



**AWAKEN**  
MARISTS 200+

## From the Principal



**Mr John M Freeman**

Last night saw the final performance of this year's College production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr played to a packed house. This was a wonderful production that is the culmination of almost 12 months of work for the Directing/Production team of Mrs Monica Justin (Director), Ms Adriana Bianconi (Assistant Director) and Ms Katie Lee (Assistant Director). Ms Laura Zalesiak, a former student and vocal tutor was the Musical Director. I most sincerely thank the team for their generous and expert guidance of our students in this venture.

Well done to our students both on the stage and those who worked backstage. They were outstanding, not just with their performances and work ethic, but in the way that they conducted themselves during the show and in all the rehearsals that were required.

We had students from Years 7 to 12 participate and that is why I see this type of activity as more than an extra-curricular one. This is truly an educational opportunity for our young people. They obviously learn the craft of performing and how a musical is produced. However, they also learn how to work with others, to organise themselves and to negotiate with family, friends and teachers. I said it last night and will write it here for the record, we are proud of our students. The energy, enthusiasm and skill on display in our production is shining example of why.

It is important to recognise that the production could not have been the success it was if not for the support of staff, family and friends. I cannot name every person here, but I do need to recognise the efforts

of: Mr Doug Wright, Stage Manager; Ms Rhonda Waanders, Costume Assistant; Ms Elisabeth Scott, Publicity Design; Ms Sarah Duncan, Front of House. There were also a number of staff and parents who also assisted as ushers and canteen staff. Finally, thank you to parents who supported their children whether it be by volunteering and especially for being there to pick-up, drop-off, encourage and applaud.

Another dimension of our production this year was that we were also able to display student art at the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre. On display were art works from students from all year levels. The pieces on display were excellent and added another element to the production. Thank you Ms Elisabeth Scott and all the teachers who encouraged and guided their students.

Dear Lord,

In this life there will be storms.  
Storms that cause our world to rock  
and shake. Storms the make us feel  
like we are sinking. Lord, bring peace  
and calm to the storms. Remind us  
that you are with us and that you  
control the waters.

In Jesus name amen!





Thank you to all involved in our Careers and Subject Selection Expo last week. During the Expo students had opportunity to speak with staff about the various subject and program offerings we have at the Kildare Campus for students in Years 10 to 12. Also present were a number of representatives from Universities, TAFEs and other post school education providers. Furthermore, we had representatives from the Armed Forces and Police Force. Again the presence and advice provided by these groups enhanced the ability of students to make informed choices. The Expo was extremely well attended and talking to a number of people I know they found the information provided by staff to be very helpful. My thanks to all the staff who worked so hard on preparing and presenting at the Expo.

At the start of this week we sent 216 offers of places to families for Year 7 next year. It is imperative that families return their acceptance forms as soon as possible as we are still receiving applications. Consequently, as a matter of justice I do not want to advise a family that they may have to be on a waiting list, if a place is actually available.

The **Dante Alighieri Society Poetry Recitation Competition** is a very prestigious and long running competition. Over the years we have had great success by our students and this is due not only for their hard work, but also our LOTE teachers. We had seven finalists in 2017: Ayden Respondino (9); Isabella Tatchell (10); Julien Alesi (10); Rohan Symonds (10); Kirsten Piening (11); Chelsea D'Angelo (12); and Meg Ruyters (12). Final results were:

**Original Poetry Competition** (Students have to write an original poem):

Year 12              First Prize:      Meg Ruyters

**Discorsi (Speech Writing) Competition:**

Year 12              Third Prize:      Meg Ruyters

**Poetry Recitation Competition:**

Year 10              Second Prize:      Julien Alesi

Year 10:              Third Prize:      Rohan Symonds

Year 11              Third Prize:      Kirsten Piening

Year 12              Third Prize:      Chelsea D'Angelo

**Well done** to our Girls' Volleyball Team who finished third in the Victorian Volleyball Schools' Cup Year 12, Division 1. This is an impressive effort by our students and I thank their coach Ms Teresa Dixon. The team consisted of: Bronte Scott (12), Alice Shaw (12), Anaïs Bond (12), Maddy Hourigan (12), Lily Bond (10), Madison Burns (10), Alysha Somerville (10), Isabella Tatchell (10), Nieve Campbell (9), Harriet Williams (9).

