



Josephite Associates, Victoria~Tasmania Summer 2014



COME JESUS, BE BORN IN OUR HEARTS

My dear Associates,

Once again we approach that wonderful season of the year when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, when we can attempt to spend some time in preparation through the season of Advent.

Some people dread this time of the year because they seem to spend most of their time 'chasing their tail'. It is up to us to make sure that we find some time for prayer etc. There are many books available with simple, short readings that give us something to reflect on and I urge you to get one. Or go to *Sacred Space* on your Ipad or computer and use the short reflection on the day's readings. I had good feed back about last year's Advent prayer sheet based on the four weeks so will keep that format again.

This year has again been filled with meeting wonderful Associates who keep the Josephite Charism alive in our parishes, and who do great work being the hands of Jesus in our world today.

Some memorable occasions these last three months have been the Back To MSJ day at Altona West, the blessing of the new Statue of Mary MacKillop at Bendigo, my trip to Tasmania to meet Associates in Hobart and Launceston, and the Associates Mass. (see reports)

Included is a photo of the new Statue in Bendigo, with the interpretation the inspiration of Sculptor Jenny Steiner. The more I reflect on it the better I like it.

We have had some new enrolments the last three months and we welcome them with open arms. Several young women are in the process of becoming Sisters of St Joseph or thinking about becoming Josephites in other ways, so please keep them in your prayers.

Some of you would have known Sr Alice O'Neill, who as Evangelista taught in many of our Catholic schools and came from Leongatha. Alice was 96. She spent some years in Nagambie with Sr Rita Harwood. Sr Henrica Jans, who taught in many of our schools also completed her journey and Sr Sheila Edwards who worked in our homes as Sr Maria Goretti died rather suddenly.

Sr Eileen McHugh has not been so well, in her 90's she looks as young as she did in the 70's when she lived with me at Morwell East.

I visited the huge Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Footscray and was astounded at the size of the building and all the activity going on—Food bank, meals, lessons, counsellor, interviewing, health checks etc etc People employed in catering and cleaning businesses. Sr Rita, who escorted me around, is looking for donations of toiletries, esp for men, washing powder and tins of tuna, items they run short of in the food bank. You may like to make this your Christmas effort. See back page.

Make sure you read the Christmas edition of Australian Catholics as it has some excellent articles on hope in it. Well worth reading before you get too busy.

May hope fill your lives in all you experience, hope brought to us by the love of Jesus, who though born in poverty, achieved all God wanted him to do. May you achieve what God has called you to as mother, father, minister, carer, volunteer-and may your lives be enriched and blessed by all you do. Happy Christmas and New Year!

Mary Fermio rsj



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REFLECTION

Advent is a special time when we can reflect on the past year and look forward to another year of Liturgical celebrations. For Mary and Joseph this time of the year was a very new beginning—they became a family. What thoughts and plans would have been talked about as they approached the birth of their child! What hopes and dreams they had, what questions may have been asked about the coming of this child whom they were to call Jesus.

Like all mothers, Mary would have prepared clothes, maybe Joseph made a cradle for the baby to sleep in. The neighbours may have also been looking forward to a new child in their midst. And yet at the end of her pregnancy Mary and Joseph had to travel from their home to Bethlehem at the whim of a ruler, to be enrolled for a census. And on their arrival had to be satisfied with space in the part of the house where the animals were housed. The cradle, and maybe some of the clothes left behind, because of the necessity of carrying luggage.

Maybe this Advent we could spend some time with Mary and Joseph imagining how they felt, how disappointed they may have been, how Joseph may have felt having only an animal shelter for his wife at the time of the birth of the child.

We often look at the romantic side of this birth, the meaning, of which, for the world was earth-shattering. Yet despite the joy of their child much suffering and hardship was still to come. Visitors were the shepherds sent by the angels to welcome this child. For how long Mary and Joseph remained in this dwelling we do not know, but we would expect Joseph to go looking for accommodation and work to support his family until they could return to their home.

Yet more was to come! Three wise men came looking for them some time later—looking for a King—bringing gifts fit for a king. Unfortunately Herod came to know of this child and sought to kill him, bringing sorrow and grief to many other mothers in his attempt to destroy this child.

