



MSA Newsletter

A newsletter for Member Schools of Marist Schools Australia published fortnightly during term time



From Dr Frank Malloy

Dear Brothers, Colleagues and Friends

The month of May is of course particularly significant for Marists, being a time traditionally identified in our Church's tradition as the month of Mary. The world over, Catholics mark the month of May with special devotions. In Parishes, Churches, homes, schools, religious communities, the armed forces, prisons, retirement homes, nursing homes, university colleges, professional associations, almost anywhere one can imagine there are Catholics, prayers are being offered with and through Mary especially at this time of year.

It has always struck me as most appropriate, following the Easter season and proximate to the Feast of Pentecost, that May precedes the Feast of Saint Marcellin on 6 June. For as Saint Marcellin so clearly understood, Mary's work among us is inextricably linked with the Holy Spirit. Pope Francis, in *Evangelii Gaudium*, teaches;

With the Holy Spirit, Mary is always present in the midst of the people. She joined the disciples in praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4) and thus made possible the missionary outburst which took place at Pentecost. She is the Mother of the Church which evangelises, and without her we could never truly understand the spirit of the new evangelisation." (284).

As you would be well aware, the Association of Saint Marcellin Champagnat is hosting a significant spiritual encounter this May with the inaugural "Marian Lecture Series". The Marian Lectures are a purposeful Australian Marist contribution to the life of the Church, and hopefully provide an opportunity to experience something new, and inspirational, perhaps leading to a "missionary outburst" in our own lives. It is envisaged the Marian Lectures will be an annual event in the life of the Australian Church for many years to come. For this first series Dom Mark Patrick Hederman, from Glenstal Abbey in Ireland will be speaking with us. He suggests, *"at this time the Holy Spirit is unearthing 'underground Cathedrals' in unlikely places and people. In the lives of ordinary people the Spirit is calling us to the 'edges' to open us out through the 'cracks' "*.

Your attendance is most warmly encouraged as is that of your family, colleagues, and friends. An invitation is enclosed with this newsletter to listen to Dom Mark Patrick Hederman, in a variety of venues across the country.

Your support for the Marian Lecture series is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

COMING UP...

5-7 May	Remar: Blue Retreat NSW	19-21 May	Remar: Blue Retreat QLD
11 May	Remar: Red Caravel Day NSW	23 May	Marian Lecture Brisbane
12 May	Ashgrove Mothers Reflection Day, Brisbane	25 May	Marian Lecture Sydney
12 May	Marist Leaders Next Gen 1: Melbourne	30 May	Marian Lecture Melbourne
14 May	Mother's Day	28-31 May	Footsteps1: Making Jesus Christ Known and Loved
17 May	Remar: Red Caravel Day QLD	31 May	Annual Meeting of Principals of MSA Governed Schools
19 May	MYM Marist Connect Central Victoria	1 June	Marian Lecture Traralgon

2017 MARIST SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA

Biennial Conference

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION CLOSES 8 MAY

PLACES FILLING QUICKLY - REGISTER NOW!

<http://msa.edu.au/registrations/>

Registrations for the MSA Biennial Conference on 30 July – 1 August are filling quickly with over half of the conference capacity booked.

**Please note Early Bird rates apply only until 8 May.
Registrations close 10 July.**

Onsite accommodation is booked out. For further accommodation options and other information, please refer to the MSA website at this address - <http://msa.edu.au/accommodation-options-1/>



Bishop of Lismore Flood Appeal

Bishop Gregory Homeming has launched an appeal for those who have suffered in the recent floods on the NSW North Coast. If you would like to provide support, please find further information [HERE](#).

THE MARIST WAY
A PILGRIMAGE

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH HILL
to
THE HERMITAGE OF THE SOUTH

SEPT 25 - OCT 1

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THE MARIST WAY

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Meet at St Patrick's Church, Hill Street, Sydney. The pilgrims will be accompanied by the three Marist Brothers who walked from Sydney in December 1905 to take up temporary residence in Rose Hill Cottage, Mittagang and begin the preparations to establish 'The Hermitage' as a Novitiate.

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Commemoration of the 2017 Marist Bicentenary - Our Marist Heart -

In seeking to commemorate the Marist Bicentenary, Marist schools and ministries may wish to consider the acquisition of the newly Australian designed and Australian produced Marist Heart. This new design has been developed by T&S Signcraft of Sydney who have a long-standing relationship with Marist schools in New South Wales and Queensland, but most significantly with St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill.



More information can be found [HERE](#).

Daniel Lynch on behalf of the
Province Bicentenary Committee



Blessing of the Marist Bicentenary Paintings at
Cardijn College, Noarlunga Downs

MARIST MISSION AND LIFE FORMATION



FOOTSTEPS 1, 19 - 22 March 2017

Thirty four participants from 19 Schools and Marist Youth Ministry shared the Footsteps journey at a very wet Mittagong. The sun did shine from time to time but the spirit of the group was not dampened by the weather. Connecting as Marists and exploring our spirituality are key parts of the program; time for discussion and personal reflection provide an opportunity for participants to deepen their own journey as Marists.

IN THE MARIST WAY PETE'S PLACE

New to MSA, but by no means new to Marist, Pete's Place is Marist180's school for disengaged young people. Established as an educational centre, Pete's Place, in recent times, became a registered school in its own right. Staffed by a dedicated team, Pete's Place works with up to 25 young people from Western Sydney.