**Congratulations** to our Senior Concert Band and their conductor Mr Shane Lebbe, who were awarded a Gold placing in their division at Victorian School Music Festival on Monday, 31 July. Congratulations to Jade Melbourne (9) who was named to attend the selection camp for the 2017 FIBA Under-16 Asia Cup.

**Well done** to Laura Zalesiak (past student, vocal tutor and yes Musical Director in our production) who has been singing in her first professional production with Melbourne Opera this week, Wagner's Lohengrin at The Regent Theatre.

**Congratulations** to Chelsey Stewart (11) who received a scholarship to participate in a marine biology expedition, run by the University of Tasmania. As part of the experience, on top of the practical fieldwork, Chelsea had to submit a lengthy research assignment and deliver a presentation to





a group of university lecturers. These tasks were assessed and contributed to a University unit, for which Chelsea achieved a High Distinction!

**Outstanding effort** by Georgia Robinson (7) who competed in the West Gippsland Music and Drama Eisteddfod. She performed in the contemporary popular Vocal sections and she placed 1st for 12 years and under Own Choice solo and 3rd in 12 and under character solo in costume. She also just sat her AMEB Musical Theatre exam Grade 1 and passed with honours.

**Thank you** to Ms Emma Winton who accompanied Mikayla Connolly, Molly Jeffs and Bradley Goedhart to the Diocese of Sale Year 10 Justice Camp on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

Thank you as well to Mr Shane Lebbe and Ms Emma Winton who will accompany our Remar Gold Caravel to the National Remar Camp at Phillip Island this weekend. The Year 12 students involved are: Elise Cunningham, Eily Dalton, Zella Dalton, Olive Fitzpatrick, Samantha Hegarty, Chelsea Kenter, Abiar Maluk, Sienna Sanchez and Bonnie-Leigh Satori.

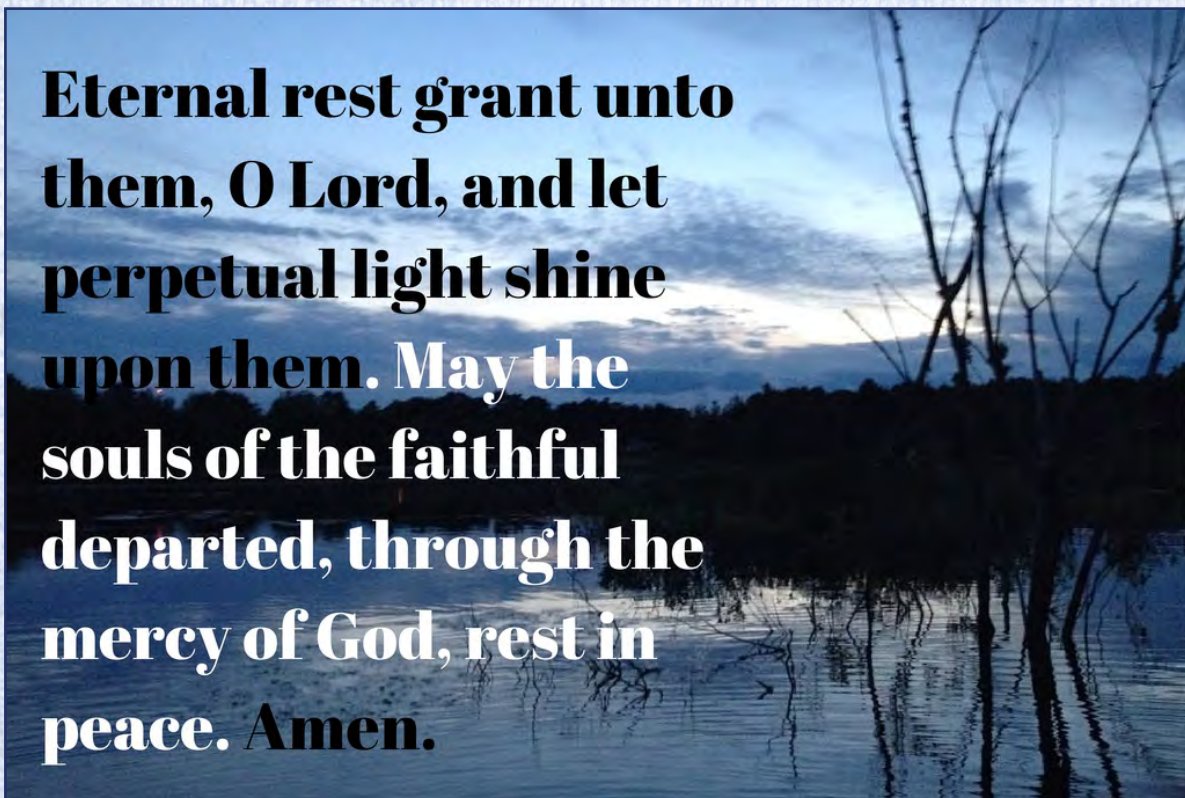
You will also read in this Newsletter about our various sporting successes, but I do want to acknowledge the achievement of our Intermediate and Senior Girls' Basketball teams who have won their way through to the Elite 8 competition of the Victorian College Championships.

