

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

From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

On 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis, along with 40 other faith leaders, signed a letter urging world leaders attending the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow occurring from 31 October to 12 November, “to safeguard, restore, and heal our wounded humanity and the home entrusted to our stewardship.”¹

The Pope wrote about the conference,

“COP26 in Glasgow represents an urgent summons to provide effective responses to the unprecedented ecological crisis and the crisis of values that we are presently experiencing, and in this way to offer concrete hope to future generations”²

Throughout his papacy Pope Francis has consistently challenged all people to consider how we are living our lives and the effect this is having on our world. *Laudato Si – On Care of our Common Home* (2015) and *Fratelli Tutti – Brothers and Sisters All* (2020) provide reflection and guidance on these fundamental questions for humankind.

The recently released Australian Bishops 2021-22 Social Justice Statement, *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*³, echoes Pope Francis’ call, and challenges all Australians, especially Australian Catholics, to hear these cries and pledge a commitment to growing awareness for action and change. The bishops are encouraging individuals and institutions, including parishes and schools, to sign up to the **Laudato Si Platform** joining a global movement of action at the grass roots level.

Marist Schools Australia has joined the **Laudato Si Platform**. All Marist schools are encouraged to do likewise and consider how this program aligns with their own ecological goals and commitment to caring for our common home. Details can be found at www.laudatosiactionplatform.org

Last week the Australian Church undertook The First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, involving 280 people from Dioceses, religious congregations, eparchies, and other church ministries across the country. The Plenary Council is a focal point for the Church in Australia, in prayerfully discerning directions for the future. The Second General Assembly is scheduled for July 2022. As Marists, let us continue to pray for the participants in a spirit of gratitude and hope.

In this Newsletter you will see an invitation from Catholic Religious Australia, of which the Provincial Brother Peter Carroll fms is the current President, to a National Webinar with the American Jesuit, Father James Martin SJ on Tuesday 26 October 2021. Father James is the editor at large of *America*, and a consultant to the Vatican's Dicastery for Communication. Father James has authored many books, including the *New York Times* bestsellers *The Jesuit Guide*, *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*, and *Learning to Pray*. In 2019, he had a private audience with Pope Francis to discuss his ministry to LGBTQIA+ people. The Webinar is titled “Building Bridges: Reaching out to our LGBTQIA+ Community”. Catholic Religious Australia is offering this important opportunity for listening, reflection, and dialogue free of charge.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

1. <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2021/10/04/francis-faith-leaders-climate-change-cop26-241554>
2. <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/vatican-hopes-its-pre-cop26-climate-event-will-raise-stakes-glasgow-2021-10-03/>
3. <https://justiceandpeace.org.au/home/resources/catholic-social-teaching/cry-of-the-earth-cry-of-the-poor-2021-22-social-justice-statement/>

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THE PRESENTATION OF

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MARIST GLOBAL NETWORK OF SCHOOLS

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27	OCTOBER 3:00 PM (Rome Time)
29	OCTOBER 6:00 AM (Rome Time)

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ABSA & IEBA Excellence in Indigenous Boarding Award

Congratulations to **Sacred Heart College**

nominated by Steve Byrne



Almost 15 years ago Russell Smith and Brother Doug began a working relationship between the Port Augusta and Davenport Communities and Sacred Heart College. Over the years, Sacred Heart College has been committed to forging a strong, long term relationship with the Port Augusta community, which has more recently stretched to communities in the APY Lands and beyond.



The process of moving away to boarding school is not for all young Aboriginal people. The difficulties associated with transitioning away from their families and communities and having to maintain this over a long period of time is not easy. Sacred Heart College, along with their Boarding House, has established an appropriate and culturally supportive environment for their Indigenous students. For example, located at our Marcellin Campus is the Nunga Room. This is a place where our Indigenous students feel culturally safe, have access to resources, teachers and support staff.

You can see the pride and confidence on the student's faces when they are working in the Nunga Room.

Sacred Heart College works hard to be inclusive, not just for its Indigenous students, but for all students. Our students are engaged when talking about Reconciliation, the way they listen to dialogue about the issues facing Aboriginal people in a respectful way and how they take that information on board. It is important for us as a College to continue to build on the support already in place for our Indigenous students.



