

## From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

*“Above all, let us not forget to thank: if we are bearers of gratitude, the world itself will become better, even if only a little bit, but that is enough to transmit a bit of hope. The world needs hope. And with gratitude, with this habit of saying thank you, we transmit a bit of hope. Everything is united and everything is connected, and everyone needs to do his or her part wherever we are.”*

Pope Francis<sup>1</sup>

### Thank you!

First term concluded for most Marist schools on Friday 8 April at approximately 10pm at Saint Mary's Cathedral in Sydney following the Mass to celebrate 150 years of Marist education in Australia. The Cathedral was full and over 2000 Marists joined the liturgy from around the country online. The overwhelming sense of gratitude among those gathered made a Thanksgiving to remember. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP led the celebration and spoke eloquently and warmly of the significant contributions by Marists to Catholic education in a variety of ways, and traced the motivations and inspirations to Saint Marcellin and his faith filled discipleship to Jesus. Thank you to all who made the effort to be present on this day, at the Mass and the unveiling of the sculpture of Brother Ludovic. So many travelled huge distances to be there and your presence was greatly appreciated.

The MSA Trinity Catholic College Lismore Flood Appeal has continued to benefit from the generosity of many Marists across the country. The total amount raised is now in excess of \$150,000. Thank you for your generous contributions and efforts in this regard. As the whole region rebuilds from the devastation, we Marists must remain attentive to meeting the needs of the Trinity Catholic College community.

Since the last MSA Newsletter, the pending retirement of a long serving and valued Marist leader was announced. It is with a deep sense of gratitude that the contributions to Marist education by Mr Dave McInnes are acknowledged. Dave has worked in Marist schools for all bar a few years of his four decades in Catholic education. Renowned for his ability to relate with young people, Dave first came to prominence in Sydney as a gifted classroom teacher, inspirational sports coach, and a generous contributor to any effort of outreach or solidarity. These traits were not only evident at school but equally in the close community of Maroubra and surrounds where he volunteered thousands of hours to assist young people through Rugby League and Surf Life Saving. Dave's ability to build community is evident in the popularity of every school he has led as a Principal. For individual students, his capacity to build self esteem and confidence has always been apparent. Significantly, during his time at Pagewood, the College's Annual Reports indicated Year 12 students gaining entrance to University increased significantly, whilst those gaining places at TAFE and other further education consistently improved. Dave has been a much loved leader in recent years at Saint Teresa's Catholic College Noosaville. Dave will conclude at the end of 2022 in order to spend more time back in NSW with his growing extended family. Thank you Dave for all you have done to foster and flourish Marist life and mission so faithfully. Please note the advertisement for the position of Principal of Saint Teresa's included at this [link](#).

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Attention is drawn to the Australian Marist Solidarity Sesquicentenary Initiative "*Day in the Life challenge*" being led by Bec Bromhead and the wonderful team at Australian Marist Solidarity. Schools are encouraged to engage in this initiative, which will prove vital in the foundation of the new Marist School in East Timor whilst also being a most valuable learning experience for our Marist students. Thank you in anticipation for your encouragement and engagement. We hope to exceed the target of \$150,000.

With the Federal Election fast approaching on 21 May, attention is drawn to the important work of the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) under the leadership of Ms Jacinta Collins. The election priorities for Catholic schools are well articulated by NCEC and are encouraged to be shared among parents and staff members. The most recent media release was issued during the last school holidays and is included [HERE](#) for your reference.

Yours sincerely,



**Dr Frank Malloy**  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

1. General audience Apostolic Palace, Vatican Dec. 30, 2020.



Unveiling of Brother Ludovic plaque, St Patrick's Church Hill







## AMS Day in the Life challenge

**We have a really exciting challenge for our Marist school community supporters! We're asking them to undertake the Timor-Leste Day in the Life.**

Students can help support the lives of vulnerable school students in Timor-Leste by stepping into their shoes for the day to raise money so they can access a better education.

By taking part in the 'Day in the Life challenge' you'll be raising money so that children can access education in Timor-Leste. Timor-Leste is a country of young people with more than 60% of the country being under 25.

Sadly, many of these children are unable to attend school as there just aren't enough schools and teachers. Following unrest in the country 20 years ago, 80% of schools were destroyed with books and schools materials ruined. Teachers fled the country, leaving children with few educational options. Timor-Leste is still rebuilding its school system and the money you raise will help to build new educational facilities and support the local students.

