



Marist Fathers Australian Province Provincial Circular

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Brothers

During the month of June the Church celebrated Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. Pentecost celebrates the mission of the Holy Spirit to the infant Church, missioning the disciples to take the gospel of salvation to the whole world.

The contemplation of the mystery of the life of the Trinity also calls to our minds the mission of the Persons of the Blessed Trinity.

The People of God have only come to know the mystery through the Father's sending of the Son on mission to the world and the Risen Lord with the Father sending the Spirit into the Church.

St Paul in his letter to the Philippians refers to the Incarnation and death of Jesus, his mission from the Father, as *kenosis*, the self-emptying of the Son of God. The mission of the Son of God called for a *kenosis*. Pentecost also celebrates a *kenosis*, for the Father and the Son send the Spirit into the Church as gift, into our keeping – a gift at the disposal of humanity – sometimes to be ignored, misunderstood, sinned against.

Mission and *Kenosis* are closely linked – to be called to mission is to be

called to self-giving, disposability, servanthood, sacrifice.

Each one of us, Marist religious, were called to mission and remain on mission no matter what our circumstance of life. Even when our lives are circumscribed, even when we as a body are experiencing our limitedness, we remain on mission.

So, in some way or other, our continuing mission as Christ's disciples requires our going out from ourselves and our own personal concerns, an outreach that involves a gift of self.

The mission of each of us, community and individual is a participation and contribution to the mission of the Society of Mary.

The Chapter of 2017 in its declaration on the *Mission of the Society of Mary Today* declared: "From our communities, where we care for our brothers as we care for all who are struggling to be disciples, Mary, the mother of the New Creation, calls us to nurture life in all its forms, especially among our most vulnerable brothers and sisters and in our damaged planet.

Like Mary, we are called to be missionary disciples, bridge builders,

instruments of reconciliation, bearers of the Good News. Mission is not primarily about where we are or where we go. Rather it is an attitude of heart." SD2017, 5-7.

The Chapter, reading the signs of the time in the light of faith, put before us certain areas for our focus: the poor, migrants and youth.

However, particularly in our own time and local society we need to include the victims and survivors of abuse, especially those abused in our own institutions and by our fellow Marists.

Ron Rolheiser back in 2002, in inviting Catholics "to carry the scandal of abuse biblically", offered Mary at the foot of the cross as an inspiration for us as we labour in a devastated vineyard. Mary stood before the cross pondering in her heart. *"She held, carried, and transformed the tension so as not to give it back in kind."*

"And that is what we are called to do in helping to carry this scandal biblically, namely to hold, carry, and transform this tension, so as not to give back in kind - hurt for hurt, bitterness for bitterness, accusation for accusation, anger for anger, blame for blame."

"And this might mean that, like Mary under the cross, sometimes there is nothing to say, no protest to be made. Rather all we can do is "to stand", in strength, silent, holding and carrying the tension, waiting until we can transform it so that we can speak words of graciousness, forgiveness, and healing."

Tony Corcoran



Provincial Diary

16 Jul

Provincial Council Meeting

21 Jul

Sydney Fourvière Celebration
(Marist Brothers)

5 Aug

Marist Family Leadership Meeting

15 Aug

Province Professional Standards
Panel

22 Aug

Provincial Council Meeting

28 Aug

Vicar Provincial Annual Leave

Provincial Council

At recent meetings Provincial Council discussed:

- Ongoing HealthCare arrangements for Brisbane Marists
- Provincial Office restructuring post-2019
- Professional Standards matters
- Marist Inter-religious Dialogue Committee
- MAP Meeting 2019

Appointments

Michael Rego: appointed to supply work in the diocese of Lismore, based at Tweed Heads.

Michael Mullins: appointed chair of the Province Professional Standards Panel initially for the term of his current appointment.

Ray Chapman: on loan to the Province of Europe for 3 years as from 1.9.2019. He will be director of the La Neylière Colnian Renewal in 2020.

Michael Jacques & Paul Mahony are appointed to participation in the 2020 Marist Colnian renewal at la Neylière.

Brian Wilson is appointed as Superior of the Maryvale/Montbel community for a period of 12 months as from 1.1.2020.

Personnel

Paul Pidcock was presented with his Order of Australia at Government House in Sydney on 16 May and **Kevin Bates** received his medal several days later on 20 May.

There is some disappointment abroad that neither has been observed wearing their medals on a day to day basis but whatever, both are worthy recipients of the honour which has been bestowed on them.

Chris Ketsore has resigned as chaplain at Marist College, Ashgrove, and will be returning to Bougainville.

Paul Cooney Headstone: on Sunday, 4 August, family and friends of Paul Cooney will gather at 11am at Scarborough Cemetery, Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Wombarra to bless a headstone for his grave.

Tony Corcoran will lead the prayers of blessing.

Sick

Pio Fong has made a good recovery from his recent hip replacement surgery, and is currently working at St Patrick's, Church Hill.

