



From Dr Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

Remembering

At the beginning of each November we are invited to remember those who have been before us. The Feasts of All Saints and All Souls draw us to recall the lives of loved ones, and those in whom glimpses of God seemed most apparent. Archbishop Mark Coleridge celebrated Mass in the new Chapel at the Marist Centre in Mascot on All Saints day, and in his homily spoke eloquently of the importance of “memory”. Our Catholic tradition of remembering and celebrating the lives of Saints helps to inform and inspire our actions now and in the future. The Archbishop reminded us of Jesus’ invitation to us at the Last Supper, “Do this in memory of me”.

This coming Sunday, 11 November 2018, marks the centenary of the Armistice declaration, marking the end of hostilities after four brutal and bloody years of fighting endured in Europe between 1914 and 1918 in what was to be the war to end all wars. Like Anzac Day, Armistice Day is a day for remembering. The impact of the Great War on Australia was profound. From a population of fewer than five million, 416,809 Australians enlisted, almost 62,000 died and 156,000 were wounded, gassed, or taken prisoner. The rapid developments in technology and mechanisation during the 19th and early 20th centuries were brought to the theatre of war on a scale never seen before. Tanks, machine guns, aircraft, gas, and submarines were all used with devastating effect causing an estimated 16 million deaths.

As Marist educators who focus so strongly on the hope and future of young people, we are confronted by the poignant loss of so many lives hardly started due to the Great War. The ache of humanity from that barbarous waste has been captured imperfectly in poems and letters from some of those directly involved. “In Flanders Fields” by John McRae and “For the Fallen” by Laurence Binyon are among the most well known. Whilst Australians cite the middle stanza of Binyon’s poem as *The Ode*, it is worth reflecting on all three stanzas. May our “remembering” with our school communities over the coming days strengthen our resolve to promote and pray for peace in our world, and generously welcome to Australia those fleeing war torn regions of the world.

For the Fallen

*They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eyes, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.*

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

*They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England’s foam*

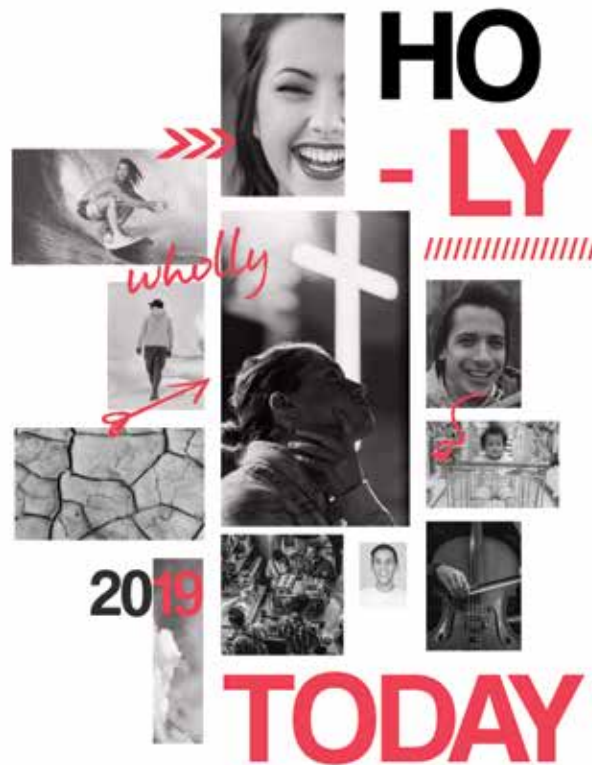
Yours sincerely

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NATIONAL DIRECTOR

COMING UP...

16 Nov MYM Super Connect - Marist College Eastwood
23 Nov Meeting of Business Managers of MSA Governed Schools
25-27 Nov MYM Student Leaders Gathering - Melbourne

29 Nov-1 Dec Care for the Soul Retreat - Mittagong
1 Dec MSA Mass and Dinner - Melbourne
5-8 Dec Savouring the Silence Retreat - Mittagong

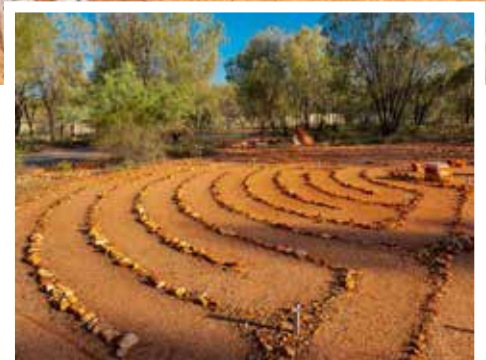


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PROGRAMS AND EVENTS 2019



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TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER
FOR
2019 PROGRAMS