**Choose your challenge!** Immerse yourself in the day in the life of a student in Timor-Leste. Choose to walk to school, cook up a storm with a Timorese recipe, learn the local language, attend an online assembly, or do all four! Ask your friends and family for donations that will go towards raising vital funds to bring educational opportunities to students in Timor-Leste. Take part as a team with your tutor group, mission group, house or sign up individually. You decide!

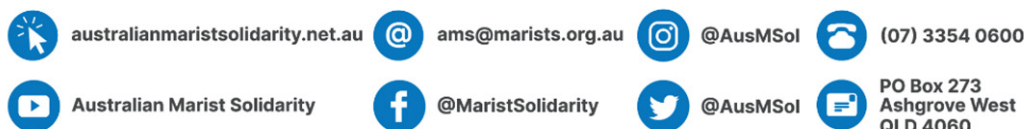
Find out more by visiting [www.dayinthelife.org](http://www.dayinthelife.org) or check out our website: [www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au](http://www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au)

### Register for student briefing

Thank you to all the teachers who attended our online briefing at the end of March – it was so good to see you. Just a reminder that our student briefing has been postponed, with the new details as follows:

- **Student briefing**  
Tuesday 10 May 2022, 12.30pm to 1.30pm AEST  
Register [here](#)

### Connect with us to find out more.





## Day in the Life challenge

Join AMS and take the Timor-Leste Day in the Life challenge!

Help support the lives of vulnerable school students in Timor-Leste by stepping into their shoes for the day to raise money so they can access a better education.

Students and teachers at Marists schools across Australia are invited to join the Day in the Life challenge and together raise \$150,000 for students in Timor-Leste. We recommend taking part as Champagnat Day celebration on 6 June but the challenge will be open all year.

### Choose your challenge!

Encourage students to immerse themselves in the day in the life of a student in Timor-Leste. Students can choose to walk to school, cook up a storm with a Timorese recipe, learn the local language or do all three!



You can sign up your class, tutor group, house or mission group as a team, or students can register individually. Students can then ask their friends and family for donations that will go towards raising vital funds to bring educational opportunities to students in Timor-Leste.

It's free and easy to register at [dayinthelife.org.au](http://dayinthelife.org.au)



Follow the simple steps to register online at [dayinthelife.org.au](http://dayinthelife.org.au) and start encouraging students to take on the educational challenges. Upon completion of the challenges all students will be rewarded with a certificate and they'll be prizes for the top fundraising schools and students.

Visit [dayinthelife.org.au](http://dayinthelife.org.au) or email [ams.partnerships@marists.org.au](mailto:ams.partnerships@marists.org.au) with any questions.



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St Teresa's College, Noosaville, QLD

Principal

Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Applications close: 10May 2022



### Invitation to an international seminar for Marist Principals celebrating Champagnat week 2022

What makes a school Marist ?

Save the Date

9 June 7.30am or 14 June 7.00pm

On behalf of [Champagnat Global](#), we extend an invitation to Principals of Marist Schools to participate in an international seminar to celebrate [Champagnat week 2022](#).

Join Marist Principals from around the world for an online gathering exploring the topic, **What makes a school Marist**. Featuring international presenters including Br David Hall, this gathering will provide an opportunity for Principals to interact with Marist school leaders from the Marist Global Network of Schools. The seminar of approximately one hour will provide leaders of Marist schools with the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the unique nature of the Marist school in the Twenty First Century.

Registration details will be forwarded to Principals in the coming weeks. For more information, please contact John Robinson at [john.robinson@marists.org.au](mailto:john.robinson@marists.org.au).

# 2022 ONLINE MARIAN LECTURE

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## *Human Dignity - An Aussie Value?*

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

Please join Frank as he takes up the theme of restoring and upholding dignity and the implications for living as a just society.

*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 is an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for services to Aboriginal Australians.*



***Tuesday 10  
May 2022***

**6:00pm-7:15pm  
(AEST)**

For more information:  
[mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au](mailto:mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au)

**REGISTER HERE**





**MSA**  
**BIENNIAL**  
**CONFERENCE** *Brisbane*  
**2022**

KNOWN AND LOVED

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

*Join Marists from around the nation and beyond for a gathering like no other. As if the glorious winter weather isn't enough motivation to bounce into Brisbane in 2022!*

Engage through a variety of Formats, including:  
**Keynote Addresses, Interactive Workshops,  
 Panel Symposiums, Fireside Chats  
 and Pecha Kucha Events**

