

From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

As we ready ourselves for the Easter celebrations in this Holy Week, one cannot but help to reflect on where we were this time 12 months ago. Lock downs were in place across the country and our normal Easter ceremonies were celebrated online or on television. The extent of the pandemic globally was not yet evident but the impact in some countries had all Australians on edge as to the potential for devastation. Travel overseas and interstate had ceased, schools had moved to offsite learning, and thousands of businesses had closed. There was only hope for a vaccine and experts varied in their reckoning as to how long it would take for one to be developed effectively and safely. Yet despite all of this, there remained among so many Australians a real sense of care for one another and trust in our medical experts and elected leaders.

For us this year to be looking forward to gathering again safely in our Parishes to celebrate Jesus rising together, is a joy the pandemic has helped remind us to cherish. Indeed, the pandemic itself is an Easter story in so many ways, as it is laced with times of dread and despair, conquered through courage, fortitude, hope and faith in God. This Easter time in 2021, when new life has been afforded humanity, heralds a new challenge for developed nations like Australia, in supporting our immediate neighbours in southeast Asia, Melanesia and the Pacific in vaccinating people and rebuilding economies.

In his recent encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* Pope Francis quotes St Francis of Assisi in commencing his reflections and teaching on the necessity for us to love all people like our own brothers and sisters. At this critical point in human history, Pope Francis urges us to look beyond the norm.

“God has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity, and has called them to live together as brothers and sisters”.

As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus this Easter, may these words of the Holy Father be contemplated in prayer and action.

*Lord, Father of our human family,
you created all human beings equal in dignity:
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,
dialogue, justice and peace.
Move us to create healthier societies
and a more dignified world,
a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.*

*May our hearts be open
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.
May we recognize the goodness and beauty
that you have sown in each of us,
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,
and shared dreams. Amen.*

Happy Easter!

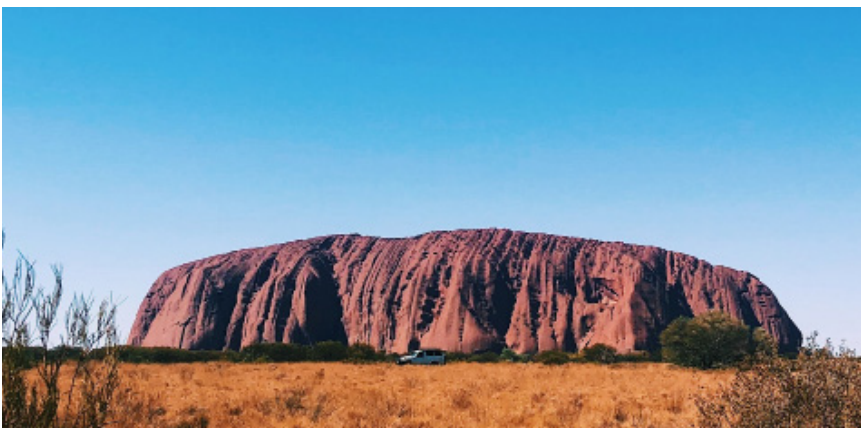
Yours sincerely,

Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR



Surrounded by beautiful desert landscapes and amid our rich Aboriginal culture are two Marist Schools in Central Australia. Staff from the three campuses of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College in Alice Springs gathered over three afternoons to participate in the *In the Marist Way* program. It was also a privilege and a blessing to be with the staff and children of our Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School in Santa Teresa.

Top Left: Dr Andrew Mirtschin and Soumya Mukherjee - OLSH **Top Right:** Kieran Curnow, Matt de Jong and Calib Hearn - OLSH
Bottom Left: Megan Nertney, Miriam Nichols and Sue Marshall - OLSH **Bottom Right:** Zoe Smithies teaching with music and song at Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School in Santa Teresa, NT



“ Breathe. Breathe deep. Fill your lungs with the breath that flows from the One who created you and called you Good. It’s worth every breath you take! ”

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MISSION AND LIFE *formation*



Marist Association Members meet for a gathering in Brisbane on 8 March 2021



Staff of Mt Maria College in Petrie craft rosary beads for the National Program: *Breathe - the Spirit of Life*. **L to R:** Lachlan Smith, Thymon Venter, and Joshua Grinter



Aquinas College Adelaide House Coordinators participating in the *Breathe - the Spirit of Life* National Program. **Clockwise:** Maggie Daw, Jack Elsdon, Liam Wormald, Chiara Trevisan, Shyla Lange and Jordan Tucker

MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

Late March Update

MYM NATIONAL

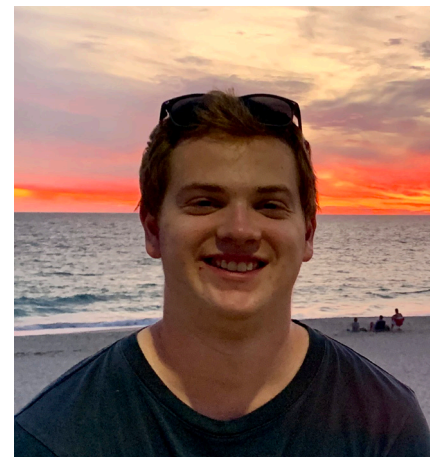
New MYM team members!

I am pleased to welcome **three new staff** to the Marist Youth Ministry team:

Cara McGlaughlin graduated from Sacred Heart College in 2017 and after joining the Remar team in 2018, took on a Youth Ministry role at Sacred Heart College. Cara has been appointed as the MYM **Regional Assistant** for Adelaide. She will coordinate the Marist Connect Nights and Regional Game Changers events for students and oversee our Young Adults' various events.



