

# Marist Way Australia



## Cathy's Report

Dear friends in the spirit of Mary,

As we experience **Easter** this year, it is an understatement to say that our world is in **tumult**. We are surrounded by **confusion, uncertainty, chaos, and upheaval**. We feel **powerless**.



The **Easter Triduum** holds similar realities:

- The **palpable terror** experienced by Jesus in the Garden
- The **complete failure** of the disciples in responding
- The **death of the One who would save them**
- The **shattering of hopes and expectations**
- The **sense of being utterly lost and empty**
- The **growing awareness** of something **new and unexpected**, but without understanding or comprehension

We have felt these **emotions** in our lives—now or at some point—and the **Easter Triduum** invites us to **reflect** and **draw meaning** from our suffering.

**Mary** accompanies us, just as she accompanied **Jesus** on his way to the **cross** and in his **death**.

Let us **go to her**. She **bears all that we carry**; she **holds and sustains us**, just as she held and sustained Jesus, in his life and in his death.

Let us **pray** that we will **break through the empty tomb** and, with Jesus, **rise again** in **hope, wonder, and faith**.

**"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it."**  
*(John 1:5)*

May this **Easter season** bring **new life, grace, and blessing** to you, your families, and communities.

Cathy Larkin

## Would You Like to Join the Marist Way Committee?

Are you passionate about the **Marist charism** and looking for ways to live it out more deeply in your life and community?

The **Marist Way Committee** brings together people from across the **Marist family—lay people, brothers, priests, sisters, and missionary sisters**—to share

in the mission of Mary and make her spirit known in the world today.

Our gatherings take place bi-monthly both **online via Zoom** and **in person at St Patrick's Church Hill** in the city, allowing for flexible and meaningful participation.

The committee's work is wide and life-giving. We:

- Develop **resources** to support Marist spirituality
- Organise **reflection days** and **retreats**
- Support **immersion experiences** to other countries
- Create the **Marist Way newsletter**
- And so much more...

If you feel called to be part of a dynamic group that nurtures connection, service, and prayer through the **Marist Way**, we would love to hear from you.



**Interested?** Please contact us to express your interest or learn more.

Together, let's continue Mary's gentle presence in the world.

## Marists Gathering in Prayer and Reflection on Zoom

Over the past two months, a dedicated group of Marists has gathered seven times via Zoom for a time of prayer, reflection, and connection. Each Monday evening, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:10 p.m., we come together in a short, meaningful format that nourishes our spirit and strengthens our community.

Our time begins with a Marist reflection, followed by the Gospel of the day, a period of quiet personal reflection, and concludes with common prayer. These simple yet profound moments have offered a gentle space to

pause, listen, and be present to one another in the spirit of Mary.

### Marist Way - Prayer Six

**Ice breaker questions...**  
What is something that made you smile this week?

What do you like to do for fun or to relax?

What's your favourite food or meal?

**Breathe**  
Close your eyes.  
Breathe in through your nose and out through your mouth.  
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**Marist Way - Prayer Six**

By brother questions...

What do you like to do for fun or to relax? 🎧🎮

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Sign of the Cross  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Prayer of the Day**  
O Lord, we pray for the world and for all who are in it. Give us the grace to be like the Good Samaritan, to be merciful and loving to all who are in need. Amen.

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This regular rhythm has become a source of comfort and encouragement for many, reminding us that even in a digital space, the Marist family continues to walk together in faith.

If you are a Marist or friend of the Marist family and would like to join us, we warmly invite you to be part of this prayerful community.

To receive the Zoom link or learn more, please let us know - <https://www.maristway.org/stpats> and complete the form.

## Marist Pilgrimage – May 4, 2025

### A Journey Through Sacred Marist Sites

On Sunday, **May 4**, over 50 Marists will come together for a day of reflection, connection, and storytelling as part of the **Sydney Marist Pilgrimage**, coordinated by *The Marist Way*.

**Sunday May 4 from 9 am to 4.30 pm**

**Exciting invitation**

A day of **FUN and FACTS** as we visit the **MARIST** sites across Sydney finding out about the Marist Heritage and the branches of the Marist Story, Fathers, Sisters, Brothers and Lay.

