



# SOCIETY OF MARY ★ MARISTS IN THE U.S.

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### Marists on Holiday

Mark Kenny spent his New Year academic break in Sydney. Fellow Marist Paul Mahony, superior of the Hunters Hill Maryvale/Montbel Community, invited Mark and Paul Hachey on a road trip to Tamworth (253 miles out of Sydney). In mid-January the three Marists visited Paul Mahony's sister and brother-in-law on their 1700 acre farm.

One memorable moment was the afternoon a porcupine waddled on the back porch. Our Mark, however, explained the visitor was not a porcupine but an echidna. Paul Mahony checked with Google to discover Mark was correct. Staying on the farm afforded the three many days of fresh air, learning about cattle, the sheep shearing process by which the woolen fleece of a sheep is cut off, spotting numerous kangaroos, and taking in the vibrant stars in the night sky.



Paul Hachey, Mark Kenney, Paul Mahony

### MINISTRY REFLECTIONS

St. Patrick's with its imposing high altar is located in downtown Sydney, Australia. St. Patrick's offers the struggling, satisfied, anxious, fearful, powerless, and powerful a quiet place to spend time with God and learn from him what it is we have to do.



St. Patrick's high altar

St. Patrick's offers a haven for those who have been away from the Church for some time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our founder Fr. Colin stressed Marists should be instruments of mercy. Mercy has been the standard since the Marists took on the pastoral care of St. Patrick's in 1868. I am humbled and consider myself blessed to be one of the Marists who continue to extend God's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Additionally, every Saturday members of the Parish Team join volunteers from our parish, local students, and other like-minded people in offering about 60 homeless people a cooked breakfast. I am particularly struck by the dedication of Bob Barber, SM (Provincial of Province of Australia) and Brian Wilson, SM (Oceania Mission Procurator). Every Saturday I am in the courtyard Bob and Brian are preparing sausages and eggs at the grill.



Paul Hachey SM

Nine words encapsulate how I feel about my pastoral ministry at St. Patrick's: "I am enjoying my priestly ministry at Saint Patrick's."



Author Paul Hachey with kangaroo