

## MARIST MISSION CENTRE CELEBRATING 75 YEARS

A morning tea and liturgy celebration at Hunters Hill on Nov 07 marked the 75th anniversary of the **Marist Mission Centre**. The agency was established in 1949 to support the newly-formed Marist mission in Nara Prefecture, Japan, inspired by the late **Fr Lionel Marsden SM**, following his wartime experiences on the Thai-Burma railway.

MMC has an outreach to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged especially women and children in Oceania and Asia.

MMC's Executive Officer, **Fr Paul Sullivan sm**, welcomed over eighty guests and acknowledged the special contribution of former directors, staff, volunteers, courageous missionaries and generous donors.

Beneficiaries were represented by Marist Oceania provincial, **Fr Milikiade Rayalu sm**, **Sr Jenny Clarke SMSM**, Bougainvillean **Fr Floyd Gatana sm** and **Fr Kevin Redmond sm** on behalf of the Marist Asia District.

Australian District Leader, Fr. Corcoran sm thanked our MMC donors and supporters for their generous and kind hearted support of MMC.

Special guests included 100 yr-old volunteer, **Mrs Valerie Grant**, and **Br Charlie Randle sm**, who continues to raise funds for MMC through his annual Cycling for Children. A Liturgy of Thanksgiving and Remembrance was held to pray for donors and deceased family members and supporters of MMC.

