



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

## From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

In the week when our schools throughout the country celebrated The Feast of Saint Marcellin, a series of book launches were concluded during which *Sub Tuum Praesidium* was formally released. It is a comprehensive history of the Marist Brothers in Australia from 1872 - 2022. In a recent communication, **Provincial Brother Peter Carroll** wrote the following in regard to this important historical record, highlighting the dedicated and skilled work of the four authors.

*The writers have done a masterful job in preparing this History; definitive may be the adjective. They have most adequately covered the breadth of the undertaking. They've recounted the successes and failures. They don't embellish, nor do they avoid; they are honest. They are comprehensive, and yet their account is accessible and readable. The design and layout is attractive: there is a comprehensive index, thorough footnotes, and a glossary of terms, always helpful with Church-speak!*

*Congratulations to our 4 authors, and to their editor (Fiona Sim) and graphic designer (Stan Lamond). I'm not sure what's more difficult: writing a book or writing a book with others. I'm sure the four of them faced difficulties, and maybe some difference of opinions, but their collaboration has been most successful. We shouldn't be surprised at the lucidity of the writing. Each of the four was well equipped for the task.*

**John Luttrell**, who writes the first two parts on the Foundations and then the First Australian Province, is a passionate student and teacher of history, scholar and lecturer, accomplished researcher, published author. He was well-situated to review the primary sources of our early years and assess the Centenary history written by Br Alban Doyle. While Alban's Centenary book was heavily weighted towards the first 40 years (80% of it) John has brought new balance to the history of the Brothers from 1872 to 1948.

**Julian Casey**: no-one is better qualified to be the historian of the Melbourne Province than Julian who led the Province for 11 of its years, was a Member of Council for more than double that and knew every Brother of the Province. Despite his personal closeness to people and events, he has maintained objectivity and balance. In the sections that cover his two terms as provincial, he cleverly adopts a memoir approach.

**Neville Solomon**, with a degree in History Honours from the University of Queensland, he is a gifted teacher of the subject, with firsthand knowledge of many of the events and figures in the Sydney Province, about which he writes. He is a dramatic storyteller.

**Peter Rodney** is also a lover of history and talented teacher, with a deep appreciation of the Marist Mission, both here and internationally, especially through his eight years as Councillor General. He has brought insight and dispassion to the ten years of the second Australian Province.

*And they all share the key qualification – love of the topic: a deep appreciation and regard for the Marist Brothers and the mission given the Institute by St Marcellin. Sincere gratitude and warm congratulations to John, Julian, Neville and Peter for their sustained effort over 5 years, and their excellent finished product!*

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When I launched the book, I quoted from a 2014 letter by Pope Francis to Religious:

*“Recounting our history is essential for preserving our identity, for strengthening our unity as a family and our common sense of belonging. More than an exercise in archaeology or the cultivation of mere nostalgia, it calls for following in the footsteps of past generations in order to grasp the high ideals, and the vision and the values that inspired them...in this way we come to see how the charism has been loved over the years, the creativity it has sparked, the difficulties it encountered and the concrete ways those difficulties were surmounted. We may also encounter cases of inconsistency, the results of human weakness and even at times a neglect of some essential aspects of the charism. Yet everything proves instructive and, taken as a whole, acts as a summons to conversion. To tell our story is to praise God and to thank him for all his gifts”.*

