

## Who is leading Marist Family Group?

Andrew and Bo have two children and have been running a similar program "Prayer and Dinner" in their home since 2009 for young adults.

In their busy and hectic lives they struggle to have time for community and to recognise God.

Andrew and Bo have found that gathering with other young friends as a critical part of what it means to be Christian.

As our children grow, and as we grow as adults, it is important we have others who can play a significant role in the good and bad times.



## Location

St Patrick's Church  
11 am  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
in the crypt  
141 Harrington Street,  
Sydney



## Recommendation

*"The Marist Community at St Patrick's strongly supports the Marist Family Group. We encourage as many as possible to be a part of it."*

Fr Ray Chapman, SM

## Contact now!

Marist Family Group

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# Life is about family.

## Come and join

# Marist Family Group



Starting February 2012

St Patrick's Church  
Church Hill.



## What is Marist Family Group?

Marist Family Group invites young families or individuals who recognise the importance of family and community, and would like to explore their faith in a practical, relaxed and down to earth manner.

Twice a month we gather to pray, discuss and have a picnic. By regularly coming together, it is hoped to develop good relationships among people and the awareness of God in people's lives.



## What is the structure of a gathering?

- + meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday
- + prayer/discussion from 11 am to 12 pm
- + picnic in the park from 12 pm till 2 pm  
*or other social activity.*

## Dates

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

June 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>

July 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>

August 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

November 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>

December 9<sup>th</sup>

## Does it require a commitment?

Initially, no. Participants are invited to come along and just see. But after a certain time, participants are asked to make a commitment so as to recognise the importance of Marist Family Group.



"We live in a world  
which is very busy..  
We struggle to connect.  
It is time to  
stop  
and give some time  
back to  
**family"**

## What are some of the topics for discussion?

- A Gracious choice
- Celebration
- Being chosen
- Being present
- Greed, Pride, Power
- Hospitality
- Helping others
- Living Family
- Living simply
- Living in community
- Mary the first disciple
- Raising children
- Overflowing spirit
- Relationships
- Sharing a meal
- Tasting God
- To love God
- To think, act and feel like Mary
- Working less