Finally, can I please ask that you keep the following people who have passed away in your prayers:

The family of Mr James (Jim) Warren who passed away recently. Mr Warren is the Great Uncle of staff member, Mr Daniel Scholtes.



**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**







# Faith & Ministry

**Mr Chris Roga**

**Dir. Faith & Ministries**



Shakespeare's language has such power and beauty and ease that the words seem to come from somewhere else, so transcendent do they seem. Beethoven is the same; where did he get all this, where did it come from? And so too is Michelangelo. Standing under the magnificent ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, I ask, "How did he even think of doing it? Where did it all come from?"

Mary MacKillop brings the same sense with her. Something passes through her. Where did it all come from? The answer we give today, and which the Church gave when she was canonised, is that it all came from God. The Holy Spirit moved through Mary MacKillop and still does. She may look conventional enough in the portraits. But she confronts us, wonderfully disruptive and as enduringly creative. (slightly adapted from Archbishop Mark Coleridge; Homily on 9.8.17)



I love Mary MacKillop's down to earth Australian sense; equality, no nonsense, justice and seeing things through. Let's have more like her. To find out more about her, visit The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, Albert Street, East Melbourne

**LEFT:** The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, Albert Street, East Melbourne

## Amazing Justice Camp

"Hungry for Justice. Thirsty for Change": 9-10 August: Rawson

Ms Emma Winton, Molly Jeffs, Mikayla Connelly and Brad Williams represented Lavalla at the annual Justice Camp at Rawson on 9 and 10 August. 60 Students from other Catholic Secondary colleges in the diocese also attended. The conversations were easy and friendships quickly established.



The theme was "Hungry for Justice. Thirsty for Change." The keynote speaker, the workshops and discussions focussed on homelessness, and food insecurity with statistics and life stories. The impact was shocking and angered us. The question became, "What can we do to change this?" Some solutions are Recycling to reduce Supermarket wastage. The Lavalla champions are tired, but excited with plenty of great ideas, plans and they are prepared to do something. They got a great deal out of these two days and are ready for action. Watch out for them!





# Geography Competition



Mr Steve Erdely

At the end of Term 1, over 50 Geography students from Kildare Campus tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from across Australia in the 2017 Australian Geography Competition. Over 70,000 students from 743 schools entered the competition with the results being finalised this week.



Congratulations to Thanassi Katiforis and Ruby McCormick in Year 10 as well as Brodie Logue in Year 12 who received Credit Certificates. A special mention and congratulations to Ella Darling in Year 11 and Damon Groves in Year 12 who received Certificates of Distinction.

The highest achieving students from the country compete in Geography's Big Week Out on Kangaroo Island, South Australia and from this event four students will represent Australia at the 2018 International Geography Olympiad in Quebec City, Canada.

If you have a passion for Geography the make sure you enter for next year's competition.

## Homeless Sleepout

Lavalla Catholic College are again hosting a homeless sleepout in 2017. It will be taking place on August 17th (Thursday).

The evening will include presentations from Marist Guest speakers, workshops run by staff and students, a provided meal (Soup and Bread) and of course sleeping in a minimalistic manner at our Kildare campus.



