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Dear Friends

When I wrote the last Newsletter we were anticipating a good summer and a victory at Wimbledon. I must apologise to all our Scottish members for inferring that Andy Murray was English, but the prospect of such a success at Wimbledon turned my mind from the truth and I now hope for a Scottish success next year. Our Marist day in Walsingham was blessed with very good weather and we were all inspired by the words of Fr John Hannan SM, European Provincial, as he spoke of Marists in the modern world.

43 Marist Fathers from Europe gathered in La Neyliere on 18<sup>th</sup> July for a retreat preached by Fr Justin Taylor SM in which he explored the origins of Fr Colin's thoughts in founding the Society of Mary. The retreat was conducted in silence and was a great opportunity for members of Europe to be together and consider the 'Spirit of the Society of Mary'.

Delegates for the General chapter assembled in Rome and began four days of preparatory work on 28<sup>th</sup> August with the Chapter officially opening on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Some members of the Marist Way have been invited to attend a session of the Chapter on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September and to share the vision of the Marist Way with the members of the Chapter. One of the major works of the Chapter will be to elect a new Fr General and General Administration and to set out a vision for the Society of Mary in the coming years.

### MARIST PILGRIMAGES

Next May seems a long time away but it is surprising how quickly time passes. The Marist Lourdes Pilgrimage will depart by coach on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May and return Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June. The cost will be around £10 more than last year, which were - Hotel Padoue £505.00 and Hotel Esplanade £375.00. This includes coach travel, full board and travel insurance. More details later.

## DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

Northern Day                      Marist Church, Cottingham Road, HULL.  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Contact 01482 802578

Southern Day                      St Lawrence's Church, Main Road, SIDCUP.  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Contact 020 8300 2480

Both days will begin with coffee at 11.00am and the first talk will be at 11.45. The input will be given by members of the Marist Way and will be based on Fr Justin Taylor's SM "The earliest Church - Sole Model of the Society of Mary". It is most important that members of the Marist Way present the input and that all members accept a responsibility for the future of the Marist Way. Tea and soup will be provided at lunch time and an afternoon tea at 4.30pm. Cost for the day will be £5.00.

### Marist Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions 2009

Date	Feast or Celebration	Mass Intention
Sept 12	Holy Name of Mary (Titular Feast)	SM
24	Anniversary of First Professions (1836)	SM
29	Archangels - Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	

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