Imagine Mary carrying the child and Joseph sneaking off in the night after being warned by the angel of Herod's intent, to flee to a strange land, to follow an unknown path, not knowing what dangers were ahead or what the future held, but desperate to protect this God-given child. The gifts may have been a God-send to help them pay their way, to find accommodation and set up a workshop when they arrived in Egypt. We would hope that strangers they met along the way were kind to them, that brigands did not rob them or try to kill them.

Hundreds of families today are doing exactly the same thing. Fleeing from persecution, from the threat of death, sneaking off under cover of darkness, not knowing what the future holds, but hoping for kindness along the way, that pirates will not fleece them of what money they have managed to take with them. Praying they and their children will survive whether journeying by land or sea. Many manage to reach our shores, but are they finding kindness from strangers or seemingly an unchristian welcome!! Millions are living in refugee camps struggling to survive, living on what strangers provide for them.

The Mission Statement of the Josephite Associates is an inspiration for those who wish to live the Josephite Charism in their day to day lives. It reads:

**As Josephite Associates we respond to the call to live the charism of
MARY MACKILLOP and FR JULIAN TENISON WOODS
in our daily lives, in our own unique way.
We support one another by
FRIENDSHIP PRAYER and SERVICE
to make a difference in our Local area and so further
the Reign of God in our world.**

One aspect of that Charism is to respect the human dignity of every person. Maybe this Advent you could spend some time reflecting on the Mission Statement and how you live it out. If Mary and Joseph with Jesus turned up in your town today, how would you welcome them! Refugees they were—Refugees we have in our midst today.

May your families know the peace and love that Jesus came to bring to our world.

Mary Fermio rsj

ASSOCIATE PROFILE- A Spark in the Kimberley

Since 2004, retired teacher John Spark and his multi-skilled wife Julie, have set off in their caravan to spend a few months at Warmun, to be part of the Josephite Mission in the East Kimberley. Their presence in the Gija Aboriginal Community exudes the Josephite Charism and the love of Nagapuny (Gija word for God). As one child said, *"That mob are here again to help us!"*

Home for the Sparks is Bendigo, Victoria, but in retirement they headed off in a caravan not knowing what was ahead. They caught up with Sr Mary Ryan who suggested they travel to the East Kimberley. Well you could say, they were 'famous last words' because what followed was a string of Josephite encounters.



Julie and John's travels took them to Mirrilingki, a Spirituality Centre at Turkey Creek (Warmun) which is part of the Broome Diocese. Sr Frances Maguire soon had them on board for 18 weeks engaging Julie's wonderful cooking and sewing skills. It wasn't long before a request by local elder Eileen Bray for skirts to be used at the Joonba (corroboree). It wasn't long before John got to know the Sisters at Ngalangangpum School and his time was being taken up with the school's reading recovery program.

It soon became clear that 'retirement' was not quite the correct word for John and Julie. With a family of six children and 11 grandchildren there was a lot to keep up with, however, their call to the Kimberley continued, and every year since 2004 they have escaped the Victorian Winter and given their time to the community of Warmun.

"We just love the Josephites", says Julie. "Teachers need support and we have something to offer". John just loves teaching and believes strongly that God has blessed him well and they have a desire to give something back.

This year as John continues on the Reading Program, Julie has been busy making stoles and banners for the celebration of Sacraments, pitching in with cooking the kid's lunches, cleaning and whatever needed to be done.

In such an isolated area, there's always the cry at school – *"We need kids taken to Kununurra – who can we get? John and Julie are there". "We need someone to get the stew ready for lunch – John and Julie are there". "A child is unsettled in the class and needs a TLC break – John and Julie are there".*

Mary MacKillop said *"Never see a need without doing something about it".*

Something special happens in the Warmun Community when the Sparks return each year... they spark (ignite) a lot of Josephite Charism around the place. According to the local Josephite mob – they are honorary Kimberley Josephites! *"It's not what they do, it's the way they do it."*

NEWS FROM SUNBURY

On Wednesday 15th October, our group visited Mary MacKillop Family Services Museum, 237 Cecil St. South Melbourne, also head office of MacKillop Family Services, which amalgamated with the Sisters of Mercy, Christian Brothers and Sisters of St Joseph some years ago. Today they provide many services for at risk children, young people, families and refugees.

