

UNITED IN PRAYER

And the world came together as the people stayed apart. ¹

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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INTENTIONS

We pray for all families, particularly those who face the future with anxiety.

We pray for family members who have died, and for those who we have been unable to farewell as a wider community.

We pray for families who are struggling with the financial, emotional and spiritual stress that this pandemic has brought.

For what else shall we pray...

Let us remember we are in the holy presence of God.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God,

We ask that families may be filled with love, respect and guidance. May we always have as an example the relationship that Jesus, Mary and Joseph had as a family unit based on love. Inspired by the Marist characteristic of Family Spirit, help us to live in community with those around us.

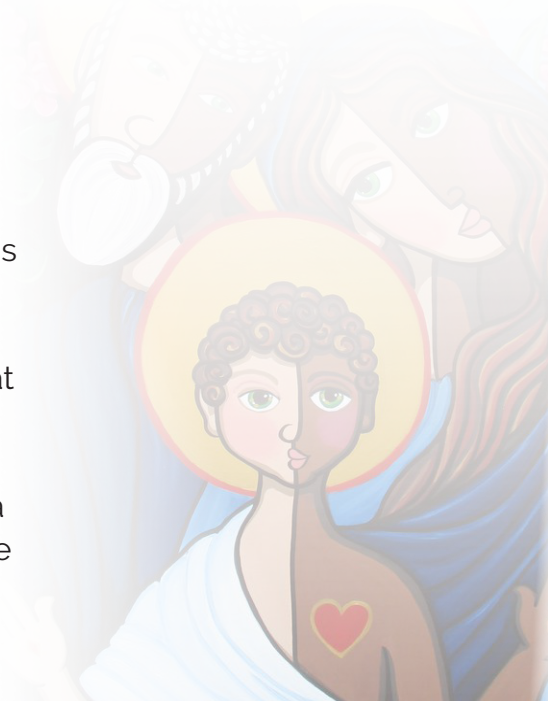
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

WE LISTEN

Speak Lord, your servant is listening...

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew (2:19-23)

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."



WE REFLECT

You are a child of God.....

*We were born to make manifest
the glory of God
that is within us.*

*It's not just in some of us;
it's within everyone.*

*And as we let our light shine,
we unconsciously give other people
permission to do the same.
As we are liberated from our own fear
our presence automatically liberates others.*

- Nelson Mandela

*Marcellin and the first Brothers
were united in heart and mind.
Their relationships were marked
by warmth and tenderness. In their
discussions about living together
as Brothers they found it useful
to compare the spirit of their
community life to that of a family...
love and forgiveness, support and
help, forgetfulness of self, openness
to others and joy. This style of
relating has become a characteristic
of our way of being Marist.
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WE RESPOND

As Marists, we value the gift of *family spirit*. Our work with young people is not a labour but rather a relationship based on love and respect. Whether it be in our schools, solidarity initiatives, youth ministry, acts of social justice, or spiritual formation, we relate to those around us as brothers and sisters.

CLOSING PRAYER

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families, too,
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience
violence, rejection and division;
may all who have been hurt or scandalised
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan. Amen.

Saint Marcellin Champagnat
Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Mary Our Good Mother
And let us always remember

***Pray for Us
Pray for Us
Pray for Us
To Pray for One Another***