As a part of the sleepout, we are collecting donations of sanitary items including the following items:

- Tooth brushes and tooth paste
- Soaps
- Deodorant (both roll-on and spray)
- Female hygiene supply's (pads and tampons)
- Face washers
- Hair brushes and combs
- Hair ties

Items will be used to assemble into packs to donate to St Vincent de Paul Traralgon.





# Teaching & Learning



**Mrs Claire Fabris**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, students, parents, visitors and outside providers who assisted in making this years' Expo such a huge success. Everyone worked together to make it busy, hectic, crowded but overall a wonderful day. We hope that students and their parents found it informative and a that all students have come away with a plan for next year.



## Just a reminder of some important dates to come:

- 2018 Intention forms are due back for all year levels – Friday 11th August (TODAY)
- 2018 VCAL Applications – Friday 11th August (TODAY)
- 2018 Year 10 Subject Selections – Monday 14th August
- 2018 Year 11 & 12 Subject Selections – Tuesday 15th August
- 2018 VCAL Interviews – Monday 14th – Wednesday 16th August





# Chemistry



**Tayla Jackson**  
**Year 12**

On Thursday the 27th of July, the Year 12 and Year 11 Chemistry classes ventured on an excursion to the biochemical labs at Federation University in Churchill, as part of our Analytical Chemistry unit.

The scientists at the labs assisted us with making further sense of the content we are learning in class, by showing us the physical equipment and application of various chemical analysis techniques. These techniques included Mass Spectrometry, Infrared Spectroscopy & High Performance Liquid Chromatography. We are learning to identify organic molecules by reading various graphs and spectra that are created by the machines. Whilst at the University, we were taught how to use the various machinery and equipment required for analysis, and the other relevant procedures which must be followed to make sure results are accurate and uncontaminated.

The information we received from these machines and techniques, allowed us to put our class work into practise, by determining the composition of unknown solutions and compounds. We used Mass Spectrometry to identify unknown alkaline and alkanol samples, and HPLC calibration curves to determine the caffeine content of an unknown sample. This experience was extremely beneficial to our studies, by allowing us to physically view and understand the theory of our course. For those of us who are visual learners, this experience made it easier for us to understand our work, and benefited our preparation for the upcoming SAC. This experience has overall broadened and deepened our knowledge, and given us an insight into the world of chemistry beyond high school. It was a very enjoyable and worthwhile trip, and showed us some of the open possibilities which can come from a further study in chemistry.

## Inspiring Young Women

**Ms Emma Winton**



On the evening of Wednesday the 26th of July, five year 10 students enjoyed Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning and Employment Network's Inspiring Young Women dinner. These students were selected due to their passion and commitment to striving towards their career goals. The young women were given the opportunity to network with women already working in their fields of interest, to have thoughtful and stimulating discussions about how to be confident women in today's media age. The young women were captivated by Chelsea Caple, who spoke about working as a woman in the AFL industry, and her personal health struggles.

I congratulate Ava Mifsud, Isabella Cheney, Baylee Patterson, Alexandra Cardillo and Lily Bond on their exceptional conduct during the evening, once again emulating the maturity and passion that is fostered in students at Lavalla. Many thanks also to Nicole Sizeland for organising the opportunity for these students.





# Dante Alighieri Society



**Mrs Rafaella Cataldo**

The finals on Wednesday 19th July were very intense. After the first recitations, all of our prize winners (below) were called back to recite their poem again to “fight” to gain a top three position. I am very proud to say they all succeeded in doing that! Congratulations!

**Poetry Recitation Competition:** Second Prize: Julien Alesi (Yr 10); Third Prize: Rohan Symonds (Yr 10); Third Prize: Kirsten Piening (Yr 11); Third Prize: Chelsea D’Angelo (Yr 12)

They did a fantastic job! Congratulations also to Jayden Respondino and Isabella Tatchell for gaining a place in the finals. It is a big competition with over 3500 competitors!

**Original Poetry Competition** (Students have to write an original poem): First Prize: Meg Ruyters (Yr 12)

**Discorsi Competition** (Speech Writing): Third Prize: Meg Ruyters (Yr 12)

This was the first time our school entered a competitor for the Discorsi Competition and also the first time we won the Original Poem Section. Well done, Meg!