Photo: Brendan Folkard, Daria Walker, Arietta Compton, Megan Christie, Danniella Larman-Yalda



NURSES AND CARERS CONFERENCE

The Bi-annual Nurses and Carers Conference, held at Mittagong, had a theme of "wellbeing" with a partial focus of encouraging our carers to be mindful of the need to care for themselves. The Conference was attended by the Nurses, Carers and Leaders of communities where sick and elderly Brothers reside. Part of the program included an insight into what Noviciate life was like back in the day of these elderly Brothers.

CARE FOR THE SOUL RETREAT

The *Care for the Soul* 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 will be offered during the retreat. The retreat will conclude with the Eucharist on the final morning.

Offered on four occasions in 2017

- Friday 23 – Sunday 25 June
- Thursday 3 – Saturday 5 August
- Friday 25 – Sunday 27 August
(*Savouring the Silence Retreat*)
- Friday 27 – Sunday 29 October

For further information [download the brochure](#) or register [here](#)

THE 2017 *Marian* LECTURE

marists†

UNDERGROUND CATHEDRALS

A SPIRITUALITY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

BRISBANE

23 MAY

Australian Catholic University
Leadership Centre

SYDNEY

25 MAY

Australian Catholic University
Ryan Auditorium, North Sydney

MELBOURNE

30 MAY

Australian Catholic University
Christ Lecture Theatre

WARRAGUL

1 JUNE

Marist-Sion College
Marian Theatre

ADELAIDE

9 JUNE

Sacred Heart College
Br Joseph McAteer Centre

PERTH

13 JUNE

Newman College, Churchlands
Champagnat Chapel

At this time the Holy Spirit is unearthing 'underground cathedrals' in unlikely places and people. In the lives of ordinary people the Spirit is calling us to the 'edges' to open us out through the 'cracks'.



You are invited to enter this conversation in search of 'underground cathedrals' with the wisdom of noted educator and spiritual guide Mark Patrick Hederman OSB of Glenstal Abbey, Ireland.

Whether we are educators or simply 'seekers' trying to discover the way forward – our mission is to allow the energy of divine love to stretch us.

Hederman is an educator, headmaster, poet, philosopher and public intellectual. He has been a monk of Glenstal Abbey in Limerick for over 40 years. Formerly headmaster of the school, he has just completed eight years as Abbot. Hederman has a doctorate in the philosophy of education and studied in Paris under the famous Jewish philosopher Emmanuel Levinas. He has lectured in philosophy and literature in America, Nigeria and Ireland.

6.00pm - 7.00pm (Doors open from 5.30pm)

Limited seating available / Free Entry
Register at www.maristassociation.org.au

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OF ST MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT**

From their perspective: LaValla School student's story

"Lo Sok" is a 14-year-old boy with Cerebral Palsy. He lives in Phnom Penh with his mother who is a widow. Whilst driving, Lo Sok's father was shot and killed by a thief when he was just 8 years old. Lo has one sister who has a mild intellectual disability. His mother is working in a Phnom Penh restaurant at night.

Lo Sok became a student at Lavalla School in 2015. At that time, he was suffering from muscular weakness in his arms and legs with limited range of movement in his knees and ankles. He was unable to walk any distance with or without assistance due to the inability to stand up and straighten limbs.

One year on and Lo is having regular physiotherapy as well as hydrotherapy. He has had some surgery to restore the range of movement in his joints. He has also been referred to a rehabilitation centre in Phnom Penh to obtain an assistive device (Bilateral Knee/Ankle Orthotics – KAFOs). There has been a gradual improvement in Lo's muscular strength in his arms and legs which now allow him to stand with the KAFOs and crucially is now able to walk with assistive devices.

Stories like Lo's are all too common. In this country, people with disabilities are invisible. The disability prevalence rate in Cambodia is estimated at 4.7% which means that due to the young population structure, around 360,000 children and young people under the age of 20 live with a disability, with a quarter of these being physical disabilities (Van Leit, Channa & Rithy 2007; Handicap International 2009). But with your continued support it doesn't have to be this way. To help make a difference please visit our website:

www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/project/msc-community-village

*Lo Sok's name changed for privacy



Tony Skinner

Communications Coordinator, Australian Marist Solidarity

'Awaken' Year 12 Marist Forum - Mittagong

Last weekend Year 12 students from Auburn, Dundas, Eastwood, (Cerdon) Merrylands, North Shore, Randwick and Varroville gathered at the Hermitage for the annual Year 12 Vocations Forum, conducted by the MYM Sydney Team.

Using our national theme Awaken participants were invited to explore the call to love and service through Christian vocation as shown in the lives of Jesus, Mary and Marcellin and others. They also reflected Pope Francis' call to young people; *"Wake up the world with the gifts of your lives!"*

The highlight of the weekend was the vocations panel hosted by Young Marist Volunteer Francine Crimmins. The panel included representatives from each vocational calling; Michael and Marie Dela Cruz and son Moses (married couple/parenthood), Sr Amy MGL (religious sister), Br Jonnel Sisneros FMS (religious brother), Fr Steven Varney (priesthood) and Supi Taufaa (single person in discernment).

The student feedback from the Forum, as reflected below, has affirmed our priority in Marist Youth Ministry to provide reflective spaces and processes for senior students, in enabling them the opportunity to reflect on God's call for their lives.

"The weekend has helped me deepen my faith and relationship with God and connecting with other young Marists. This weekend has provided me with the opportunity to take time out to think about my vocation as it is something that has never really crossed my mind. I believe God is calling me to do something with my life."
(Year 12 participant)



Brother Greg McDonald fms
Marist Vocations Ministry