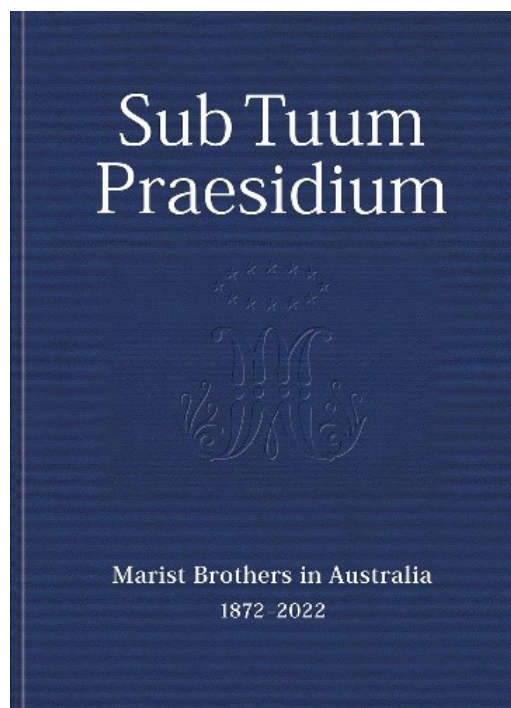
*And effectively this is what the history does. It’s not a case of saying “look at what we did! Look at how hard working the Brothers have been!” It’s more a matter of saying: “any successes, any good that’s been done has been achieved through the grace of God, working in simple Brothers, unpolished human beings, his chosen instruments”. When we look at the past 150 years of Marist life in Australia, we can truly say, in faith, “Thank God”!*

Yours sincerely,



**Dr Frank Malloy**  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

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## NOTICES AND NEWS

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Principal

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School Counsellor or Social Worker (0.6)

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Applications close: 27 June 2022

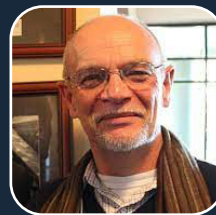


# *Seeing is Believing*

**A Mid-Winter Retreat with  
Father Andy Bullen, SJ**

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Join us at The Hermitage for a contemplative experience, 'Seeing is Believing', as Father Andy Bullen SJ explores ways of discovering God and expressions of contemporary spirituality through the Creative Arts.



Andy is a Jesuit priest, published poet and an artist. Over the years, he has developed various ways of using art to engage people with the Gospel.

**\$670.00**

**3:00PM 5 July 2022 -  
1:00PM 8 July 2022**

*The Hermitage, Mittagong*

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## *In the Marist Way*

*In The Marist Way - New Staff Formation Program at Trinity College Auburn/Regent's Park.*



Above: Mary Barrios, Andy Vuong, Lauren Hodyl, Jenny Nguyen (left) Danielle Younan, Tara Brame, Colm O'Neill, Laura Ibrahim (right)

## *Known and Loved*

*Known and Loved - Staff Spirituality Program at Marcellin College Bulleen.*



*Human persons are willed by God; they are imprinted with God's image.  
Their dignity does not come from the work they do, but from the persons they are.*

*- St. John Paul II, On the Hundredth Year [Centesimus annus], no. 11*



## Education for All Appeal



...And we're trying to get you there. Thank you to all our supporters who have donated to our [Education for All Appeal!](#)

Our mid-year appeal aims to give every child the opportunity to learn. Sadly, many children in Asia and the Pacific can't go to school or access a quality education.

Young people like Davi\*, a 9-year-old-boy in Timor-Leste, who is currently unable to attend school.

Davi desperately wants to go to school. Instead, he helps his father, an agricultural day worker, in the fields near their rural village. There is a school close by, but it's too dangerous to attend. The structure is decaying and the roof leaks zinc into the classrooms, making it toxic and unsafe. So now the nearest school is more than two hours by road – making education for Davi and his four siblings currently impossible.

Nearly all the schools and learning materials in Timor-Leste were destroyed in 1999 and the country is still struggling to rebuild, with life-long consequences for its young people. Half the children enrolled in grade two will not even make it to grade five. Even those who can attend school, only do so for half a day – there's just not enough teachers, classrooms, or materials to go around.

You can [donate](#) to the appeal to help fund safer, better learning environments, quality education and learning support for children such as Davi. AMS has a long history of upgrading schools in Timor-Leste. Schools like St Terezinha's in Quelicai, which is the 12th school we have helped rebuild.

As an AMS supporter, you know that education is life changing. It reduces poverty, decreases social inequalities, empowers young people, and enables them to reach their full potential. With your support, AMS can make investments in education in places like Timor-Leste and help young people like Davi learn and thrive.

Previous AMS campaigns have successfully funded diverse education projects, such as the 2021 Let Children Learn Appeal to expand senior high school in Bougainville. There are only four senior high schools in all of Bougainville, so only one in four students can complete their full secondary education.

