

# INFORMATIONPACK



## WELCOME

Thank you for accepting to participate in this significant Marist formation programme. Footsteps provides opportunities for those involved in Marist ministries to recognise and deepen an appreciation of their own personal call in life, spirituality and their own faith journey. This understanding is enriched through gaining a greater appreciation of the Marist story and charism of St Marcellin Champagnat.

The Marist way:

*To make Jesus Christ known and loved in the way of Mary*

We trust these days will be an enjoyable and valuable experience.

**Tony Clarke**

Director, Mission and Life Formation

## THE HERMITAGE, MITTAGONG, NSW

The Hermitage, Mittagong is a place of spiritual rejuvenation and nourishment that links the Marist story from past years to the present. It is a place of pilgrimage inviting all who come to a wider and deeper appreciation of what it means to be Marist.

## LOCATION

La Valla, The Hermitage  
Corner Old South & Bong Bong Roads, Mittagong NSW 2575

## TIMES

Commences at 5.00pm on Sunday  
Concludes at 1.00pm on Wednesday

## ATTENDANCE

Please note that it is very important that you attend ALL sessions. Requests to arrive at a later time, or leave the programme early, will result in the participant being asked to defer their enrolment in the programme to another time when you are able to attend all sessions. Please also note that it is a requirement that participants have already attended and completed either a Footsteps 1, Sharing Our Call or Sharing Champagnat's Vision programme prior to enrolling for Footsteps2.

## CELEBRATION EVENING

On Tuesday evening we celebrate in true French tradition, so please dress up with a touch of France or in red, white and/or blue!

## WHAT TO BRING

Accommodation is provided in single ensuited rooms or Cottages (please note single room accommodation is also provided in the Cottages). Included are all meals, linen and towels.

What you need to bring:

- Warm clothes (Mittagong weather can get cold, even in Summer!)
- Umbrella or rain jacket
- Personal toiletries
- A donation for beverages is appreciated.

## SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

The Hermitage's policy on catering for special dietary requirements is as follows:

*All catering is done on the property. The menu for each group will be determined by the Catering Manager and will reflect seasonal produce and simple country style cooking. **The only special diets that can be catered for are: lactose intolerant, gluten free & vegetarian. We are unable to cater for medical diets.***

Participants who require a special dietary meal, outside of what is specified above, are requested to bring their own food to supplement any meals. Jodi Isedale, the Office Manager at Mittagong, can be contacted on 02 4872 1911 if you have any further enquiries regarding catering.

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

For participants travelling from interstate, you will be picked up from Central Railway Station, Country Link Concourse (near the electronic indicator boards between Platforms 4 and 5) at 3.00pm on Sunday. The bus will leave from this location at 3.00pm sharp.

When booking flights, it is recommended that you arrive no later than 1.30pm into Sydney Domestic Airport on Sunday. Central Station is a 10 minute train ride from the Airport. Trains from the Domestic Airport to Central run approximately every 15 minutes.

The bus will return interstate participants to Sydney Airport on Wednesday by approximately 3.00pm. In case of unexpected traffic conditions, it is advised that you book a flight out of Sydney no earlier than 4.30pm.

To book a seat on the bus to and from Mittagong, please indicate this at Q.15 on your Registration Form. Details confirming specific pick-up arrangements and driver information will be emailed to you the week prior to the commencement of Footsteps2.

# HOW TO FIND US

## Directions from Sydney

- Follow the M5 / Freeway from Sydney or Liverpool.
- Travel along the Freeway for just over an hour.
- Landmarks to watch for as you approach the point where you exit are the Tennessee Orchards (10 minutes before exit) and the 7 Eleven Petrol Station on your right.
- Take SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS / MITTAGONG / BOWRAL Exit.
- Continue along Old Hume Highway turning left into Aylmerton Road (second road on the left) and stay on this road until you reach the T-intersection with Old South Road. Turn right onto Old South Road.
- Travel along this road for approximately 5 kms until you reach the intersection with Bong Bong Road on your right. Turn left here to enter The Hermitage property.
- After entering The Hermitage (Marist Brothers) property, follow the sign to 'La Valla'.

## Directions from Canberra / Goulburn

- F5 Freeway from Canberra/Goulburn.
- Take the Mittagong Exit.
- Turn right onto Old Hume Highway.
- Continue along Old Hume Highway through Mittagong Town Centre before turning right into Ferguson Crescent.
- Follow Ferguson Crescent across the railway bridge and turn right into Bong Bong Road. Travel along Bong Bong Road until you reach the T-intersection with Old South Road. Cross over Old South Road and enter The Hermitage property.
- Follow the sign to 'La Valla'.



## CONTACT US

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