



Josephite Associates, Victoria

Summer Newsletter 2010



SPECIAL CANONISATION ISSUE

For all of us it has been an exciting and busy few months. Most of us would have attended some celebrations of our St Mary of the Cross or watched it on your TV.

My trusty iron steed has travelled many kilometres again as I joined in celebrations all over Victoria and South Australia.

On 13th October Sr Clare McDermott and I travelled to Portland for a special Mass and visit to the school. On the Friday

we were present at the blessing of the new headstone of Alexander MacKillop's grave, Mary's Father. Even though it was only 8 degrees a good crowd had walked from the Church to be present.

We then travelled to Penola to join in the Mass and festivities there.

As well I have been to the Cathedral in Melbourne, to Ballarat, Numurkah, Bacchus Marsh. Albion and Sale celebrations. I am still amazed at the fact it is an Australian woman who is our first saint and that the only others to be nominated so far are also women.

Eg Caroline Chisholm, Eileen O'Connor and Irene McCormack.

Enrolments have been made at Eaglehawk, Wonthaggi and Sebastopol and several new groups are beginning formation in 2011. With all the enthusiasm with Mary's Canonisation, let us try to engage others and invite one person to join the Josephite family as an Associate. If any one wants a brochure with who they are, why and how, let me know.

The Regional meetings were very enjoyable for those who were able to come. The team put a lot of work into organising these days and it is good to have a reasonable number present.

I have organised some retreat days for next year and dates etc

are included in this newsletter. Our regional days for 2011 will include some reflection on Mary MacKillop's spirituality. As well two pilgrimages will set out from Bacchus Marsh to Sydney and to Penola. So I will not be twiddling my thumbs.

In January I celebrate 50 years professed as a Sister of St Joseph and will celebrate with the Sisters of my group in Sydney. Of the 67 professed 40 of us are still around ! The 50 years have been wonderful years blessed by a loving Father. Please keep us in your prayers! May your Christmas be blessed with peace and joy and the presence of loved ones.

Mary Fermio RSJ



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friendship
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Summer Reflection ...

Summer is a time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, recall its circumstances, wonder at the events that surrounded it, the love of Mary and Joseph, their difficulties and their need to become refugees to preserve the life of their child.

Summer is also a time when we take a break, find some space in our lives, get away from the humdrum of each day and relax and share time with friends and families. During the summer comes a New Year, when we look with hope for maybe a better year, for a new job, new grandchildren, new residence, new activities.

Resolutions are often part of this time—but how many do we keep!

Our resolutions need to be practical and attainable, ones that improve the quality of our lives, draw us closer to the God who loves us, make the world a better place.

Our mission is PRAYER, FRIENDSHIP and SERVICE.

Maybe we could take one of these and work on it during 2011. Pray for your Parish, your families, for young people, for vocations to religious life and priesthood.

Could we extend our friendship a little further, in the parish, by phone, email. Look for those who live alone and are maybe lonely, don't speak to anyone at the church. Invite someone to join one of the parish groups, start a book club, or a card or scrabble group. There are so many ways to extend friendship in our lives.

I am always amazed at the work so many of you do in your Parish. Women of 80plus doing Meals on Wheels, taking Communion to the housebound, visiting the sick etc. Have you thought of inviting someone to come with you? Do you wear your Associates' Badge to indicate you are a Josephite? Do you carry out your service with a Josephite Heart? With a smile, seeking out the needy.

Let us pray to St Mary of the Cross to guide us, to show us what we need to do, who needs the care of a Josephite. You will be surprised!

MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGES 2011

LEAVING FROM BACCHUS MARSH—8 a.m. on first day.

TO SYDNEY return via East Coast (pick up at Broadmeadows?)

May 19—25th via Numurkah, North Goulburn, North Sydney, Eden, Bairnsdale
6 nights by coach approx \$1,200 twin share, plus \$250 single

TO PENOLA via Hamilton and Portland September 9th—12th 2011

3 nights by coach. Approx Cost \$550 twin share; plus \$120 single. Pick up at Ballarat

Both will depend on bookings. If you are interested please contact

Sr Mary Fermio 5367 2078, mary.fermio@sosj.org.au or write (address on back page)

*Or Cardigan Touring Services 5334 3322 (during January) **BEFORE 1st March 2011***

CELEBRATING THE CANONISATION

At BEECHWORTH

Photos from the "Mary MacKillop Day" celebrations for Mary's Canonisation at Beechworth.