Thanks to generous AMS supporters, building of classrooms and accommodation has already commenced at St Joseph's College in Mabiri. This will allow the school to accept students for senior high school study in 2023. It will also become just the fifth senior high school in Bougainville.

The Education for All Appeal runs until 30 June and all donations are tax deductible.

### Connect with us to find out more.



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# MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

Early June Update

## MYM NSW

### Marist Youth Ministry Sydney

Term 2 sees the MYM Sydney team travelling to local locations to deliver our Connects!

Thanks to Marist Catholic College Penshurst (MCCP) for their hospitality and hosting the Eastern Region Local Connect where 65 students were registered to attend! MYM Sydney appreciate the presence of Penshurst principal, Mr Ray Martin and the efforts of Mr Jordan Russo for his organisation of students, space and food! The energy was high when Marcellin College Randwick, Champagnat Catholic College Pagewood and Marist College Kogarah arrived at Penshurst to be greeted by warm, friendly MCCP students and a 'mountain' of delicious treats!





Using the 2022 Marist theme, 'Dignity for All', the MYM Sydney team chose to focus on people in our lives that have a disability and how as Marists, we can best support them so that they feel recognised and respected and therefore, 'Known and Loved'! The highlight for most students present was learning the 'art' of Australian Sign Language used by people with hearing impairments.

The team can't wait to deliver the Connect program to the Inner Western Region and Macarthur – see you soon!





## MYM SA

A keen group of Year 10-12 students from Sacred Heart College celebrated Marcellin's Feast Day with our first Marist Connect light of the year! We explored this year's Marist theme of Known and Loved, focussing on how we are known and let others know that they are known too! We look forward to diving deeper into the theme at our Super Connect, to be held in Term 3 at Aquinas College.

Our young adult community saw in Marcellin's Feast Day with our ministry Exchange! We braved the cold and supported local charity, Puddle Jumpers, in collecting produce for their food warehouse. What better way to celebrate Champagnat Day than with ministry in community!





The last of our three Game Changers Retreat Days took place last week for the Year 7s and 8s in the Le Rosey Track at Sacred Heart College. Supported by their Mentors, Kristy and Xavier and Youth Minister, Liv, the group explored the relationships they have in their own life, what they can learn about them from Mary, and how they can put this into action in their Game Changers and school communities. Thank you to all the incredible Game Changers that joined us for a great day!





## MYM QLD

It's been a whirlwind few weeks for the MYM team in Brisbane, following a number of events, retreats and collaborations.

The Year 11 Forum, entitled "Meaning and Purpose", focussed on the big life decisions Year 11s are quickly approaching. The Year 9 Forum was themed around Marist Spirituality. Entitled "More Than Words", the aim of the day was to push students towards acting upon the Three Violets of Mary. The Term 2 Connect gathered 45 Years 11 and 12 students and facilitated a reflection on students' priorities.

Outside of MYM events, our team collaborated with Brisbane Catholic Education for the 2022 PoTENTIAL event. Gathering Year 10 students from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane (including a number of Marist schools), this presented a marvellous opportunity to share Marist spirituality with a diverse range of staff and students.





## Upcoming Events:

Check out the respective MYM Socials for more information!

### VIC

#### **Regional Retreat Day (Yr 11)**

Friday, July 29

#### **Regional Retreat Day (Yr 9)**

Friday, August 5

#### **Regional Retreat Day (Yr 7)**

Friday, August 26

### NSW

#### **Macarthur Connect**

Wednesday, June 15

#### **Inner West Connect**

Wednesday, June 22

#### **Regional Retreat Day (Yr 8)**

Friday, June 24

#### **Regional Retreat Day (Yr 9)**

Friday, August 12

#### **Twilight Retreat**

Friday, August 26

### WA

#### **Regional Retreat Day (Yr 12)**

Friday, June 24

#### **Regional Retreat Day (Yr 7)**

Monday, August 22

### QLD

#### **Connect Night**

Friday, July 29

#### **Year 10 Forum**

Friday, August 26

### SA

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## Young Adult Retreat

Friday, July 1 to Sunday, July 3.