Our group was given an enjoyable talk and tour by Ms Jenny Glare, Co-ordinator of the Museum which is on the original site of the St Vincent de Paul Orphanage. Following the tour, we explored the extensive collection of photos, teaching aids, registers and audio visual displays.

Associate groups are very much welcome to visit. Please ring 9699 9177.



REGIONAL DAYS 2014

BACCHUS MARSH

Seventeen Associates enjoyed the day of reflection, the quiet time and the social aspects of the day. Two Associates from Sunbury were enrolled. Marj is a volunteer in the shop at the Heritage Centre one day a week. Sebastopol Associates provided a plentiful and delicious morning tea and the venue at Bacchus Marsh is always comfortable and roomy.



Carlein Horvat



Carmel Shea, Carlein Horvat and Val Dickson



Marj Missen

ORBOST/LAKES ENTRANCE

Eleven Associates and two Sisters spent a prayerful and enjoyable at the Mary MacKillop Hall at Orbost, set in lovely school grounds which made an ideal setting for reflection time. A delicious lunch was provided by both groups. The evening before Sr Madeleine and myself went to tea at one of the local pubs and took tickets in the Pub Raffle—to my surprise I won the meat tray, which made a great addition to Madeleine's freezer!



MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE 2014

HOURS OF OPERATION: Mon to Fri 9 am-5 p.m. Closed public holidays
MUSEUM AND GALLERY Mon to Fri 10 a.m.—4 p.m. By appointment phone 03 9926 9300
SPECIAL WEEKEND OPENINGS 2014: 18th October 29th November

ACCOMMODATION: 1 Bedroom Max 2 persons
2 Bedroom Apartments Max 4 persons B&B. Phone 03 9926 9300

PRIVATE: Individuals wishing to utilize the accommodation should contact 03 9926 9300

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Offered at the Heritage Centre and other locations Contact: 03 9926 9300

Directors: Srs Yvonne Harte rsj; Eileen O'Loughlin rsj; Therese Quinn rsj;
Jennifer Sanders rsj Moya Unthank rsj

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PLEASE RSVP for catering purposes at least 3 days prior.
Donations gratefully accepted

For further information and acceptances please contact
Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
03 9926 9300 or
email admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au

These days are open to anyone, and they can be a good opportunity for Associates who do not belong to a group to come together in prayer to meet Sr Mary Fermio and other Associates
The museum and the gift shop will be open.

The last for this year will be Monday 15th December, 2014



Conversations with Mary
A Monthly Gathering for Prayer and Reflection with Mary MacKillop

- * Monday 16th February
- * Monday 16th March
- * Wednesday 15th April
- * Friday 15th May
- * Monday 15th June
- * Wednesday 15th July
- * Monday 17th August
- * Tuesday 15th September
- * Thursday 15th October
- * Monday 16th November
- * Tuesday 15th December

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
362 Albert Street,
EAST MELBOURNE
VIC 3002

11.00am – 12.00pm
followed by a light lunch

Please RSVP for catering purposes by the Wednesday prior
- donations gratefully accepted -

A photo of Fay and Kevin Donoghue of Broadmeadows, with the stamp albums collected through Vincent de Paul Shop.
They travelled by train to Sydney taking the case with them to the office at Croydon, Sydney.
Helen Bache, the Sisters and others there, were very impressed with their effort to travel by train and bus to deliver them. Fay is the leader of the Broadmeadows Associates and both have worked with Vinnies for many years.