## Regional Law Talks

**Mr Leigh Winter**



Two year 11 Legal Studies classes had the opportunity to take part in the Regional Law Talks run by the Victorian Law Foundation.

The students travelled to Gippsland Grammar and the Sale County Court to participate in presentations on how the court system operates, how the jury system works, how mediation is used and vital tips for exam preparation and studying.

The students were given the opportunity to talk with The Honourable Phillip Cummins, a former Justice of the Supreme Court. The Honourable Phillip Cummins has been a Justice on many high profile cases in Australia so it was a great opportunity for the students to listen and ask inquisitive questions on the legal system and his work.

The highlight for the day included a role play of a culpable driving case. The students were given a great insight into how the court process works through a guilty plea.

Various students were given specific roles in the case. It was an entertaining and informative session in which the students gained a lot of knowledge from. Cayleigh Corrie had the opportunity to play the role of the Judge, Mikayla Jackway as the barrister and Elijah Lappin who played the role of the accused.

Elijah Lappin had the opportunity to be interviewed by Channel 9 News. His interviewing skills were exceptional and represented Lavalla Catholic College for the whole state to see. Well done Elijah!





# GIS ArtsFest News



**Mr Shane Lebbe**

On Monday the 31st of July our St Paul's dance students ventured to Mary Mackillop Catholic Regional College to take part in their first rehearsal for the upcoming Gippsland Independent Schools (GIS) ArtzFest.

This day saw our students engaging in focused dance rehearsal alongside like-minded dancers from Marist-Sion College, Mary Mackillop Catholic Regional College, Flinders Christian Community College and Chairo Christian School Drouin and Leongatha. The next rehearsal for our Dance students will take place on Thursday the 17th of August at the Kildare Campus.

These students are preparing a dance number, choreographed by our very own Adriana Bianconi, which will feature in the GIS ArtzFest Exhibition Evening held on Tuesday the 22nd of August. All family and friends of our college are invited to

attend this free of charge event commencing at 7:00pm at the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre Traralgon to enjoy an evening of dance, drama, music and visual arts.

## Melbourne School Bands Festival

On Monday the 31st of July our Senior Concert Band journeyed to the Hawthorn Arts Centre to compete in the Melbourne School Bands Festival. The Ensemble was awarded Gold for their performance of Implacato, Australian Up-Country Tune and American River Songs and were able to celebrate their victory with a stop at McDonalds on their journey home.

Thank you to all member of the ensemble and their families for their hard work throughout the year and I congratulate them on their outstanding performance. I am looking forward to our next performance at the upcoming Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod on Thursday the 7th of September.







# Sports Enrichment



**Ms Karen Joyce**

## Braving the Cold



Many of our Sports Enrichment students continue to brave the cold with early morning training sessions. Tuesday mornings we have a Pilate's session, Wednesday mornings our basketballs have a shooting skills sessions and Thursday morning we have a strength and Conditioning session. Our Pilates instructed Andrew Crozier has been impressed with the improvement in core strength and stability especially in our younger athletes. Recently we welcomed Joshua Whittaker to our program. Josh is now running our Thursday morning Strength and Conditioning sessions. He is an exercise Physiologist who runs HEX health and is very excited to work with our student athletes.

## Recent Achievements

Well done and congratulations to Chelsea D'Angelo (year 12) who recently returned with a gold medal as part of the Australian Diamonds from the FIBA U18 Oceania Basketball Championships. A fantastic achievement. This is on the back of a gold medal at the Australian National Championships with her Victoria Country team earlier this year.

**LEFT:** Chelsea is pictured here at a basketball academy camp where she gave a talk to the junior athletes about her experiences.

Congratulations to Jade Melbourne and Emerson Devenie who returned from the Australian U16 national competition with a silver medal as part of the Victorian Country State team. It was a very exciting gold medal game that went into overtime to decide the winner. Luis D'Angelo also attended the National tournament in Perth but unfortunately his team finished out of the finals.

From this tournament Jade was selected as one of 18 athletes to attend a selection camp at the AIS on September 4th – 6th where 12 athletes will be chosen to represent their country at the U 16 FIBA Asia Cup in India in October. We wish Jade luck at the selection camp.

