online:** 1 September, 11:00am-1:00pm  
**Term 4 Online:** 17 November, 11:00am-1:00pm  
**E:** sally.dillon@marists.org.au \*online option, if required, 16 February 11:00am-1:00pm

## MSA ANNUAL MASS AND DINNER

**Sydney** 21 October **E:** john.robinson@marists.org.au  
**Brisbane** 29 October **E:** mark.elliott@marists.org.au  
**Melbourne** 26 November **E:** julie.ryan@marists.org.au

## CARNIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

**Marist Basketball Carnival** Cancelled for 2022  
**Marist Netball Carnival** Cancelled for 2022  
**Marist Cricket Carnival** To be confirmed September 2022  
**Marist Oratory Competition** To be confirmed July 2022

## Marist Connect Nights

### NSW/ACT

|                    |            |     |
|--------------------|------------|-----|
| Super Connect      | 9 March    | TBC |
| Eastern Connect    | 1 June     | TBC |
| Macarthur Connect  | 15 June    | TBC |
| Inner West Connect | 22 June    | TBC |
| Super Connect      | 31 August  | TBC |
| Super Connect      | 26 October | TBC |

### QLD/NT

|               |           |         |
|---------------|-----------|---------|
| Connect Night | 11 March  | MCB     |
| Connect Night | 3 June    | MCB     |
| Connect Night | 29 July   | MCB     |
| Super Connect | 7 October | Virtual |

### VIC

|               |           |     |
|---------------|-----------|-----|
| Connect Night | 10 March  | MCM |
| Connect Night | 9 June    | MCM |
| Connect Night | 18 August | MCM |

### SA

|                     |              |              |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Connect Night       | 16 March     | Cardijn      |
| Connect Night       | 6 June       | Sacred Heart |
| Super Connect Night | 26 September | Aquinas      |
| Connect Night       | 9 November   | Marcellin    |

### WA

|               |            |             |
|---------------|------------|-------------|
| Connect Night | 2 March    | Churchlands |
| Connect Night | 3 May      | Bunbury     |
| Connect Night | 23 August  | Northam     |
| Connect Night | 18 October | Churchlands |

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MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

## Around the Well

### Term 1

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| 18 February | Virtual |
| 11 March    | Virtual |
| 25 March    | Virtual |

### Term 2

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| 6 May   | Virtual |
| 27 May  | Virtual |
| 17 June | Virtual |

### Term 3

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| 29 July     | Virtual |
| 19 August   | Virtual |
| 9 September | Virtual |

### Term 4

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| 21 October  | Virtual |
| 11 November | Virtual |
| 2 December  | Virtual |

\* Due to uncertainty around the ongoing Covid-19 situation, some venues (marked as TBC) will be confirmed closer to the event.

## Student Leaders Gathering

### NSW/ACT

20 – 22 November Mittagong

### QLD/NT SUMMIT

29 – 31 October Brisbane

### VIC

18-20 November Philip Island

### WA/SA

27 – 29 November Perth

## National MYM Formators' Conference

**DATE:** 14-15 February 2022  
**MODE:** Virtual

## MYM National Formators Workshops

|          |            |         |
|----------|------------|---------|
| National | 16 June    | Virtual |
| National | 25 August  | Virtual |
| National | 13 October | Virtual |

## Marist Forums

### NSW/ACT

|               |              |           |
|---------------|--------------|-----------|
| Year 12 Forum | 13 – 15 May  | Mittagong |
| Year 11 Forum | 5 – 7 August | Mittagong |

### QLD/NT

|                                       |           |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Year 7: <i>Welcome to the Family</i>  | 7 March   | MCB |
| Year 8: <i>The Middle Ground</i>      | 18 March  | MCB |
| Year 9: <i>More than Words</i>        | 11 May    | MCB |
| Year 10: <i>The Solidarity Effect</i> | 26 August | MCB |
| Year 11: <i>Meaning and Purpose</i>   | 27 May    | MCB |



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Regional Retreat Days

### VIC

|         |           |     |
|---------|-----------|-----|
| Year 7  | 26 August | TBC |
| Year 8  | 27 May    | TBC |
| Year 9  | 5 August  | TBC |
| Year 10 | 6 May     | TBC |
| Year 11 | 29 July   | TBC |
| Year 12 | 13 May    | TBC |

### NSW/ACT

|         |            |            |
|---------|------------|------------|
| Year 7  | 4 November | ACT/Forbes |
| Year 7  | 28 October | Sydney     |
| Year 8  | 24 June    | Sydney     |
| Year 9  | 12 August  | Sydney     |
| Year 10 | 20 May     | Mittagong  |
| Year 12 | 1 April    | Sydney     |

### QLD/NT

|         |             |     |
|---------|-------------|-----|
| Year 7  | 13 June     | TBC |
| Year 8  | 21 February | TBC |
| Year 9  | 15 June     | TBC |
| Year 10 | 23 February | TBC |
| Year 11 | 13 May      | TBC |
| Year 12 | 18 February | TBC |