REGIONAL DAYS 2015

PLEASE SEE ENCLOSED SHEET

LEADERS' DAY

Our annual day for Leaders of Groups and other interested Associates will be held at

*Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
362 ALBERT ST, EAST MELBOURNE 3002
ON SATURDAY 21st February 2015
9.30 am until 3 p.m.*

Our Programme :

- 1. A session when Associates share some significant event or activity they participated in during 2014. You are asked to bring along a photo, poster, flower, program etc that we can use to make a collage of the year's events thus sharing our ideas.*
- 2. Reflection and prayer on Creation with Sr Therese Quinn rsj*
- 3. Talk by Robyn Suttie on her work with Days for Girls and other mission areas in Australia and overseas.*
- 4. Ritual of Missioning*

LUNCH AND MORNING TEA WILL BE PROVIDED

DONATION \$20

10% discount on purchases from Heritage Centre shop

Leaders will receive a letter at the end of January to let us know how many will be coming.

TRAM 109 Collins St travels past the cathedral and you can walk up Albert St

Or get off around the corner in Victoria Parade at the stop just past Catholic University and walk down Lansdowne Street to Albert St.

109 Tram does not have the steep steps to climb up if you board in the middle.

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS



And look forward to meeting you again during 2015

TIMOR LESTE AWARD FOR SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH

The President of the Republic of Timor-Leste, Taur Matan Ruak, officially bestowed “Ordem de Timor” Medals on twenty-six non-Timorese people and groups who fought for Timor-Leste’s independence.

The ceremony was held in Dili on August 30, the 15th Anniversary of the Referendum through which the Timorese people finally gained their freedom.

iSr Josephine Mitchell and Susan Connelly accepted the Medal on behalf of all those who had worked in the Mary MacKillop Institute for East Timor’s struggle in the 1990s.

The Award recognised the solidarity of the Sisters of St Joseph, Religious of other Congregations and Colleagues who had the privilege of working and praying together for justice and freedom for East Timor.

Others receiving recognition included the journalists known as the Balibo Five, whose posthumous awards were received by family members.



Taken from E-News 8th September 2014

SR JOAN HEALY RECEIVES ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

On Friday, September 5, Joan Healy gathered with 169 other awardees to be recognised and thanked for their outstanding service to humanity in the fields of medicine, academia, advocacy, research, law, education, human rights, local and state politics, public service, media, the defence forces, police and fire brigade, sport and disability services.

Joan’s AM, the Order of Australia, Member in the General Division was specifically for her ‘significant service to the Catholic Church in Australia and as a social welfare advocate in South East Asia’. Joan’s sister, Mary, and I, representing family and the Sisters of St Joseph of Victoria-Tasmania, felt proud, grateful and united with all our present and past Sisters, whom Joan represents.

Others were recognised for their voluntary involvement in their own rural and suburban communities. It seemed to me that their service like Joan’s had been given generously over whole lifetimes. Some recipients glowed with pride from their wheelchairs and stood tall holding their walkers.

The setting was grand and dignified – the Ballroom in Government House in Melbourne, with its ornate ceilings and décor, is even larger than its counterpart in Buckingham Palace! The jazz band from Presbyterian Ladies’ College greeted us with fanfares and accompaniment from an elevated gallery. Family and friends in their finery filled the room to capacity.

His Excellency the Honourable Alex Chernov AC QC, not only congratulated and thanked the award recipients, but he paid tribute also to their families and those who supported them. He said that we never achieve or make a difference on our own. There are others alongside us who inspire, companion and encourage us.



Kerrie Cusack—taken from sosj website

SR HELENA CELEBRATES A CENTURY

Helena Maguire rsj recently celebrated her 100th birthday with all the decorum of a queen! At lunch, when Kerrie Cusack rsj, the Victoria-Tasmania Regional Leader, asked Helena about her favourite place and where she grew up, Helena did not hesitate to name Leongatha, where she spent many years with Sr. Barbara Connolly

Born in Numurkah, Helena loved life on the farm close by, and especially remembers the farm horses Barney and Queenie. Helena explained to Kerrie that she was the first mothercraft nurse to enter from the Broadmeadows Babies' Home.

Later, as a Sister of St. Joseph, she became a teacher and librarian. Of more recent times she has enjoyed the chance to paint and develop her artistic skills.

Kerrie expressed gratitude to all the staff and Community Leaders at the Mary MacKillop Residence in Hawthorn East for organising two special days of celebration for Helena. Helena received many congratulatory messages including some from dignitaries.

