



# Marist house

*A residential  
community for  
young adults in  
the heart of  
Melbourne*

Dear Friends of Marist House,

Welcome to our first newsletter! This simple publication aims to keep you informed of the people and events that are helping to give shape to our Marist House community, especially as we strive to grow our new residential program here in inner-city Melbourne.

Marist House Fitzroy has experienced many innovations over the years as a home for Marists - young and old, particularly those engaged in formation and study. It is significant then, in the Church's 'Year of Youth', that the Marist Brothers Province of Australia has embarked on an exciting new project, reaching out to the needs of young adults and investing in their ongoing education and formation.

We are blessed with a terrific group of pioneer residents who have said 'Yes' to forming our community. They each bring a unique personality and creative energy to the community, which gives warmth and colour to our place, and enlivens our discussion, mealtimes, prayer and daily living together.

*Want to check out Marist House?* Give us a call and drop in for a cuppa or a meal. We'd love to welcome you!

**Brother Greg McDonald fms**  
Marist House Co-ordinator



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## Marist House Orientation weekend at Ocean Grove

Our year began with an orientation weekend at Ocean Grove. The weather was terrific, we had great fun and took the time to get to know each other and the stories of our individual journeys up until now. Dennis facilitated some great sessions, especially on understanding some of the personal qualities we each bring to the community this year and values that help us to make up a Marist Community.

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# Meet the Marist House residents!



**Annemarie Bell**

Hi, I'm Annemarie and I graduated from Assumption College Kilmore (2017). I am currently studying a Bachelor of Nursing at ACU and I am loving it! I have always wanted to be a nurse and I cannot wait until I start working! Some things that I adore doing are; being with my family and friends, watching a little (possibly to much) Netflix, eating anything that is sweet, shopping as well as sharing new experiences with others!

**Br Dennis Cooper**

Hi, my name is Dennis and I am involved in a range of ministries including mentoring and accompaniment of our Remar Youth Ministry Team. I also do some tutoring with resettled refugee families in Melbourne and assist some students with their English language. I'm also a keen gardener and an avid cyclist. Loving being back in Melbourne after years away in Rome and Fiji!



**Juliana Gagalowicz**

Hello! My name is Juliana. I graduated from Catholic College Sale (2017) and am a first-year undergraduate studying a Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne. As much as I am passionate about science, I also like to fit in art into my life such as drawing or creative writing. I also love philosophy! And my major? Well, I plan on majoring in Bioengineering because I want to make a difference in people's lives using design and technology. So, if you need a hand with anything...I'll build it!

**Sam Kane**

Hi, my name is Sam and I graduated from Catholic College Bendigo (2016) and am currently studying a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Politics and International Studies and Media and Communication, at the University of Melbourne. I hope to then study my Masters in Secondary Teaching. I am interested in national and global politics, reading, music and running. I'm also a keen fan of North Melbourne!



**Br Greg McDonald**

Hi, my name is Greg and I'm the co-ordinator of Marist House Fitzroy. I love working with and being around young people as well as providing opportunities that enable their gifts and talents to flourish. I'm starting to get into cooking and enjoy hanging around the kitchen or dining room table listening to stories from everyone's day. I work at the Marist Centre Brunswick in Marist Youth Ministry.



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## Br Frank McIntosh

Hello, my name is Frank and I'm the House manager and Guest master. I co-ordinate the day to day operations of Marist House, as well as volunteer at St Mary's House of Welcome for homeless people and those in need. I am a keen supporter of the Sydney Swans and a promoter of Australian Marist Solidarity. A favourite part of the day is catching up with the residents at breakfast time before they head off for the day. My cuisine specialty is poached pears!

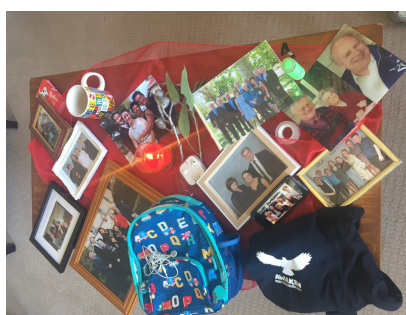


## Oriana Santamaria

Hello, I'm Oriana and I'm a graduate from St Patrick's College Launceston (2017). I'm in my first year of a Bachelor of Paramedicine degree at ACU. I moved from my family home in Launceston at the beginning of the year and am loving getting to know the little quirks of Melbourne life that each new day brings. I also enjoy getting a solid 8 hours sleep and anything that can be described as 'arty' or 'dessert'.

## Ella Westblade

Hi! I'm Ella and I graduated from Notre Dame College in Shepparton (2017). I'm studying a double degree of Applied Public Health and Global Studies at Australian Catholic University. It's going to give me the skills to develop programs that will help improve global health (such as immunisation programs, prevention programs, building clean water sources etc.). Ultimately, I hope that I get to work with international health agencies (such as the World Health Organisation, Caritas or maybe even the United Nations).



Our orientation weekend at Ocean Grove included time where we shared a little of our stories and backgrounds.



## From School to Uni!



We recently welcomed two young Marists, Tom and Rhodi who joined us for our Monday night community evening and shared about making the transition from school to uni, as well as giving us some great study tips. Thanks Tom and Rhodi for your valuable advice!



## We are ~~Master~~ Marist Chefs!

Each week we put our names down for the cooking roster. This involves regularly preparing a meal for 8-10 people. Each resident is gradually refining their skills in the kitchen, whether it be stir-fry, oven baked or grilled. Some have preferences for preparing the main meal and others for making dessert!

Either way, we know hospitality is a Marist trademark so everyone is keen to serve up a quality dish for the evening meal.

And sometimes there are left-overs!



## Female student support

Angela Serong, a senior physiotherapist at the Royal Melbourne Children's Hospital is a regular guest at Marist House. As a former resident of a Marist Young Adult community herself, Angela provides adult support and companionship to our female residents as they transition into a mixed living environment. We are grateful to Angela for the time she generously offers our female students and the community!



## Community service / volunteering

Part of our ministry at Marist House is a commitment by students to performing several hours of service in the local community. Currently, students are discerning their service ministry, but have taken part in Marist volunteer and training sessions providing them with skills to take into their places of volunteering.





## Linking with Marist Young Adult Ministry

Living at Marist House connects residents with wider Marist Youth Ministry (MYM) events in Melbourne. So far this year we have had a Taize prayer and meal together with Young Marists, completed a MYM volunteer training program and Child Protection workshop.

We have also attended a Marist Young Adult Pub Forum and participated in the Holy Thursday night (Brunswick) and Good Friday Way of the Cross (Heidelberg West). Our regular place of worship is All Saints Catholic Parish, Fitzroy.



## ANZAC Day Dawn Service

It was an honour for residents to attend such a moving and reflective ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Melbourne's Shrine of Remembrance, listening to and reflecting upon to the stories of the men and women who gave the greatest sacrifice for our freedom.

## Find out more!

Interested in finding out more about our Marist House Fitzroy community? Get in touch!

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