The second person joining the team is **Liam Street**, who graduated from Newman College in 2019. We are looking forward to having Liam bring his communication talent to MYM as he represents us in WA as the **Regional Assistant**. Liam will coordinate the Marist Connect Nights and Regional Game Changers events for students and oversee our Young Adults' various events.



Our third addition is **Daniel Parkinson**. Daniel graduated from Assumption College Kilmore in 2019 and volunteered as a Game Changers Ministry Team member in 2020. Daniel has taken on the role of a **Creative Assistant** and his ability to think outside of the box will come in very handy. Daniel will be responsible for ensuring MYM is presented well on our socials. He will also support the Game Changers program by managing the GC SharePoint and creating new media to enhance students' Game Changers experience.



I am pleased with these new young people strengthening our team, and I look forward to working with them.

Kind regards,

Edwin Bakker
MYM National Coordinator

MYM SOUTHERN

VIC Game Changers Virtual Retreat Days

From Friday the 12th of March to Friday the 26th of March, Marist Youth Ministry Melbourne hosted 5 Virtual Game Changers Retreat Days.



Year 12 Hermitage - Friday 12 March

Participating schools included:
Assumption College Kilmore, Marist College Bendigo, Marist Sion College Warragul, Marymede Catholic College South Morang and Notre Dame College Shepparton.

Year 11 Hermitage - Tuesday 16 March

Participating schools included:
Assumption College Kilmore, Marcellin College Bulleen, Marist College Bendigo, Marymede Catholic College South Morang and Notre Dame College Shepparton.

Year 9 La Valla - Tuesday 23 March

Participating schools included:
Assumption College Kilmore and Marcellin College Bulleen.

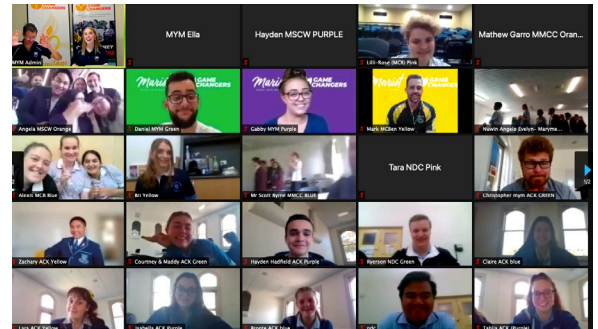
Year 8 Le Rosey- Thursday 25 March

Participating schools included:
Assumption College Kilmore and Marcellin College Bulleen.

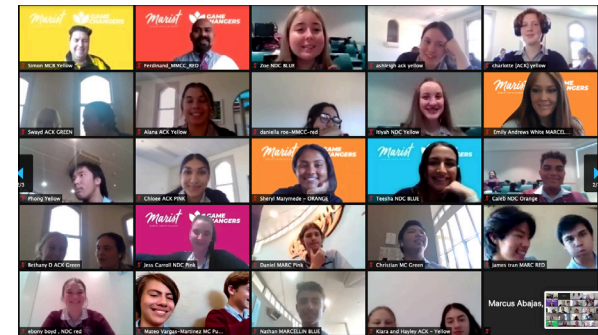
Year 10 La Valla - Friday 26 March

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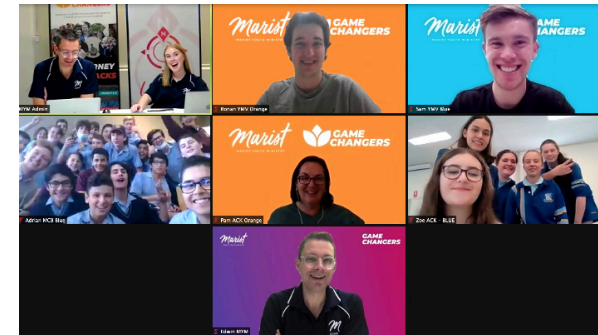
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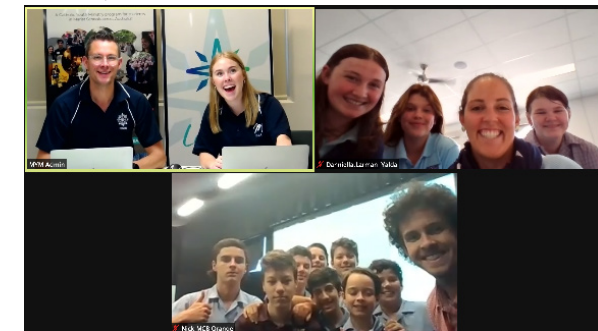
Year 11!



Year 9!



Year 8!



MYM SYDNEY

NSW/ACT Game Changers Retreat Days



Parramatta Marist High School



Year 9 La Valla Friday 26 March

Marcellin College, Randwick, St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas & Parramatta Marist High School joined the Marist Youth Ministry team online for the first NSW Year 9 Game Changers Regional Retreat Day. The retreat gave students a chance to explore the Marist characteristic of 'Simplicity', what it means to 'walk' in solidarity with others, and time to investigate some of the work Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) does overseas for those on the margins. The retreat challenged students to look at ways they can make their own school community more inclusive. The MYM team look forward to hearing about future developments from these dedicated students!

Year 7 Le Rosey Wednesday 24 March

MYM Regional Assistants, Emma and Monica, enjoyed inviting the Year 7 cohort at Marcellin College, Randwick, to join the Marist Youth Ministry 'Game Changers' program! Students enjoyed a fast and furious game of 'Fireball' before listening to what the program can offer them. Twenty five students have eagerly signed up to be the youngest 'Game Changers' in the school. Marist Youth Ministry can't wait to see the difference these students make in their school and community by the time they graduate from the program in 2026!

St Patrick's Marist College Dundas



Marcellin College Randwick