2021 BROTHER KELVIN CANAVAN FMS CATHOLIC SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AWARD

At the Catholic Schools NSW Education Law Symposium, held virtually on Thursday 23 September 2021, the Brother Kelvin Canavan Catholic School Leadership Award was presented to **Mr Peter Turner** by Mr Stephen Sedgwick AO, Chair of Catholic Schools NSW.

The Brother Kelvin Canavan Catholic School Leadership Award seeks to recognize those with a teaching background who have moved into education administration and exercised leadership which effectively responds to the challenges faced by Catholic schools. It represents an acknowledgement of their leadership in education, through their example, their personal faith and discipleship, their commitment to growth-oriented support of others, and their focus on the benefit of all schools in New South Wales.

The selection of Peter Turner as the 2021 recipient of the Award by the Board of Catholic Schools NSW, recognizes his exceptional contribution to Catholic education over more than 45 years, in particular, his work as an advocate, negotiator and architect of authentic, effective Catholic schools and systems at the diocesan, state, national and international levels. It is also recognition of Peter's achievements as a wide communicator, a relational leader, a man of faith and of integrity, courage, honesty, stewardship and compassion.

Peter's unwavering commitment to the learning, wellbeing, growth and nurturing of the faith of each individual child and young person is commendable.

A past student of Marist College Kogarah, Peter currently contributes significantly to Marist schools Australia as a member of the **Marist National Schools Council**.



Mr Peter Turner



Brother Kelvin Canavan FMS

Marists recognised in 2021 ACEL Awards

The **ACEL National Leadership Award** for excellence in developing and implementing a significant educational initiative, conducting research or influencing educational policy, **Mr Michael Newman**.



Michael Newman is recognised throughout Australia for his outstanding contribution to education and particularly his contribution to educational leadership development. Currently Principal, Marist College Ashgrove and formerly Executive Principal of Toowoomba Catholic Education, Michael has taught and led in schools throughout Sydney and Brisbane and in regional NSW and Queensland. He is a well known and highly respected leader in education.

The **ACEL National Fellowship Award** for outstanding contribution to the improvement of student and organisational outcomes, **Dr Frank Malloy**.

Frank Malloy is a highly respected leader in Catholic education with extensive and successful experience as a school and system leader. His tireless work for the greater good of education throughout Australia and overseas has been well recognised. Frank's professional and voluntary work in education, complemented by his academic research, has been characterised by an unfailing commitment to improving student learning outcomes and school performance.





11 October 2021

Dear Marist Friends

We recently celebrated the 107th *World Day of Migrants and Refugees* (WDMR). Each year the Church calls on us to remember those displaced by conflict and persecution and those seeking a better life for their families in new lands. In line with his most recent Encyclical, in which he stresses the need for everyone to see themselves as sisters and brothers, Pope Francis chose the 2021 theme of **“Towards an Ever Wider ‘We’”**.

To give expression to this, I’m inviting you to participate in a special activity – a *GoFundMe* campaign. Let me explain the background to this request. You may know that Marist180 provided care for unaccompanied minors who came to Australia as asylum seekers and refugees. It gave them accommodation, arranged school education and looked after their needs. This was until these young people turned 18. Under the conditions of the Government’s funding, once they turned 18, they were no longer entitled to support. The four young men for whom this *GoFundMe* has been started did well enough at their schooling to be awarded a humanitarian scholarship at the University of Newcastle. However, since their classification as ‘refugee’ is disputed by the government, there are also visa limitations on part-time employment. In fact, one of them is still prohibited from any employment. I’m sure you’re aware of the many challenges faced by asylum seekers who came to Australia supposedly “illegally” by boats.

For the past three years, Marist180 and the Province have been giving each of five of these young men a total of \$833.00 per month so they could proceed with their university studies. They need an extra year to finish.

Given the continuing pressure on these young people we thought that the wider Marist Family might like to contribute to their support. Consequently, I have asked Br Chris Wills, who is responsible for volunteering and collaboration, to instigate a *GoFundMe* initiative for that purpose.

The Link is <https://gofund.me/513d2c98> and it will give you part of the young men’s stories.

You might like to contribute directly and/or share the idea with some friends or post the link to your social media networks. It really is a simple concept and process.

A couple of practical details: *GoFundMe* deducts 2.2% from each donation; this is to cover the credit card companies’ surcharges that are deducted from receipts. The donated funds will be held in the Province’s CBA account and paid to the men on a monthly basis, as has been the case for the past three years.

This is your World Day of Migrant and Refugee’s invitation for 2021. I ask you to consider the request and if you believe it’s worthwhile then support it generously.