Four Strands shape the Conference experience:

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**Details**

**Conference Start: 2.00pm, Sunday 31 July**  
**Conference End: 4.30pm, Tuesday 2 August**

**Conference Dinner**

Howard Smith Wharves,  
 6.30pm Tuesday 2 August  
 (following the conclusion of the Conference)

**Registrations**

**Early Bird - \$495** close on 30 March.  
**Full Price - \$560** close on 22 July

**REGISTER NOW AT [msa.edu.au](http://msa.edu.au)**





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# National Assembly III

Marist Association of Saint Marcellin Champagnat

*Shine among them like stars in the sky*

Philippians 2:22

All Members of the Marist Association are warmly invited to join together as a Marist Family this year - through June, July and August - as we look at where we've come from, and imagine where we are going!



## Assembly Forum One & Two (Online)

Tuesday 7 June 2022, 7pm AEST /6.30pm ACST /5pm AWST

Wednesday 27 July 2022, 7pm AEST /6.30pm ACST /5pm AWST

## Assembly Gathering (In person or Online)

Mary MacKillop Place, Sydney

5pm Friday 26 to 12pm Sunday 28 August 2022

REGISTER >

### Full Online Attendance:

\$25.00 by Thursday 12 May 2022

### Online & In Person:

\$190.00 by Thursday 12 May 2022

[www.maristassociation.org.au](http://www.maristassociation.org.au)

*Come join us!*



## We Did It!

In 2021 Marist staff were called upon to support the wider Marist family through the National Staff Spirituality Program, *Breathe: the Spirit of Life*. To support and express our solidarity through a simple act of kindness, our Marist staff made rosary beads for our brothers and sisters in Melanesia, the Solomon Islands and Timor Leste.

The hundreds of rosary beads did indeed find a new home! They were warmly and gratefully received by many staff and students at graduations and assemblies across the Islands. On behalf of the recipients, a big thank you for your kindness.



Above: Staff from Timor Leste receive their rosary beads

*God is ridiculously and madly in love with us. He knows us and is pouring out his mercy upon us, but he needs us to accept it and pay it forward to others. This unfathomable love doesn't really make sense unless we can show Him that we, too, are capable of that kind of crazy love for our neighbours...those we know and those we are yet to meet. St Marcellin Champagnat wanted his early Brothers to be remembered for their love of one another and especially those young people who were the least and most neglected.*



Above: Participants in the *In the Marist Way: New Staff Formation* program at St Augustine's College, Cairns



# *Famous for Listening: National Faith Formators' Colloquium 2022*

On March 21, over 80 Directors of Mission, Religious Education Coordinators and those involved with faith life gathered online to attend the Marist Schools Australia Faith Formators' Colloquium.

The Colloquium explored 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.

Participants were addressed by Dr Hugh MacKay OA, author of the '*Kindness Revolution*', as well as keynote speakers Dr Catherine Keenan and Isaiah Dawe.

With his 60-year career in social research, Hugh contextualised what it means to be 'Known and Loved' and have 'Dignity for all' against the wider sociological, political, and demographic signs of our times. He asked the group:

*What about Marist schools becoming known as loving schools? What about Marist schools becoming famous for the culture of listening that's fostered in your school communities? Wouldn't it be wonderful if people saw loving kindness as the hallmark of a Marist education?*

Dr Catherine Keenan, co-founder and executive director of the Sydney Story Factory, asked the Marist educators what they can do to encourage their students to have an amplified voice and agency through writing?

Isaiah Dawe, CEO of the Sydney-based not-for-profit called ID. Know Yourself, spoke of turning his negative experience of foster care into the motivation for founding the first Aboriginal mentoring organisation to support Aboriginal youth in out of home care.

The program also included opportunities for collaborative workshops, an exploration of Guiding Principles of Marist Faith Formation and how these can be animated in faith communities.

Thank you to all participants for your generous and curious spirits which made this event such a success.

**Below:** Our keynote speakers, Dr Hugh McKay OA, Dr Catherine Keenan and Isaiah Dawe





# Holding the Space: A Contemplative Conversation

**Join us online for this four-week contemplative conversation!**

*For those looking to engage in meaningful conversations about the presence of God in their lives and cultivating an awareness of their relationship with God through prayer and contemplation. Contemplative conversations allow us to explore, more deeply, our spirituality.*

Every Thursday for four weeks, participants gather on Zoom to engage in 60 minutes of shared contemplative dialogue in response to what has emerged over the week.