Garry Reynolds is entering his fourth week at Prince of Wales hospital following bowel surgery.

However he may be close to escaping and transferring to Hunters Hill Private hospital.

News

Paul Sullivan reports that the Australian Marist Centre for Overseas Aid (AMCOA) Annual Report 2108 is available on the Marist Mission Centre website at:
www.maristmissions.com.

Paul Thanks everyone who attended or supported the recent Marist Mission Centre 70 year celebration at Hunters Hill.

Marist Asia Pacific: This year's **MAP Meeting** was held on Tuesday 18 & Wednesday 19 June, at St Therese Retreat and Conference Centre, close to the Apia airport.

The Provincial and Vicar got there with the help of an Air Fiji plane to Nadi (Fiji) and a connecting Air Fiji flight to Apia.

The return journey was entrusted to Air New Zealand, with a flight to Auckland and then a connection to Sydney.

The curious can Google "St Therese Retreat and Conference Centre", and find it listed on the Trip Advisor Site, where it receives some mixed reviews.

Leaders of each unit reported the status of their unit in terms of personnel, ministries and lay groups as well as any other information worthy of sharing.

They also discussed future directions and matters in relation to confrères working in other Units of the region. Before they left they visited Chanel College and were hosted to an ava



(kava) Ceremony organised by the senior pupils of the College.

Each of the participants was given a beautiful carved tanoa fai'ava (kava bowl) and an 'ie lavalava as a gift.

Dead Loss/Waverley Cemetery

Plots: a couple of weeks ago we received several phone calls from readers of the Sydney Morning Herald who had pored over a page-size advertisement from Waverley Council, listing the names of holders of unused burial plots at Waverley Cemetery.

It seems that the Marist Fathers were on the list, and our eagle-eyed callers had spotted us and were anxious to let us know. After thanking our callers and doing some research, we established the following:

Rights to these plots were taken out by the Oceania Province in 1904.

From 1908, the Oceania Province established a cemetery in the grounds of Villa Maria, and did not continue to use Waverley.

The first Oceania Province Marist buried at Waverley was **Peter le Rennetel (1904)**.

There were a few Australian Province burials at Waverley in the 1950s, but from 1960 a decision was taken to establish an Australian Province cemetery at the seminary at Toongabbie.

Australian Province Marists buried at Waverley are: **John Campbell (1953); Gus Galerne (1954); James Monaghan (1955); Aloysius Jeffcott (1956); William Weddell (1957) & Br Joseph Wilkinson (1957)**.

Over the years the entitlement at

Deaths

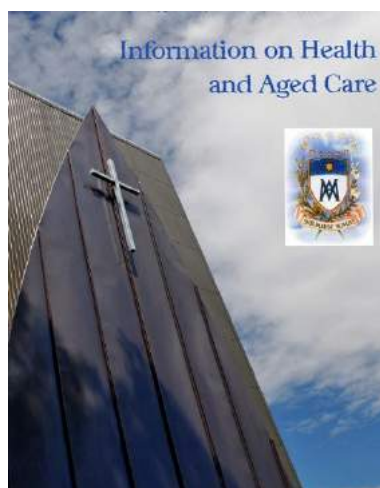
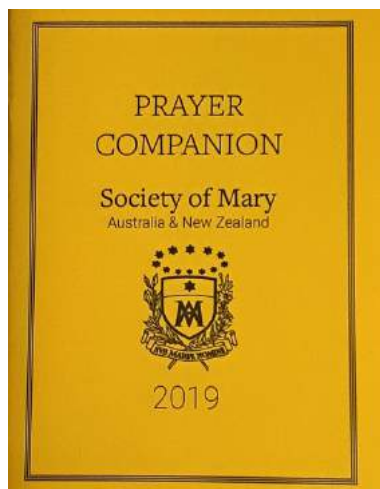
Chris Austin died on 20.5.2019 at Greenwich Hospital in Sydney and was farewelled at a Mass of Christian Burial at Hunters Hill on 24 May. The burial was at Macquarie Park Lawn Cemetery. The Provincial presided at the Mass and preached.



Fr Patrick Meehan sm, d.3.5.2019, Drogheda, Ireland.

Fr Louis Blanc sm, d.15.5.2019, St Genis Laval, France.

Br Joseph Lamb sm, d.15.6.2019, Napier, NZ



Waverley was forgotten about. After reviewing our situation, the Provincial Council at its June meeting was confident that we have sufficient capacity at Macquarie Park and Villa Maria for any future needs, and decided not to renew the entitlement at Waverley.

Publications

Tom Ryan has the following accepted for publication: 'Transforming Shame: Strategies in Spirituality and Prayer' in C-H. Mayer & E. Vanderheiden (Eds.), *The Bright Side of Shame: Transforming and Growing Through Practical Applications in Cultural Contexts* (Springer International Publishing, 2019), 187-198.

Prayer Companion

A new edition is being circulated to members of the Provinces of Australia and New Zealand.