In Champagnat

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Peter Carroll".

Br Peter Carroll FMS
Leader

Marist College Ashgrove Local Association Group Gathering



Left to Right: Matt Jones, John Mulvihill, Chris Bathersby, Br Jeff Barrington, Jan Mulvihill, Br Ralph Arnell, Helen Radley, Richard Ward, Steve Littleton and Scott Minogue

A lovely afternoon was spent together using various cultural images of Mary as the basis of the reflection. These images, which have been gifted to the Brother's Community at Ashgrove over many years, form part of an exhibit that both the staff and students enjoy.

A Marist 'sing-a-long' in the Burdekin

There was community, reflection and some great singing from staff at the Burdekin Catholic High School in Ayr as we took some time to participate in our program, *Breathe: the Spirit of life*. As one staff member expressed - *It's okay to stop! I loved the reminder - "Quality of the Exhale" and my new mantra: "We are God's life and love in motion."*



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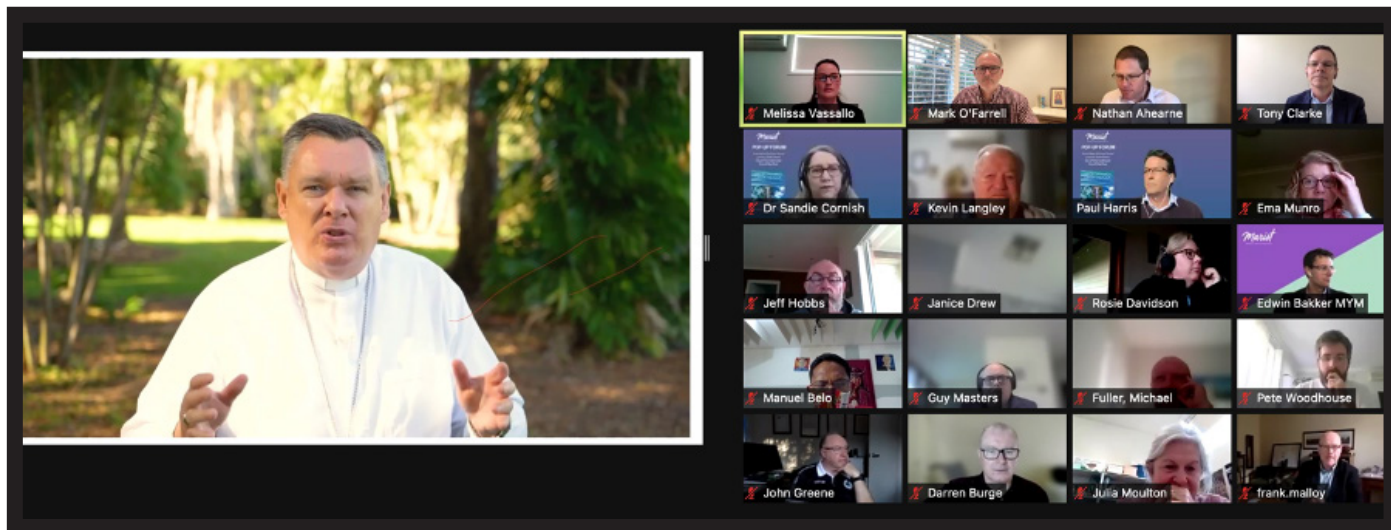
There is a story told about King James V of Scotland. He used to disguise himself as a humble man and travel around the country. People were oblivious to the fact that he was the King, and so he was able to make friends with the ordinary people of his country; he was able to truly discover their needs, the trials they were experiencing and all the difficulties they had to face. It's easier for us to act with compassion and care for all our brothers and sisters.

We can just be ourselves.

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Marist Pop Up Forum: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor

Over 100 Marists met online to explore the key themes of the Australian Bishops' 2021-22 Social Justice Statement. Dr Sandie Cornish, leader of the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, was the guest speaker. She asked the participants to reflect upon the ecological crisis facing our world, and to explore ways that school communities could engage with the Laudato Si Action Platform.



Above: Bishop Tim Harris of the Townsville Diocese

St Thomas More Primary School, Sunshine Beach

School officers enjoyed a wonderful gathering while participating in the *Breathe* Program. Also, a beautiful crocheted rug creatively duplicating the *Breathe* image was presented as a gift to APRE Ann-Maree Pitot by staff member Michelle Heather.