1. Irene and Linda on our special "Mary MacKillop Day." The day was a great success even though it poured with rain.

2/3 . The Principal's daughter dressed up as Mary and arrived in a horse and carriage. 4. All the children and staff were dressed in period costumes and welcomed Mary for a day of celebration. 5. The Multi-Purpose room was decorated with artwork, projects and a mural depicting the life of Mary. After welcoming Mary, we all took part in a prayer reflection and learned about the qualities that Mary possessed that helped to make her our very first Saint.

Everyone enjoyed a beautiful morning tea provided by the parents and then the children performed a "Concert for Mary". Mary then gave each child a holy picture and a medal as a memento of the day. She didn't forget to give each child a lolly from her lolly jar! After Mary left the children enjoyed a sausage sizzle and played old fashioned games. It was truly a day to remember!

. The children here have done so much work on the life of Mary and know a lot about her now which is great. We got a grant from the Sandhurst Diocese to pay for the celebrations

Linda Murcutt and Irene Sharp



BLESSING OF NEW HEADSTONE ON ALEXANDER MACKILLOP'S GRAVE

On 15th October the parish of Hamilton celebrated the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop by a tribute to her father Alexander MacKillop, who is buried in the Hamilton Pioneer Cemetery.

The day began with a Parish Mass attended by many parishioners, with children from St Mary's Primary School, Hamilton, Coleraine and Penshurst and Monivae College. Srs Mary Fermio, Clare McDermott, Carmel Rogers, Anne Cahir and Geraldine Whelan had travelled from Melbourne for the occasion. Fr Mark McGuinness msc was the main celebrant and Frs John McKinnon and Frank Madden concelebrated. Fr Richard Silk of the Anglican Church, Rev Peter Cook, Uniting Church, plus council dignitaries were present.

The theme of the day was **WALKING WITH MARY MACKILLOP** expressed in a banner carried into the Church. After Mass some brave and hardy souls set out to walk to the Cemetery (40 mins) in the rain lead by a group of Scottish Pipers. The temperature was 8 degrees so they were to be commended for their dedication (some of us walked in our cars!!)

At the cemetery the group gathered around Alexander's grave which was now graced by a black marble headstone with gold writing, indicating he was the father of St Mary MacKillop. The previous headstone erected in 1994 for the Beatification had been deteriorating and becoming difficult to read and was also damaged. A song, reading and prayers were offered and miraculously the rain stopped while we gathered round. At the end of the short service flowers were strewn on his grave. All felt moved as we stood and remembered the man who gave us our Saint and who taught her so well.

Sr Anne Cahir was particularly glad to be present, as she had accompanied a parade of cars from Coleraine, including Sisters of St Joseph from Penola, for the blessing of the grave and first headstone in 1968, after being unmarked for 100 years.

A sausage sizzle lunch was much appreciated at the Primary school and we caught up with friends. Mary Dalton, and her husband Leon, Associates from Port Fairy were present. Mary declared they were the best sausages she had ever tasted.

The Wattle Grange Council had also arranged for standing plaques to be placed outside the Cemetery giving the history of Alexander. Other plaques are outside St Mary's Catholic Church and Christ Church, Anglican, which has a pewter icon of St Mary MacKillop honoured with a permanent light.

The Parish, especially Norma and Ted Oliver, Associates, are to be congratulated for their efforts and their care of Alexander's grave.