This edition has a gold coloured cover and lists for each day of the year names of three living confrères of the Provinces of Australia and New Zealand to be prayed for along with one community or ministry or co-workers.

There is also a column listing anniversaries of deceased members of the Provinces.

Booklet on Health and Aged Care

Coming soon, this small booklet will provide confreres and families with information on the province's policies.

Sections include:

- Our vision
- Senior Marists
- Those involved in the health and aged care of a Marist
- Relevant legal issues
- A Marist's will and funeral



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Provincial Circular

Beginning with this June edition, the Provincial Circular will become an e-publication only. All confreres on email will receive it as an e-publication.

The only exception will be for confreres not on email, who will each receive a personal printed copy. The practice of sending copies to communities will cease.

Issues of the Provincial Circular are easily accessible of the Members' Page of the Province website.

- www.maristfathers.org.au then at Members page:
- log-in: sm
- password: colin.

Advertising

Sydney Fourvière Celebration:

It's on this year on Sunday 21 July, commencing 2pm with Mass in Holy Name of Mary Church with afternoon tea afterwards.

See the enclosed flyer. There is no RSVP required, so just turn up.



Motor Vehicle Review Committee:

this Committee was established in September last year to review the use of cars in the Province, and establish a set of policy guidelines.

Committee members appointed were:

Gavin Foster (convener), **Andrew Biddle**, **Jim Carty**, and **Patrick Kervin**.

The Committee submitted its Report, including recommendations, to the Provincial and Council at the May meeting of the Council.

Gavin Foster and Andrew Biddle spoke to the Report and the recommendations were accepted as presented, and will be gradually implemented.

The Provincial thanked the members of the Committee for their work over several months.

A copy of the executive summary and recommendations are included with this Provincial Circular.

Other Provinces

New Zealand: Last Friday **David Kennerley** celebrated Mass with staff and students of **Good Shepherd College, Auckland**, which has previously been sponsored jointly by the New Zealand bishops and the Society of Mary.

He took the opportunity to acknowledge the ending of the Society of Mary's role in the Governance of Good Shepherd College and to wish the new entity well in serving the mission of the Church.

The Society of Mary's partnership with the New Zealand Bishops will end and a different governance structure will be put in place later this year for the combined national theology provider.

Marist Family

Marist Brothers Australian provincial Br Peter Carroll is the new president

of Catholic Religious Australia following his election to the position at CRA's recent national assembly.



The 43rd National Assembly of Catholic Religious Australia had the theme "Communio: Stewarding a life that belongs to the Church and the World"

Currumbin Bookings



The self-contained flat at Currumbin is available for bookings for Marists and their families. Bookings are made through the Provincial office. Current bookings are:

Jul 1-8

Tom Ryan (Family)

July 14-20

Paul Sullivan

July 21-17

Gerard Hall

Aug 1-31

Garry Reynolds

Sep 12-26

Peter McMurrich

October 1-12

Paul Mahony

Oct 13-20

Jim Hargrave

Nov 2-17

Bob Barber

Dec 7-13

John Thornhill (Family)

Dec 26 – Jan 14

Michael Carroll

Enclosures

- Motor Vehicle Review 2018-19
- Ministerial Stipend rates for Religious 1.7.2019-30.6.2020
- NSW Stipend Rate for Religious 1.7.2019-30.6.2020
- Sydney Fourvière Invitation

JPICC Corner

Provincial Committee for
Justice, Peace
and Integrity of Creation

Clockwise from top right:

Glenn Roff with students at Ranong, beginning a year's volunteer work at the Marist Mission with his wife, **Sue**.

Recent JPIC blog from Rome features flashback to Jim Carty's work with Vietnamese refugees

ACU graduation for former Bridge Program students in Maesot, Thailand...

... and for young Burmese at the Marist Mission in Ranong

Pioneer Bridge Program student, Dingo Keidar (BP2011-12), and fellow competition winners from Bangkok's University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce prior to award travel to USA.





Global Exchange Program





Chanikan Kengluocha
(Thailand)



Dingo Keidar
(Myanmar)



Le Minh Ngoc
(Vietnam)



University of Massachusetts Lowell
Lowell, Massachusetts, USA

 July 2019

And also...



Clockwise from above: Marist Laity ceremony, Rosalie | Filipino Marists, **Chris Ganzon** and **Lauro Arcede**, with MLA leader, **Margaret Woods**, dinner at Paddington with **Lauro Rezende** and **Gerry Hall** | Ormiston retreat | **John Thornhill's 90th** | **Ben McKenna** gardening at Monteverde





Clockwise from top: **MAP members** welcomed by the Marist, Catholic and college communities at Apia, Samoa.

Seen at Villa Maria: **Chris Ganzon** and **Gavin Foster** at Villa Maria | Paul Glynn turfing near the tool shed | **Our Lady** overlooking the Ginkgo tree | **Marist Sisters'** jubilee celebrations.

