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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.

An 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.



*In the
Footsteps
of
Blessed Mary MacKillop*

**Australian
Pilgrimage**

10- 20 October 2006

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 early ministry the pilgrim will better appreciate the sacrifices and difficulties she encountered.

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

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



*A Woman of
Australia*

The Pilgrimage

Day 1: Tuesday 10 October
Brisbane and Melbourne 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 11 October
Coach tour of Sydney Sacred Sites, including Mary's original burial site, the graves of Fr Woods and Flora MacKillop, and inner city sites of Sydney where Mary and the Sisters first lived.

Day 3: Thursday 12 October
Flight to Melbourne. Travel by coach to St Francis Pastoral Centre for lunch and talk on MacKillop Family. Visit cemetery where members of MacKillop family buried. Attend late afternoon Mass at St Francis's Church.

Day 4: Friday 13 October
To Point Ormond where Flora met Alexander MacKillop. Visit St Kilda Cemetery and St Patrick's Cathedral. Travel to Mary's birthplace, then to Colac for overnight stopover.

Day 5: Saturday 14 October
To Portland and visit the sites that were special to the MacKillop family.

Day 6: Sunday 15 October
To Penola to visit the schoolhouse, Interpretive Centre, cemetery and Fr Woods' tree.

Day 7: Monday 16 October
To Adelaide via Robe and Our Lady Star of the Sea Church built by Fr Woods.

Day 8: Tuesday 17 October
Visit Mary MacKillop Centre at Kensington, St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, the excommunication site in the Franklin St

Chapel and other places of significance in Adelaide.

Day 9: Wednesday 18 October
To Hamilton, visit St Mary's Church and the cemetery where Alexander MacKillop is buried.

Day 10: Thursday 19 October
To Ballarat via the Grampians. Guided tour of Ballarat City, cemetery, Cathedral and gardens.

Day 11: Friday 20 October
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: \$1995 (twin share)

Additional cost of \$455 if single room is required.

(Ex Brisbane)

Per person: \$2195 (twin share)

Additional cost of \$455 if single room is required.

Includes:

- * Airfares * Accommodation * Coach Travel
- * Transfers * Admission
- * Travel Cancellation Insurance
- * Most Meals

\$200 Deposit payable on enrolment to reserve your seat.