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Dear Friends

The year has started to drift by and it is February already. There was no danger of a 'White Christmas' and numerous places were flooded. The rain and gale force winds have continued with no let up in view. Enough of that. For the past two years I have been observing the progress of a cataract in my left eye. The optician agreed that it was time to do something about it and so on Monday 4th January I saw the specialist. Things moved along at an extraordinary pace for on Tuesday 19th January I had the operation and all has been extremely well. I can only have the greatest praise for the NHS.

On Sunday 6th December Fr John Hannon SM attended the 150th Anniversary Celebrations of the Marist Fathers in Notre Dame de France, Leicester Place, London. Afterwards he spent two weeks conducting his official visitation of all the members and houses of the English Region. We are most grateful to John for his time and effort by which we were able to understand and appreciate more fully the role of the Society of Mary in the modern world.

YOUR PRAYERS Are asked for the repose of Sr. Dominica SM who died in Hythe on 20TH January 2016. Marist Way Groups in many parts of the country benefitted from her dedicated and enthusiastic sharing of the Marist spirit. May she rest in peace. Amen.

A PRAYER

Mary, you whom God has chosen to give His Son to humanity...

Mary, you who risked to hand over your life lovingly to your Lord.....



*Teach us to defy our doubts and fears,
in order to become, like you,
a servant of hope for others:
Grant us the humility to be obedient
and to place our trust in God.*

*Guide us along the paths of happiness which lead us to respond to the
needs of others.*

*Make the desire and the power of 'Yes' grow within us
so that we become a people bringing mercy and hope to others. AMEN*

If you have an Email address please let me know and I will contact you by Email. Thank you.



There are a number of events planned for this year:-

40th Marist Lourdes Pilgrimage

YES. THE FOURTIETH

Saturday 28th May - Saturday 4th June. Travel by coach and ferry. Cost: Hotel Esplanade £420.00, Hotel Padoue £550.00, five nights full board, plus lunch on arrival and celebratory dinner. Travel Insurance included. Single room supplement.

Bi-Centenary of the Marist Fourviere Pledge in Lyon on Saturday 23rd July 2016

This will be marked with a Solemn Mass in the Basilica followed by a celebratory meal. Arrangements have been made. Travel from Ireland by air from Dublin to Lyon. Travel from England by Eurostar. Departure Thursday 21st July and return Monday 25th July 2016. **Cost:** £450.00 from London and £605 from Dublin. Cost would include 4 nights half board accommodation in en-suite rooms and a full programme, including guided tour of Lyons and excursions to La Neyliere, L'Hermitage, Coutouvre and Jarnosse. Single room supplement £55.00. Insurance would be extra. Booking forms NOW available. Early booking is recommended to secure the present cost of the seat.

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, BOM JESUS AND PORTO

Monday 26th - Friday 30th September. Fly Ryanair Liverpool to Porto. 2 Nights Porto. Guided tour, interesting day and then travel by boat along the Duoro river to the vineyards of Portugal. Continue by road to Compostela for two nights in hotel Gelmirez. Morning Guided tour of Compostela, attend Pilgrims Mass, free afternoon. Friday visit the Shrine of Bom Jesus, near Braga, and proceed to Porto for return evening flight to Liverpool. Cost £585.00. Insurance and single room extra. Early booking is recommended to secure the present cost of the seat.

For further details and booking forms please contact:-

NICKI 01732 880 652 at TANGNEY TOURS

Marist Day in Walsingham Saturday 2nd July 2016

Marist Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions 2016

Date	Feast or Celebration	Mass Intention
10 th Feb	Ash Wednesday. Beginning of Lent	
11 th Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes	
28 th Feb	Approbation of Constitutions SM 1873	Society of Mary

M. Coleman SM, Marist Way Regional Animator