Above: Leanne Roberts, Sue McHarg and Karen Trist



Project update OLQM | Solomon Islands

At the beginning of September, we were given an impressive tour of the grounds of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School in Wainoni Bay, Makira, Solomon Islands. Via WhatsApp, Marist Father Richard Harui took us on a walk around the existing classrooms and then through some lush greenery to the construction site of the new school building. AMS supporters have made this dream possible.

The school currently caters for more than 200 students in grades 7 to 9 (called forms 1 to 3 in the Solomons). With the completion of the new building, an extra grade will be added each year until grade 12 is reached.

Father Richard, who has been in Wainoni Bay for two years and is originally from the west of the country, began our tour with a visit to one of the current classrooms, where a group of form 1 (year 7) students were being taught.

“These classrooms date from the 1950s,” he said. “We are so grateful and happy for your help for the new classroom complex,” he said. “The construction is continuing well but there have been recent rain delays. It’s not yet the rainy season but it can rain a lot in this part of the country at any time. The most time-consuming part of the build so

far has been digging out the foundations,” he said. “This has all been done by hand.” Well done to everyone for their hard work – we look forward to including pics of the completed building soon.



Join us at the AMS supporter event

We are delighted to invite you to join us at our end-of-year online gathering to thank you for what we have achieved in 2021. This will include a showcase of the work of talented photographer and AMS champion, Conor Ashleigh, and a Q&A session with one of our overseas

project partners. We will also share with you details of our exciting 2021 Christmas campaign.

This gathering will be held online via Zoom on Thursday, 11 November 2021, from 3.30-4.30pm (Brisbane time). Please register at Eventbrite [here](#).



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MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

Marist Super Connect

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Students from Sacred Heart College, Cardijn College and Cardijn College Marcellin Campus gathered for Super Connect! Hosted by Aquinas College, we explored the theme of *'the call'*. Through games, discussion and discernment, we delved deeper into understanding our own vocations, in uncovering what and who we want to be in the future. A big thank you to all school students, staff and Young Marist Volunteers who helped make Super Connect such a success! We are grateful to Br. Michael Green and the team at Aquinas College for their hospitality. Our fourth and final Connect event for the year will be held later in Term 4.



MYM PERTH

Marist Youth Ministry Perth was able to hold our **2nd Marist Super Connect Night** for our Year 11 & 12 students at **Bunbury Catholic College** who hosted students from neighbouring Marist schools, **Newman College** and **St Joseph's School Northam**. Students were encouraged to explore their **vocation and understand what God is calling** them to do and what to make of **their lives**. We had the amazing opportunity to be joined by past students and teachers to answer **students' questions surrounding vocation in a Q&A panel**. Marist Youth Ministry will be hosting our last Marist Super Connect in Term 4 at Newman College.



Marist Super Connect



MYM NSW/ACT

Term 4 Events

GAME CHANGERS

Yr 10 La Valla 'Camp'
22nd October, Online 9 – 3pm

Super Connect

29th October, Online 4 – 5.15pm

NSW/ACT Student Leaders' Gathering

Thursday, 18 November and Friday, 19 November, Online 9 – 3pm



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Building Bridges: Reaching out to our LGBTQIA+ community with James Martin SJ

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Tuesday 26 October 2021
Time: 10.00am AEDT/ 9.30am ACDT/ 9.00am AEST/ 7.00am AWST
/ Speaker:



James Martin SJ is a Jesuit priest, editor at large of *America*, consultant to the Vatican's Dicastery for Communication and author of many books, including the *New York Times* bestsellers *The Jesuit Guide*, *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* and *Learning to Pray*. In 2019, he had a private audience with Pope Francis to discuss his ministry to LGBTQIA+ people.

Topic:

Globally, people who are LGBTQIA+ are at increased risk of depression, suicide, and verbal, physical and sexual harassment and abuse. James recognised a lack of Church advocacy on these issues following the 2016 Orlando nightclub shooting in the USA, noticing that few Catholic Bishops publicly spoke out about the massacre.

This prompted him to consider how the Church could better minister to LGBTQIA+ Catholics, discussed in his book, *Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity* (2017).

Join this online conversation with James to explore how the Church in Australia can do more to welcome and truly respect and enhance the dignity of all, honouring the diversity in humanity.

REGISTRATION

Fee: Free of Charge
Register online: <https://www.trybooking.com/BTQTX>
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