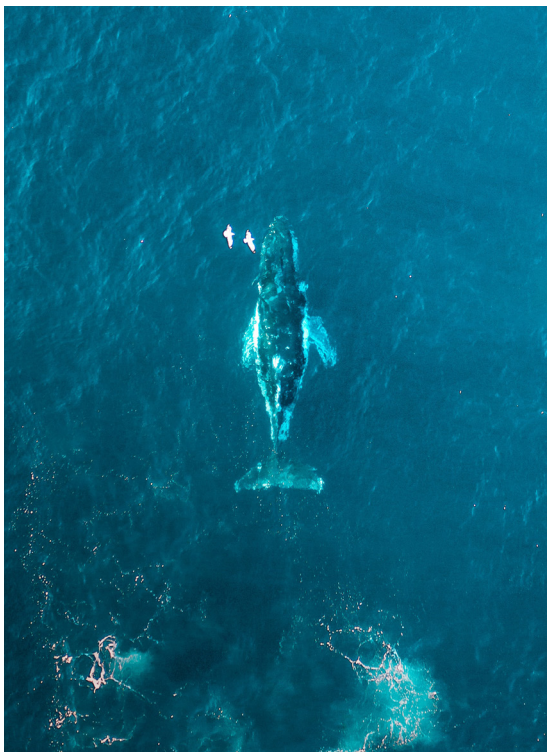


# Marist Minute

We have been talking with students about owning their behaviours, accepting outcomes and dealing with the consequences of their actions, before moving on and being a better person. The story of Jonah and the Whale is one of owning our mistakes, accepting responsibility, and ultimately doing what we have been called to do. The primary theme of the story is that God's love, grace and compassion extends to everyone, even outsiders and oppressors. We are called in the same way, to extend our love, patience and compassion to the students in our care. At times, we may wish to distance ourselves from some of our students and their troubles, much in the same way that they sometimes lose their path as members of our community. We learn from Jonah that we can't run from God. Jonah tried to run, but God stuck with him and offered a second chance.

God commands everything in his Creation, from the weather to a whale, to carry out his plan. God is in control. May we trust in God to help us guide our students in all they do, but also understand our own fallibility, owning our mistakes and understanding the power of a second, third or fourth chance. When we make mistakes, like Jonah, help us take personal responsibility for them.



## Journal Questions:

*Where has God offered me a second chance?*

*Do I own my own mistakes or am I tempted to run from them?*

*How am I being called to live with courage today?*