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Dear Friends

This could well be the last Newsletter from Oldcotes. Peter Corcoran and I arrived here for 'a few weeks' last August whilst we found a 'new house'. This has proved to be more complicated than expected. However all the details are now coming together and there is the prospect of 'exchanging contracts' for a house in Blackburn in the near future. The people of Oldcotes have been most kind to us, for which we are most grateful. The new house will be a new beginning.

The Marist Lourdes Pilgrimage had its own special character this year. For most of the year the



weather had been quite unusual and the week before departure had been rather wet. On the day of our departure, Saturday 25th May, the weather was not too bad and we enjoyed a very pleasant drive down England and France. As we approached Lourdes it was a beautiful morning and the Pyrenees were magnificent and covered with fresh snow. The Military Pilgrimage was in Lourdes when we arrived and so we witnessed a certain amount of marching and brass bands. Some of the uniforms were wonderful and reminded me of the 'toy soldiers'. On Monday afternoon the weather

changed and I have never seen so much rain for from Wednesday night until we left for home on Friday afternoon there was torrential rain. I could only admire how well people coped with such conditions and all agreed that it was one of the best pilgrimages ever! It was certainly different and I did not finish with webbed feet.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is hard to believe that a full year has passed since we asked for an annual subscription of £10.00 from every member of the Marist Way in so far as they can afford it. Members were very generous and it is now that time of year again. Many thanks in anticipation.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Members in the south have arranged to meet in Sidcup on Saturday 21st September. Please contact Mary Hawes (020 8300 0521) maryt.hawes@gmail.com for details of the arrangements.

MARIST DAY IN WALSINGHAM Will be on Saturday 6th July. I know that by now a number of you will have arranged coaches and we look forward to greeting you on your arrival. Mass will be celebrated at 12.00 noon and there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 14.00 which will conclude with a short meditation before the walk back to the village during which the rosary will be recited. Evening Prayer will be in the garden of Elmham House where tea will be served before departure at 17.30. This is always a day to look forward to.

YOUR CHARITABLE PRAYERS Are requested for the repose of Irene White, a founder member of Grimethorpe, and also her son Robert, who died within a month of each other. We remember all who have died. May they rest in peace. Amen

Marist Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions 2013

Date	Feast or Celebration	Mass Intention
29 th Jun	Ss Peter & Paul	Pope's Intentions
23 rd July	Anniversary of Fourviere Promise 1816	Society of Mary
15 th Aug	Assumption of Our Lady	

M. Coleman SM, Marist Way Regional Animator

YEAR OF THE FOUNDER

Week 29 'Let them hold all covetousness in horror. Yes, indeed, may we abhor this spirit. I have seen in the rules of certain congregations that they should strive to win over people in high places. Personally, I have taken the opposite course. Confidence placed in a creature, whoever it may be, is always to the detriment of the creator.' (FS 54:2)

Week 30 'Let us put on Jesus Christ, to that end working with all our heart so that Jesus Christ will work with us. We must put the man in us aside, and so ask ourselves when we are in the pulpit, who am I to announce the bread of the word to these souls? Why have I entered this pulpit? It is to beget them for Jesus Christ.' (FS 56:4)

Week 31 'We must study the spirit of the Society more and more. I feel, alas, that unless we re-new ourselves, our treasure will run out. We are so wretched. Our poor humanity drags us down. We must constantly overhaul it, and wind ourselves up, as people do with clocks to make them go. Yes, unless we are attentive and generous, the spirit of our Society will soon be lost.' (FS 59:2)

Week 32 'We must have a spirit of devotion to the Society, a family spirit. If someone were in-different to the Society it would be a sign that he was not called to it. Let us then love the family that God has given us.' (FS 60:1)