Participants will receive spiritual input every Friday by email for four weeks. This input includes a variety of reflections, questions for journaling, prayer practices to explore, and meditations to help contextualise the content.

Zoom Session 1 – *Holding the Space* - Thursday 26 May - 7-8pm  
Zoom Session 2 – *Stop the Shouting* - Thursday 2 June - 7-8pm  
Zoom Session 3 – *Letting go of the Rope* - Thursday 9 June - 7-8pm  
Zoom Session 4 – *It's not about Me* - Thursday 16 June -7-8pm

## **Retreat Facilitators:**

Elizabeth Falconer  
John Hickey  
Br Bill Sullivan  
Fr Gary Perritt

**REGISTER HERE**

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





*Marist Schools Australia and Marist Youth Ministry are inviting experienced and qualified youth ministers or educators to fill the role of*

# MYM REGIONAL COORDINATOR (VIC)

We are seeking a contemporary and engaging Catholic person who can passionately coordinate and animate the MYM events and programs, including Game Changers, in Victoria. The MYM Regional Coordinator will play an active role in growing the work of MYM in the state and therefore will be provided with networking opportunities across all Marist schools in Victoria. The MYM Regional Coordinator will also be a MYM National Leadership Team member, providing further professional network opportunities.

The role can be part-time or full -time, to suit the successful candidate.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Edwin Baker (MYM National Coordinator) [edwin.bakker@marists.org.au](mailto:edwin.bakker@marists.org.au) or visit our website for more details.

*Closing date of application: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022*



## MYM NSW/ACT

### New Member of the Sydney Team!

Welcome to our newest Marist Youth Ministry Regional Assistant, **Christian Peregrina**. Christian graduated from Parramatta Marist High School in 2021 and is currently studying 'Town Planning' at UNSW. Christian is eager to share his faith with Marist students across the state.





## Game Changers – Year 12 Regional Retreat.

On Friday, 1 April, Year 12 students from St Joseph's College hosted the Year 12 Game Changers Regional Retreat Day for students from Parramatta Marist High School. The day focused on everyone's need to love and be loved, touching on the Marist theme for 2022, **'Known and Loved'**. Students examined their own personal values and how they can live authentically through these values. Students also took part in assembling birthing kits for Birthing Kits Foundation Australia. Students were moved to hear about the desperate plight of women giving birth in the developing countries and felt empowered to make a difference to mothers and baby's lives through making these very simple kits.





## MYM SA

Earlier this month, the young Marist community in Adelaide gathered for the first time this year. We were so excited to welcome a great group of recent graduates of Sacred Heart College and Cardijn College into our community. In sharing a meal and enjoying the beautiful Adelaide sunshine, we discussed our hopes for the year and what we are most looking forward to. Ministry through our local Soup Kitchen and Homework Club, as well as volunteering at Game Changers Retreat Days definitely topped the list!

Our Game Changers Hermitage Retreat day is also fast approaching! The Game Changers groups at Sacred Heart College have been working through their biweekly meetings with their Mentors and getting through plenty of ministry hours and are ready to go for their first Retreat experiences for the year. We look forward to joining the Game Changers from the La Valla Track on 17th May and Le Rosey Track on 31st May.



## Upcoming Events:

Check out the respective MYM Socials for more information!

### VIC

**Regional Retreat Day (Yr 10)**  
Friday, May 6

**Regional Retreat Day (Yr 12)**  
Friday, May 13

**Regional Retreat Day (Yr 8)**  
Friday, May 27

### NSW

**Regional Retreat Day (Yr 10)**  
Friday, May 20

**Regional Retreat Day (Yr 8)**  
Friday, June 24

### WA

**Regional Retreat Day (Yr 10)**  
Thursday, May 12

**Regional Retreat Day (Yr 8)**  
Friday, June 3

**Regional Retreat Day (Yr 12)**  
Friday, June 12

### QLD

**Le Rosey Regional Retreat Day (Yr 7 and 8 Game Changers).**  
Thursday, May 5

**Year 9 Forum More Than Words (Marcellin's Spirituality)**  
Wednesday, May 11

**Year 11 Forum Meaning and Purpose (Vocation)**  
Friday, May 27

### SA

**La Valla Regional Retreat Day (Yr 9 and 10 Game Changers)**  
Tuesday, May 17

**Le Rosey Regional Retreat Day (Yr 7 and 8 Game Changers).**  
Tuesday, May 31