

**In the Footsteps of Blessed Mary
MacKillop
An Australian Pilgrimage**

The pilgrimage has been prepared by the Sisters of St Joseph and is designed to inform and inspire people of all denominations.

By visiting the districts which were the scene of Mary's family life and ministry, the pilgrim will better appreciate the sacrifices she made and the difficulties she encountered.

Sisters of St Joseph will lead the Pilgrimage and provide input at significant sites associated with Mary's life.

Opportunity for prayer and reflection will be provided throughout the pilgrimage.



The Pilgrimage

Day 1: Tuesday 14 October

Queensland and Victorian pilgrims arrive in Sydney. Tour of Museum at Mary MacKillop Place, including Alma Cottage where Mary lived and died. Time to pray at the tomb of Mary MacKillop in the Memorial Chapel.

Day 2: Wednesday 15 October

Sydney Sacred Sites, the graves of Fr Woods and Flora MacKillop, inner city sites where Mary and the Sisters first lived.

Day 3: Thursday 16 October

Flight to Melbourne: Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, East Melbourne, for lunch and talk on the MacKillop family. Mary's birthplace, Mass at St Francis Church.

Day 4: Friday 17 October

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre followed by lunch. Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Annie's Grave at St. Kilda Coach to Colac. Overnight at Colac.

Day 5: Saturday 18 October

Great Ocean Road, Twelve Apostles, Port Fairy, lunch. Portland: Church and the house where the MacKillop family lived. Overnight at Mt. Gambier

Day 6: Sunday 19 October

Penola: Mass, Schoolhouse, Interpretive Centre, Cemetery, Fr Wood's tree. Free time. Dinner at Royal Oak Overnight at Mount Gambier

Day 7: Monday 20 October

To Adelaide via Robe: Our Lady Star of the Sea Church built by Fr Woods.

Day 8: Tuesday 21 October

Adelaide: Port and Church at Port Adelaide, Chapel of the excommunication at Franklin Street, Mass at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Morphett Vale Church where excommunication was lifted.

Day 9: Wednesday 22 October

Adelaide: Mary MacKillop Centre, Kensington. Mass in chapel built by Mary MacKillop, St Ignatius Church, Norwood, lunch in historic Kensington Convent. Leave Adelaide for overnight at Bordertown.

Day 10: Thursday 23 October

Coach to Hamilton. Visit grave of Alexander MacKillop, St Mary's Church for Mass and parish dinner. Overnight at Hamilton.

Day 11: Friday 24 October

Coach to Melbourne via Bacchus Marsh and the museum housed in the first Josephite convent in Melbourne. Flight back to Sydney and Brisbane.

Pilgrimage Costs

Ex Sydney and Melbourne:

Per person twin share: **\$2260.00.**

Single supplement: **\$450.00**

Ex Brisbane:

Per person twin share: **\$2420.00**

Single supplement: **\$ 450.00**

Includes:

* Airfares * Accommodation * Coach Travel * Admission fees * Cancellation Insurance available on request * Most Meals.

\$200 deposit: Payable on enrolment by 28 July 2008. Full amount by 8 September 2008 (instalments accepted for convenience)

Cheques payable to: Srs. of St. Joseph.

Send to: State or National Co-ordinator.

Please book early to ensure a place:

.....Maximum 36 guests.....

Enrolment

For more information or to receive an enrolment form, please contact one of the State Co-ordinators listed below.

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Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage

The notion of going on a pilgrimage and being a pilgrim is a very ancient one that belongs to the spiritual tradition of all great faiths. For Christians, centres throughout the world are recognised as places of pilgrimage.

Places of pilgrimage beckon people to touch and get caught up in the atmosphere and spiritual realities that belong to their origins. However, it is not only the site that takes people deep into the heart of their faith, but the journey itself, the setting out to capture something of the spirit of the place and the tradition.

A pilgrimage is a very personal experience but it is usually a journey with others: seeking, listening, reflecting and seeing the hand of God at work.

This Australian Pilgrimage to many of the sites associated with Mary MacKillop's life and work is a unique opportunity for us to absorb some of the aspects of her life and appreciate anew her role as our Australian saint.



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