Congratulations to Marcus Smith (9.6) who was selected to be part of the State U16 Touch football team to compete at the Nationals in the third term holidays.

Congratulations to Millicent Passalacqua (7.7) who was selected to be part of the State U15 Volleyball team to compete at the Nationals also in the third term holidays.



Jade Melbourne &  
Emirson Devenie





# Sports News



**Mr Dwyane Tibballs**

## Netball

Lavalla Catholic College's intermediate and junior girls' netball teams competed in the preliminary round of the Netball Victoria School Championships on Friday, July 28th at the State Netball and Playing against some of the strongest netball schools throughout Victoria, both teams were very competitive and displayed some outstanding passages of teamwork.

Both teams finished second in the standings but it wasn't enough to qualify for finals day.

## Basketball

Lavalla Catholic College had its senior and intermediate girls basketball teams qualify for the Elite 8 Finals stage after making the cut at the Champions Cup preliminary rounds.

The intermediates girls were pitted against Damascus College, St. Monica's College and Rowville Secondary College.

Lavalla breezed past Damascus College 64-19 in emphatic style before being pushed in a very tight and entertaining match up against St. Monica's College. Lavalla would prevail 34-29. Rowville would provide a stern challenge in the final preliminary match-up but Lavalla would steady to take a 48-32 victory.

On Thursday, August 10th, the senior girls would travel to MSAC for their competition and they were provided with some tough encounters as well.

Lavalla would dominate Saint Ignatius College, Geelong in the final preliminary game with a score of 80-28.

## Soccer

The senior boys and year 8 girls have claimed the title of Regional Champions in the SSV competition and will look to take on the state's best in a month's time.

Lavalla Catholic College competed against Nagle College Bairnsdale, Marist Sion College Warragul and Mary Mackillop Regional College Leongatha on Wednesday, August 2nd at Trafalgar.

Lavalla defeated Orbost Secondary College, Trafalgar High School and Wonthaggi Secondary College to qualify for the State Championships







# Marist Pilgrimage



**Mr Doug Doherty**

**A**t this time of celebration for the Bicentenary of the Marist Way, I will use the speech that I delivered to our school community on the Feast of St. Marcellin Champagnat, as my section for this newsletter. I hope you enjoy it.

For my reflection today I am not going to focus on the pilgrimage not as an itinerary of the tour, but the challenges and lessons that I learned from this wonderful experience.

## Why did I undertake this Pilgrimage?

Was it to enjoy the sights and experiences such as floating in the Dead Sea, wonderful company and the opportunity to learn more about my faith and the international Marist family to which we all belong?

To bring the story of my Faith journey alive, something that has driven my whole life and career. This was the key reasoning behind my decision to undertake my Pilgrimage.

To tell you all the truth, the Pilgrimage at the beginning challenged my faith and at some stages really worked in opposite ways to what I had hoped for.

It is interesting that in the gospel Jesus is asked- 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do?'

I found myself asking the same type of question as I proceeded to question the whole Jesus/Trinitarian God story.

I am not talking about the historical Jesus, as that has been clearly proven to us; I am talking about the risen Christ messiah and this is based on the significant contrasts that faced us with every step I took.

The contrasts that I witnessed are as follows:

If Christ is the true messiah and God is omniscient, then why do the people in Jordan live such harsher lives than those in Israel.

Why did God tell the Tribe of Judah that it was their land if he knew how they would treat the Palestinians as they do?

If this is the holiest place in the world for 3 religions- why then has it experienced so much violence? You can see the bullet holes around one of the gates into Jerusalem.

Why did only some recognise Jesus as the Messiah, whilst others undertook the barbaric acts of flagellation and crucifixion, that we all got a feel for during the visit to the Church of St. Peter's and when we undertook the stations of the cross through the narrow pathways that Christ would have walked. Here you can also see the hole in which Jesus was lowered into a dungeon before his crucifixion.

Why is the whole of Jerusalem not one very special religious site, as opposed to a living functioning city that simply continues with normal life around these important historical settings.







# Marist Pilgrimage cont...



The Contrasts continue when we arrived in Rome and witnessed the opulence of the Vatican and surrounding churches as we also did in Lyon. Why did these amazing basilicas need to be built, especially in a time when many people were suffering with starvation and disease.