MARIST SOLIDARITY *retreat*

Sixteen participants from various Marist schools and ministries ventured over to Central Australia to partake in the annual Marist Solidarity Retreat. Beginning in Alice Springs, the group took in some local sights before venturing to Santa Teresa where they spent significant time in Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School. The four days provided an encounter of the living spirituality within the land; having opportunities to visit sacred indigenous sites, as well as hearing from local elders, brothers, teachers and Sr Liz (Spirituality Centre, Santa Teresa). Surrounded by red dirt and hauntingly beautiful mountain ranges, the group not only experienced a strong sense of connection with the land, but also that of Marist mission.



AMS Launch 2018 Christmas Appeal

Each project is featured in our special Christmas edition of Solidarity Matters.

Today we launch our 2018 Christmas Appeal amidst increasing calls for support across Asia and the Pacific. Education for those on the margins has been the Marist way for over 200 years and at Australian Marist Solidarity we continue to uphold this strong tradition amongst our nearest neighbours.

This Christmas we are turning our attention to four education institutes in the Pacific: St Dominic's Rural Training Centre in the Solomon Islands; St Joseph's College in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea; St Louis High School, Kiribati; and the Marist Champagnat Institute in Fiji. These four schools offer unique opportunities for marginalised young people and play a critical role in equipping these students with skills for the future. We believe that education is the key to unlock opportunities for young people and research shows that education is the number one way to break intergenerational poverty. Unfortunately, many of the students in these schools have struggled to access education due to learning difficulties, rural disadvantage and crippling poverty.

Please join us this Christmas as we bring back the basics and ensure that young people in Pacific have access to quality education.

To learn more about each project please visit:
<https://bit.ly/2qoc9Ct>



2018 Student Leaders' Gathering NSW

Seventy-five newly elected student leaders from 18 Marist schools across NSW and the ACT attended this year's Student Leaders' Gathering (SLG) in Mittagong from Sunday, 28 October – Tuesday, 30 October. Some student feedback below indicates the success of the 3 days!

What was your highlight of the Gathering?

Meeting and connecting with all the leaders from our other Marist Schools and sharing thoughts and ideas with each other.

Prayer/reflection. Session activities and small groups were all run very well.

The idea that we can connect as a Marist Family and to see and interact with our peers. The reflection sessions were very enlightening.

What were some of the things that really stretched or challenged you?

Going out of my way to speak in front of people I'd just met. Having the courage to talk to new people.

The reflections in relation to friendship, the type of leader that I am, my personal leadership style and traits and other personal factors.

What was your most significant learning?

Different ways of prayer and Marist characteristics.

How relevant the 5 Marist characteristics really are in the life of Marist boys and girls.

I found the information that I received in relation to Marist heritage most valuable.

Becoming a leader doesn't mean that we have to give up the things we prize most.

How are you different because of this experience?

I am now motivated to play an active role and make lasting change.

I am more confident and responsible.

I feel like our leadership team has become a lot stronger and we really became a strong team because of the SLG.

I have realised my strengths and weaknesses.

Leadership is about leading by example.

It allowed me personally to feel like a proud Marist.

I have noticed that being a leader is not just a title, but a way of seeking change and positivity among peers.





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Catholic
Women
Speak

Leadership in the Church



How can we seek pathways for a theologically grounded presence of women in Church leadership?

About this event

To celebrate the launch of the second Catholic Women Speak book, *Visions and Vocations*, this evening will open a space for a theologically informed conversation about women in leadership in ecclesial communities and organisations. Bringing together a diverse range of voices (including from our audience), we will ask: how can we support the presence and formation of women for leadership roles in the Church?

Panellists include

Ms Andrea Dean, Ms Jenny Parker, Professor Jim Nyland, and Dr Maeve Louise Heaney

About the Xavier Centre

The Xavier Centre offers a broad range of theological formation opportunities for lay persons, religious and clergy across Australia. Learn more at www.acu.edu.au/xaviercentre

Date

Wednesday 12 December 2018

Time

5.30pm (for 6pm start)

Cost

\$70 (includes light meal and drinks)

Venue

ACU Leadership Centre
Level 3, Cathedral House
229 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

Register by

Friday 7 December 2018. Online registration is essential.

Information and registration

www.acu.edu.au/xaviercentre

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