She celebrated in the company of her family and the Sisters who came to afternoon tea, some of whom travelled from South Australia.

Associates in Leongatha will have many happy memories of the years Helena spent in the convent there. Whenever I called she seemed to be taking scones out of the oven for Sr Barbara's morning tea.

Taken from sosj website.



STATUE OUTSIDE SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL BENDIGO MOULDED AND DESIGNED BY JENNY STEINER

Mary is no longer with us in person but very present in spirit therefore we can see through the statue.

In the centre is a wooden cross, made by Jenny, which seems to be supporting the statue – this is so because the cross was Mary's strength and support.

Handmade ceramic Rosary beads drape the cross with a crucifix such as Mary wore.

The Blue emblem Mary wore on her habit with the three J's and the AM for Ave Maria can also be seen.

The garment is separated at the back to represent the rent made by the excommunication.

From the back one can see a photo imprinted in the glass – a photo of the whole school at St Joseph's Numurkah in 1924.

The Shards of glass represent wings which speak of Mary's holiness and create a spiritual aura about her.

The glass underneath the mantle form her dress.



ANNUAL JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES' MASS

Many thanks to Annemarie Wilkins who prepared the liturgy for our Mass on 1st November 2014. As a qualified musician and teacher of music and drama, Annemarie has all the skills, and she is very generous in her use of them for the Associates. Thanks also to Fr Michael Kalka, a Josephite Associate, who gives of his time on a Saturday afternoon to celebrate with us and always inspires us with his reflection on the Readings. Thank you to Sr Helen Hickey who sees that all is available for Mass. Thank you also to the Associates who make the effort to be there.

A small poster with one of the Beatitudes, the Gospel for the Feast of All Saints, was presented to each person present, encouraging them to live it for the month of November. We enrolled Julie and John Spark of Bendigo as Josephite Associates and all present renewed their own commitment to the Mission of an Associate. An article on page three gives you a little about John and Julie's work with the Sisters in the Kimberley. Sr Anne Porter rsj gave a very informative and interesting presentation of her work in the Kimberley with the children in the school at Kunnunurra, where one needs to be patient, creative and very innovative. Afternoon tea was provided and all seemed to enjoy what was supplied. These days are a good opportunity to meet other Associates and to re-enthuse your commitment as a Josephite.

I apologise that some may have missed out because we had not arranged the date in time for the last newsletter, and only those on email and leaders of groups were notified. If you are only recently online through email, please let me know so that we can link up with you.

NEXT YEAR—ALREADY DECIDED - we have decided to have the Associates Mass on the **second Saturday** in November, each year, so next year it will be **14TH NOVEMBER 2015**
So you can write it in your diary in cast iron!!!



Margaret McDonald reading the Intercessions



Enjoying the afternoon tea and catching up



Julie and John Spark signing the Enrolment register.



Intercessions after renewing commitment

NEWS FROM TASMANIA



JAN HIRST—NEWLY ENROLLED WITH ASSOCIATES AND ON LEFT WITH SRS LYN AND MARGARET

During November I visited Hobart and Launceston—at Hobart I hoped to meet many of the 29 Associates who live in that area. A lovely afternoon was spent with the nine Associates who came to the Mission Centre at Newtown, Hobart, where we spent some time reflecting on the Mission and also listening to the wonderful work that they are doing. A small group is working for Days for Girls sewing; Hospice visiting; parish work; singing with a choir group who encourage young women to join them to give them hope; and being a ray of sunshine to all she meets. I felt most inspired by the way they are living out the Josephite charism.

At Launceston six Associates (four apologies) gathered for afternoon tea and some sharing of their mission. One does a lot in the local Churches setting up for Mass and making sure everything runs smoothly; working in the office of the Emmanuel Spirituality Centre; praying and interceding with Mary MacKillop for those who ask for prayers. They also were an inspirational group of Josephite women living our Charism.

