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Dear Friends

HOLY WEEK

Jesus was put to death at Passover and, ever since, this season has been celebrated by Christians in his memory and at his command. Like the Jewish feast, Easter incorporates past, present and future. The past into which we are drawn extends back through Old Testament history to the deliverance from Egypt and beyond. The salvation from sin which the exodus prefigured was won for us by Christ on the Cross, but it is still being worked out, and will only be complete at the end of time. This divine plan is massive in scope, embracing as it does the whole world. A concentrated overview allows each generation to relive the past and anticipate the future: it goes by the awkward name of the Paschal Mystery.

At first, Christians celebrated all these aspects of the Paschal Mystery in one great single feast - Exodus, Christ's death and resurrection, his ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit. They even expected his second coming during the night of Easter. From the fourth century onwards the original feast was split up into separate celebrations of Holy Week, Ascension, Whitsun and even Advent. This certainly allows us to enter more dramatically into the various phases of Christ's work, particularly the final moments of his earthly life. We need time to ponder the many facets presented on the successive days of Holy Week. A careful reading of the prayers of the liturgy also shows how they draw out the importance of each day without losing sight of the greater whole.

YOUR PRAYERS Are requested for the repose of Fr Robin Duckworth SM who died on Sunday 21st February. At his requiem mass in Hull, which was attended by groups of people from various parts of the country, Fr Noel Wynn SM reminded us of how very diversely talented Robin was and shared these gifts with so many people. May he rest in peace. Amen

WE SEEM TO LIVE In a time of constant change and the Province of Europe of the Marist Fathers is no exception. As from July 1st the Province will no longer comprise of seven regions and various administrative changes will take place. It will be different and no doubt present the usual wrinkles which will have to be sorted out.

YEAR OF MERCY "We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a well spring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. MERCY: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. MERCY: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. MERCY: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. MERCY: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness, (Pope Francis, *Misericordiae Vultus*, &2)



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. Final booking date 28th April.

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 river Duoro 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 air seat.

For further details and booking forms please contact:-

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Marist Day in Walsingham Saturday 2nd July 2016

Marist Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions 2016

Date	Feast or Celebration	Mass Intention
	HOLY WEEK	
27 th Mar	EASTER SUNDAY. RESURRECTION.	
28 th Apr	St Peter Chanel SM. Martyr of Oceania	Vocations to SM

M. Coleman SM, Marist Way Regional Animator