### WA

|         |           |       |
|---------|-----------|-------|
| Year 7  | 22 August | Perth |
| Year 8  | 3 June    | Perth |
| Year 9  | 29 April  | Perth |
| Year 10 | 12 May    | Perth |
| Year 11 | 29 March  | Perth |
| Year 12 | 24 June   | Perth |

### SA

|           |          |          |
|-----------|----------|----------|
| Hermitage | 28 March | Adelaide |
| La Valla  | 16 May   | Adelaide |
| Le Rosey  | 23 May   | Adelaide |

## Twilight Retreats - Year 11

### VIC

8 September TBC

### NSW/ACT

26 August Sydney

### QLD/NT

12 September TBC

### SA

14 November Sacred Heart

## La Valla Leadership Camps

|        |                   |                |
|--------|-------------------|----------------|
| QLD/NT | 5-7 August        | Mt Tamborine   |
| NSW    | 16-18 September   | Mittagong      |
| VIC    | 21 - 23 October   | Phillip Island |
| WA/SA  | 15 - 17 September | Perth          |

\* Due to uncertainty around the ongoing Covid-19 situation, some venues (marked as TBC) will be confirmed closer to the event.

# AUSTRALIAN MARIST SOLIDARITY EVENTS



You are invited to attend these events hosted by various Marist groups in each state. These gatherings give updates on AMS projects that focus on providing educational opportunities for disadvantaged young people in Asia and the Pacific.

## MID-YEAR SUPPORTER APPRECIATION EVENTS

Join AMS in Adelaide and Sydney where we will thank our generous supporters, share details of our current campaign and launch our 2021 Annual Report.

**Sydney** – Wednesday, 1 June 2022  
**Adelaide** – Wednesday, 15 June 2022

## END-OF-YEAR SUPPORTER APPRECIATION EVENTS

Join AMS in Brisbane and Melbourne where we will thank our generous supporters, provide an overview of projects achieved during the year, and launch our Christmas campaign.

**Melbourne** – Sunday, 6 November 2022  
**Brisbane** – Thursday, 10 November 2022



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Visit our website at:  
<https://www.australianmaristsolidarity.org.au>

# ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

Registration and payment for Marist staff programs and courses are to be made online. Places are confirmed when payment has been received. Online payment can be made through either invoicing or credit card.

## TO REGISTER

Go to: <http://msa.edu.au/registration>  
Online registrations will be opened **9 November 2021**.


 [register@marists.org.au](mailto:register@marists.org.au)

Enquiries about bookings and payment for staff programs should be directed to Marist Registrations at:


 Call 02 9218 4007

## MARIST CENTRES AUSTRALIA

### BRISBANE

Marist Centre  
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Ashgrove QLD 4060  
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### SYDNEY

Marist Centre  
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Mascot NSW 2020  
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### MELBOURNE

Marist Centre  
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Brunswick VIC 3056  
 03 9389 3100

To access our Marist Association website, please visit <http://www.maristassociation.org.au/>



## MARIST DAILY PRAYER APP

The Marist Daily Prayer App is designed to provide a framework for daily prayer for men and women seeking to pray in a contemplative, Marial way.

Download today from:



## THEME RESOURCES

To access our Marist Formation Theme resources, please visit <http://msa.edu.au/formation>

*The Australian Conference of the Marist Association acts in the name of the Church in four broad areas of ministry.*

### Marist Schools Australia

... is a family of 56 schools which draw on Marist spirituality and Marist educational practice to help them to shape their identity and mission as Catholic schools. Of these schools, 13 are solely governed by the Association and the rest are conducted in various partnership arrangements with dioceses and parishes. MSA schools, which help to educate over 40,000 young Australians, are grouped into three geographical Regions. Each Region is led by a Director who is advised by an MSA Regional Council.

### Marist Youth Ministry

... is a ministry aimed at young people aged between 12 and 25. MYM supports school-based and young adult programs. The principal school involvement is through the six-year Christian leadership program known as Game Changers. A suite of post-school opportunities include prayer and worship, service and solidarity, forums and festivals, together with a range of local and international volunteering opportunities. MYM operates in all MSA regions, with Regional Coordinators and a number of part-time MYM assistants and volunteers.

### Marist 180

... is the social welfare arm of the Association. Marist180 has a range of programs and services that connect with and support young people and families in most critical need. It is headquartered in Western Sydney with a presence in Orange, Newcastle, Canberra and Brisbane. Marist180 provides skills training and services for Aboriginal engagement, homelessness, family preservation and refugee settlement. They also provide Intensive Therapeutic Care for young people living in Marist180 out-of-home care.

### Marist Solidarity

... is the Association's agency for aid and development work through Asia and the Pacific Islands. Australian Marist Solidarity, a registered NGO, works with the people in this region through projects that empower local communities to take their own path to development, with an emphasis on redressing poverty through the provision of education. It also offers educational and support services for MSA schools involved in solidarity and immersion projects, and is the base for Marist Volunteers Australia.

These ministries are currently supported by a number of Association-level teams and services: the MSA Leadership Team, the Mission and Life Formation Team, the Coordinator of Membership, the Business Services Office, the Professional Standards Office, Marist Music, and The Hermitage at Mittagong – the national Marist retreat and conference centre.