I kept asking myself - where is God, where is Jesus today in these holy places? How do I recontextualise these events and places when I bear witness myself as a father, husband, teacher and friend??

Where will be the places of Pilgrimage in the future times?? Especially as we are still visiting areas that where established between 2,000 and 200 years ago.

And yet, the answer was right in front of my eyes all the time. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, I too was so preoccupied with what I was looking at, that I placed myself in my own wilderness. I was not recognising the Trinitarian God alive amongst the people I met and journeyed with.

Just like the storm at the Sea of Galilee, I have learned that it is when we open our hearts and

minds to God that God will lead us to where we need to be, not want to be. Each day I prayed hard for this and gently the answers came very clear from amongst the pilgrims.

The contrasts regarding God as an omniscient and omnibenevolent God, giving the Promised Land to the tribe of Judah - actually was best summarised by Fr Gary when he spoke about the positive relationships among people who live in harsher conditions. This Is what God wanted - love and happiness amongst peoples. This concept was further manifested in the difference in security between the Israelis and Jordanians. The Israelis certainly appeared to be living in fear.

As for the barbaric act against Jesus - he said it many times himself and through his journey to the resurrection - to know God, we must undertake a journey of faith. It is clear that many people are afraid and unwilling to undertake a journey that will challenge their comfortable outlook on life. However, listening to us as pilgrims on this part of our faith journey, we have all challenged ourselves sometimes to the point of tears and frustration to achieve this relationship with God. However, the key to this was that this was NOT done simply as individuals.

The wilderness was a real light bulb moment. Whilst having this amazing experience, it wasn't amazing until I could share it with others in the group and especially my wife and children. Love is the same, it is not love until shared - hence the need for places of worship to share the happiness of loving God. These large, highly decorated basilicas are a reflection of this love for God and each other.

The unrelenting number of pilgrims from across the globe and all levels of society, is a living testament to Christ walking amongst us.

These past number of days have clearly highlighted the importance of a charism, such as the Marist way, to guide and support us on our faith journey to







# Marist Pilgrimage cont...

know God, through Mary by becoming Mary. As a mother, Mary is the director of love amongst our Christian family, therefore, it is important that we do the work of Mary to guide ourselves and others to recognise the living God among us, just as Marcellin did.

I always said that my first time going to the Holy Land and Rome would only be as a pilgrim, I am so glad that God gave me the wisdom to make this decision. An historical tour, was transformed into a deepening and reinvigoration of my own faith journey thanks to the elaborations by the Brs and the celebrations of the Masses by Fr Gary- the highlight of my Pilgrimage.

In a reading from Water from the Rock; we hear how Marcellin found happiness in sharing experiences and love within community life. Again, illustrating the fact that Love and Happiness cannot exist as an individual entity, it needs to exist amongst us. Where 2 or 3 of my people are gathered, I am there with them. Christ was certainly with Marcellin and the brothers and with us today, when one examines the amazing achievements that have and continue to happen.

The visit to see the Pope in Rome was a wonderful experience-

Again it reminded me that my faith was not just practiced by myself and a few silly people in Traralgon- it is actually a major part of the lives of so many people across the globe. How wonderful it is to belong to such a large family.

When visiting the church of St. Anne the mother of Mary, I was reminded how grateful I was for my own mother who gave me the greatest gift- the Catholic faith and who was my first and most important teacher in my faith.

I wanted to deliver this presentation so I could thank all of you- you have allowed me to share this amazing experience, therefore sharing love and happiness, which I believe is places of pilgrimage not just for the future, but the here and now- the love shared especially within our families, schools and communities is where God is present.

So our challenge is to work together to find ways in which we as Catholic Marists can awaken our communities to this living presence of God, especially by our own witness by being the Lighthouse we are commissioned to be. The Letter of 1823, certainly is a precious gem as it gives us the key leadership skill portrayed by Marcellin himself that we need to emulate: LBW- Leadership by walking.

Whilst undertaking Leadership By Walking; Forget about the negatives that we face when people talk about taking a horse to water and not being able to make a horse drink. In the image that you see, this old Iraqi lady watched as we renewed our baptismal vows at the river Jordan and just pushed herself forward to be re-baptised. It clearly shows that our vocations and duty in life is not to force

ourselves and other people to know God, just as one would try and force the horse to drink water, but to make it thirsty. Therefore, I invite you all to follow the example of Marcellin and all those who have went before us, to be present as leaders and find ways to make people thirsty for God.