The roses in Tasmania are truly splendid and those at Hobart had long, long stems. I felt quite jealous as mine are nowhere near as abundant or such huge blooms. I had a lovely time taking photos on my Ipad. The hospitality I received from the Sisters was most welcoming and Sr Lynette took me to Westbury, where the Sisters who came from Perthville, first lived in Tasmania. Here Fr Woods spent many hours preaching to the parishioners and guiding the Sisters. The bus trip from Hobart to Launceston gave me a good insight into the type of country on the island, where so many mountains fill the landscape. We are hoping that during 2015 we can present a regional day at a centre between Hobart and Launceston. Thank you to all I met in Tasmania for your friendly welcome and all you contribute to the Josephite Mission.



Associates at Hobart with Sr Jill Dance



Associates at Launceston with Sr Margaret Cousins

BOOK/DVD REVIEWS



WHEN FRANCIS MET BILLY by Louise Booth

This is a delightful book about Francis, an autistic boy, whose life was changed when the family chose a cat, Billy. Billy seemed to be clairvoyant, knowing when Francis was going to have a melt down. After the cat arrived Francis attempted going outside, started talking and finally became a student at a normal school.

The Father was an electrician on Balmoral Estate, in Scotland. A truly amazing story about the wonderful characteristics animals have which enable them to help people.

ACT LOVE WALK

Praying in the Josephite Spirit.

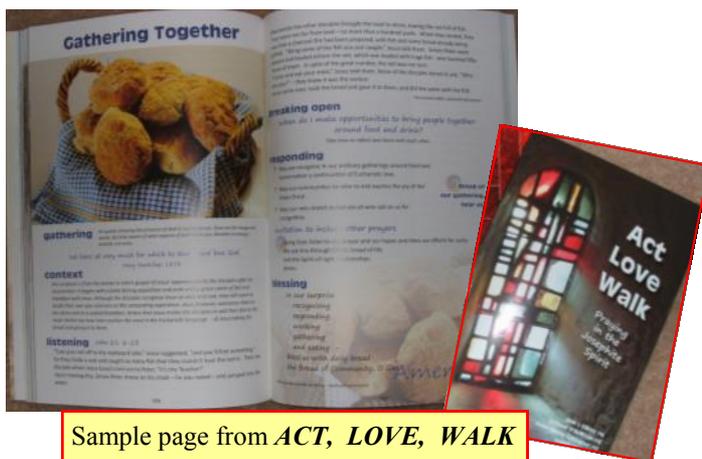
Put together by Sisters of St Joseph

A beautiful prayer book illustrated in colour with artworks and containing prayers for feasts during the year eg. St Joseph, Anzac Day, Sacred Heart, Mary MacKillop, Irene McCormack and also prayers on topics eg. Acting with hope; being God's Image; Serving Humbly.

A very useful book that could be used by individuals or groups as a prayer source. Scripture and points for reflection are included in each prayer.

A lovely Christmas present .

Reasonably priced at \$20 from Heritage Centre.
Second Print available February 2015



Sample page from *ACT, LOVE, WALK*

EXCEPT IN OBEDIENCE by Marie Crowley The Diocesan Sisters of St Joseph in Victoria

. A very interesting historical account of those early days in the Ballarat Diocese when Sisters from Perthville and Tasmania staffed schools. The book is illustrated with photos and i profiles of some of the Sisters who were important to these foundations. Available from the Heritage Centre. \$24.95

DAYS FOR GIRLS- AUSTRALIA

There has been a wonderful response from Associates who are assisting in this very worthwhile project. Broadmeadows group have completed 27 bags; Eaglehawk provided a big bag of face washers as well as many sewn items; Woodend have been passing on worn flannel-ette sheets and other goods. Some of our Sisters have contributed sheets and items.

In Tasmania the Hobart group have been collecting to forward a considerable sum to Robyn. Robyn will speak at our Leaders Day, explaining where these bags are sent. A container of medical goods went to Cambodia in November and permission was given to include many Days for Girls bags.

Or contact: Robyn Suttie (Victoria)
03 5335 6761

Email: robynsuttie@gmail.com

Items needed are:

Knickers sizes 10-12; 12-14; Face washers
Zip lock Bags—Large 27cmx32cm about
"Motel" size soap samples

If you collect items, I could collect them and deliver them to Robyn to save postage.

