

Marist History

The first community of Marist fathers was formed in France in 1824 to 'do Mary's work'. The Marist fathers first came to Sydney in 1837 but took up a more permanent base in 1847.

It wasn't until nearly 100 years later that they came to West Sunshine to establish a parish here. The Marist fathers worked in St Paul's Parish from 1954-2009. The Marists continue to minister to the young, aged, indigenous, other cultures, and in parishes, just as they did at West Sunshine for over 50 years.

Here at St Paul's we wish to continue the work of the Marist fathers as we continue to 'do Mary's work' by helping those in need and that is why we have chosen to honour the Marist Fathers by naming this house after them.