**marist Pilgrimage**

Starts at 9:00 AM in St Patrick's Crypt  
With a tour led by Fr Peter McMurrich

Followed by a bus trip to Hunters Hill  
Visiting the Marist Fathers and Brothers' places of heritage

Lunch at the Marist Fathers House

Then onto Woolwich to share the Marist Sisters' story

Returning to St Patrick's to conclude the day

**RSVP by April 26**





The pilgrimage begins at **9:00 a.m.** in the **Crypt of St Patrick's Church** with a welcome and tour led by **Fr Peter McMurrich SM**, followed by a shared morning tea. From there, pilgrims will travel by bus to **Hunters Hill**, where **Sr Vicki** and **Sr Marg Tisch** will share insights into the **SMSM (Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary)** story. A light lunch and conversation hosted by the **Hunters Hill Marist Lay Group** will offer pilgrims a glimpse into how local lay Marists live out the charism of Mary today.

The journey continues to **St Joseph's College**, where **Br Peter Rodney** and **Richard Quinn** will lead a presentation on the **Marist Brothers and the Marist Association**, deepening the community's understanding of Marist identity and mission.

Later in the afternoon, the group will travel to **Marist Sisters' College Woolwich**, where a Marist Sister will guide a tour and share the story of the **Marist Sisters (SM)**. A time of **quiet reflection and afternoon tea** will close the day before returning to St Patrick's by **4:45 p.m.**

This pilgrimage offers a unique opportunity to explore the roots and richness of the Marist tradition in Sydney, grounded in the spirit of Mary and alive in the lives of laypeople, sisters, missionary sisters, brothers, and priests alike. Please join and register **before April 26** at <https://www.maristway.org/may4>

## A New Marist Website for Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation

Dear Marists,

At our most recent **Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation (JPIC)** meeting, we explored an exciting proposal: the creation of a **new Marist website** dedicated entirely to

**justice-focused initiatives, resources, and reflections.**



The vision is to provide a central platform to share stories of Marist action for justice, promote upcoming events, offer resources for formation, and inspire one another to live out the Gospel call to be a voice for the vulnerable and a steward of creation.

But we'd love your input!

**Which address do you prefer?**

[MaristJustice.org](https://www.maristjustice.org)

JPICMarist.org

[MaristJPIC.org](https://www.maristjpico.org)

[Marist4Justice.org](https://www.marist4justice.org)

JusticeWithMarists.org

[MaristPeace.org](https://www.maristpeace.org)

MaristsForJustice.org

[MaristJusticePeace.org](https://www.maristjusticepeace.org)

MaristAction.org

Which do you prefer - Please tell us go to

<https://www.maristway.org/jpic>

Let's co-create a digital space that reflects the heart of our Marist commitment to justice.

With gratitude,  
**The JPIC Committee**

## The Other Half program

One Saturday in March and April students from Mercy College Chatswood and Catherine McAuley Westmead connected via Zoom with girls from the Balay Banaag Girls' Shelter in the Philippines for another inspiring session of **The Other Half** program.



Led by our Australian students, the meetings was filled with laughter, meaningful conversations, and rich cultural exchange. Together, participants played engaging games, shared photos of their favourite holiday destinations, taught each other words in different languages—including Korean, Tagalog, and Chinese—and bonded over discussions about favourite foods. By the end of the night, it was clear that small actions can have a powerful impact on those facing daily challenges.

This initiative is truly unique—no other schools runs a program quite like it. It reflects the **leadership, generosity, and compassion** of our students, who continue to be ambassadors of **connection, service, and global solidarity**.



**2025**  
**Marian Lecture**  
Pilgrims of Hope: Look Beyond  
Professor Stan Grant  
**13 May**    **6.00pm - 7.30pm AEST**  
Marist

The Marist Association of Saint Marcellin Champagnat is pleased to invite all Association members, and all Marist friends, to the **2025 Marian Lecture 'Pilgrims of Hope: Look Beyond'** presented by **Professor Stan Grant**.

*Stan Grant presents a pathway for humanity which inspires hope for all in a fracturing world.*

Stan Grant is a Wiradjuri, Kamilaroi and Dharawal man who has blazed a trail for First Nations journalists in a four-decade career reporting from more than 80 countries. Stan is a three-time winner of Australia's highest journalism honour the Walkley Award, four-time winner of the prestigious Asia TV awards and twice winner of the US Peabody Award. His latest book, *Murriyang: Song of Time*, offers a path to peace and forgiveness, grounded in the Wiradjuri spiritual practice of deep silence and respect.

The Marian Lecture is **ONLINE** and **open to the public at Southern Cross Catholic College, Burwood Sydney**.

**REGISTER**

<https://events.humanitix.com/2025-marian-lecture>