These and donations could be sent to
Robyn Suttie, 7 Banyule Drive
Delacombe Vic 3356

Or brought to the Regional Days or Heritage Centre and I will deliver them to Ballarat. Robyn can also call here on a Thursday as she travels between Ballarat and Melbourne

"Because no woman should go without"
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WALKING FREE

By Munjed Al Muderis

The extraordinary true story of a young man who fled war-torn Iraq, came to Australia as a refugee by boat, spent months in a detention centre and went on to become a pioneering surgeon, one of the world's leading osseo-integration surgeons, transforming the lives of amputees with a pioneering technique that allows them to walk again.

And he was told to go home to Iraq, where a fellow surgeon was executed for refusing to mutilate the ears of three busloads of army deserters!! Thank God he was able to stay.

At Collins Books and K Mart.

ASSOCIATES' BULLETIN BOARD - SUMMER 2014

FROM THE OFFICE:

Many Associates are now receiving their Newsletter in colour by email. If you are still receiving it by post and would like it by email, just send an email to the address below. You can view it in colour on the sosj.org.au website, under news and events/newsletters.

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USED STAMPS

Used postage stamps have raised thousands of dollars for the Peruvian Mission. Please leave a border of about 1cm around the stamps.
Please forward stamps to:

STAMPS

Locked Bag 3031
BURWOOD NSW 1805

BOXES OF STAMPS TO:

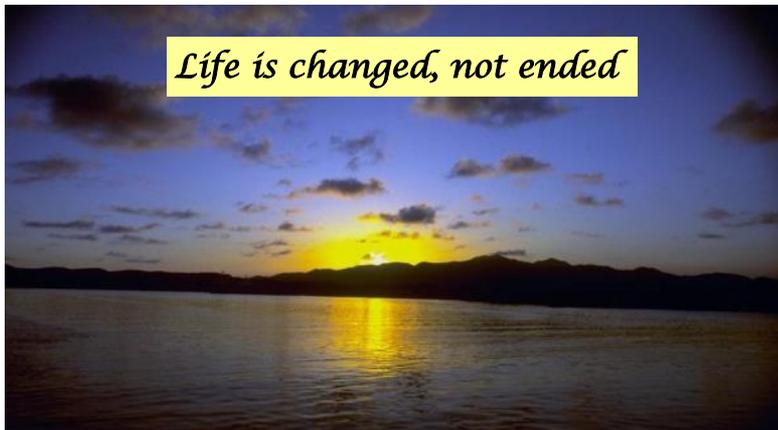
5 Alexander Avenue,
Croydon NSW 2132

Thank you

As postage has increased members of the group may like to contribute to the cost as part of their service.



Life is changed, not ended



Let us pray for the following deceased and their families who grieve their loss

Kath Kirne, Numurkah
Sheila Malady, Stratford
Josephine Finnigan, Nagambie
Lola Hanlon, Wangaratta
Sr Alice (Evangelista) O'Neill rsj
Sr Henica Jans rsj
Sr Sheila (Maria Goretti) Edwards rsj
Bishop Jeremiah Coffey

CHRISTMAS GIVING

The food bank at the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre is open every week day, and families get goods on a point system depending on the number in their family.

Items they run short of quickly are:

Toiletries—especially for men
Washing Powder
Tins of Tuna

Now it may be a bit difficult to get these items there, but a monetary donation sent to

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
Food Bank
214-218 Nicholson St
FOOTSCRAY 3011 could help.

You could say what you wanted it spent on or leave them to choose what they needed at that time. If you live close enough you may like to visit.

Search in Google, pay online, see photos of the new centre, read their stories, read latest news and the many ways you may be able to help.
Jesus said: Give and gifts will be yours, pressed down and overflowing.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you move to another address, please make sure you advise the office. Otherwise you may find yourself deleted from the mailing list if your newsletter is returned.

Catch up on the Josephite News!
and Mary MacKillop E-News:

Or catch up on what is happening in our Josephite family on
www.sosj.org.au

And for anything about Mary MacKillop on
www.marymackillop.org.au

You can subscribe to the email news and it will automatically be sent to you — on the 8th of every month.

AND it's FREE!

If you are looking for a Reflection for the