How wonderful it was to return home to Traralgon- to witness the love of God in my family and in the people I meet every day.

God bless and thank-you.  
Mr Doug Doherty

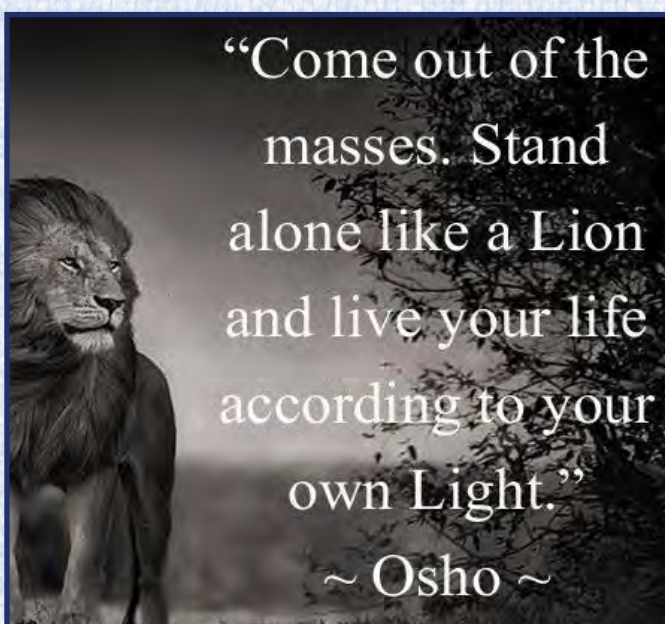






# College Calendar

DATE	CAMPUS	ACTIVITY	NOTES
<b>AUGUST</b>			
Mon 14th	ST PAUL'S	St Paul's Subject Selections	
Tue 15th	KILDARE	Kildare Subject Selections	
Wed 16th		Champions Cup Basketball	
Thu 17th	KILDARE	Homeless Sleepout	
	ST PAUL'S	SSV Gippsland Soccer - Yr 7 B&G's	
	BOTH	SSV State Football Yrs 9&10	
Fri 18th	KILDARE	SSV State SFL Yr 11 & 12 Girls	
	BOTH	<b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>	
Mon 21st		Champions Cup Basketball	
	KILDARE	Subject Selections Close	
Tue 22nd	BOTH	SSV Soccer Ys 9 & 10 B & G's	
	ST PAUL'S	SSV State AFL Yr 8 Boys	
	BOTH	ArtzFest GIS	
Thu 24th	KILDARE	Immunisations	
	KILDARE	Vic Schools Music Festival	
Fri 25th - 4th Sep	BOTH	Italian School Visitors	
Tue 29th	ST PAUL'S	Elite 8 Basketball Finals	
	ST PAUL'S	SSV State Football Finals	
Wed 30th	BOTH	SSV State Football Finals - Girls	
Thu 31st	BOTH	Elite 8 Basketball Finals	
	BOTH	SSV State AFL Yr 8-10 Boys	



## UNIFORM SHOP

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7th Sept  
21st Sept  
19th Oct  
2nd Nov  
16th Nov  
7th Nov



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- **Contributions to the School**
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St Michael's Traralgon

# ***YOUTH MASS!!***

**SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST**

**9.30AM MASS**

followed by morning tea in the Hall

***READERS/ COMMENTATORS / SINGING /  
ALTAR SERVING / WELCOMERS /  
MONEY COLLECTORS / PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL***

## **Training sessions in Hall**

- Thurs 27th July 5pm
- Thurs 10th Aug 5pm
- Thurs 24th Aug 5pm

**All YOUTH invited to attend  
and Participate.**

Contact Jenifer Hanratty—0437492349  
Or the Parish Office—51742060



# **GIS ART3FEST**

**Dance • Drama  
Visual Arts • Music**

**Tuesday 22 August, 7.00 pm  
at Latrobe Performing  
Arts Centre, Traralgon**

**Free entry • All welcome!**



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