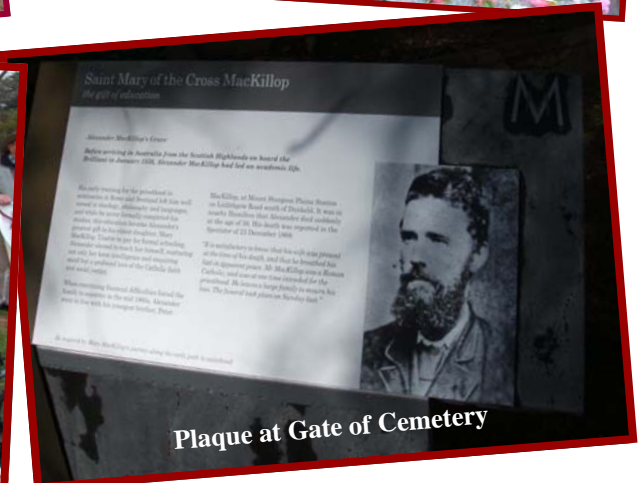
Srs Carmel, Clare, Anne Sr Geraldine



Fr Mark, Sr Mary Fermio, Fr Richard Silk, Pipers



Ted Oliver (in vest) and brave walkers.



Plaque at Gate of Cemetery

CELEBRATING AT NUMURKAH

Thirty Josephite Sisters lead the procession of Priests and Bishop Grech into the "Hay Shed" (actually the Covered Outdoor Learning Area) at St Joseph's School Numurkah. Gathered were many Associates, Parents and School children of the Sandhurst Diocese enjoying the shade on a beautiful sunny day.

The singing was enthusiastically led by a group of Year 9 students from Kyabrim accompanied by an excellent guitarist. Janet Nolan rsj, who lives in Numurkah, proclaimed the first reading at the lectern beautifully decorated with picture and statue. The Book of Gospels was accompanied by three Message sticks and read by Fr Frank Jones of Numurkah.

Bishop Grech spoke of Mary's trust in God and how she encouraged her Sisters to "do what you can with the means at your disposal and then, calmly, leave the rest to God". He encouraged those present to do the same, to imitate her trust in the God who loved them.

Sr Josephine Dubiel, Province Leader of Victoria, said how fitting it was that the last Canonisation celebration was held at Numurkah in the Sandhurst Diocese, where the first was held early in the year. This place was a sacred spot for all Josephites, as St Mary of the Cross had walked this land, loving the children who came to the school, which has maintained a wonderful reputation since 1890.

After the Mass a nourishing lunch was provided for the many adults, while the children tucked into a sausage sizzle.



RETREATS FOR JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES

A. Pallotti College Millgrove:

Friday 1st April 5 pm – Sunday 3rd 2.30p.m.

Cost: \$190

Linen \$10 or BYO sheets/towels etc

Maximum 30

Therese Quinn rsj: Woman of St John's Gospel

C. Retreat House, Nazareth House, 16 Cornell St Camberwell.

Tues. 20th Sept 5 p.m.—Thurs 22nd 2.30 p.m.

Max of 9. Cost \$160 All included

Therese Quinn rsj: Women of St John's Gospel

B. Conference Room, 13 Havelock Road Hawthorn East

Saturday 9th July 10 am .3.00 p.m.

Limit of 30 BYO Lunch to share

M.Tea etc provided. Donation \$20

Moya Unthank rsj: Praying the Psalms

D. Conference Room 13 Havelock Road Hawthorn East

Saturday 22nd October 10 am.—3 p.m.

Limit of 30 BYO Lunch to Share

M. Tea provided Donation \$20

Mary Ryan rsj : Spirituality of St Mary of the Cross

PLEASE USE ENCLOSED APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN BEFORE 15TH FEB. 2011

LEGACY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS IN BALLARAT

Mary MacKillop's first connection with the Ballarat Diocese was when she worked as a teacher at Portland at the Common School. Her Sisters have been involved in working and teaching in many towns as early as 1890 when the "Black Joeys" arrived. Over the years they taught at Bungaree, Dunnolly and Creswick. In 1913 and 1914 Josephites went to Springbank and Gordon. To Swan Hill in 1923 and the same year reopened the denominational school at Coleraine. Stawell was staffed in 1925, Nhill in 1949 followed by Ouyen in 1952 and Hopetoun in 1958 when Sea Lake was also opened.

When the Sisters left the schools in Nhill and Hopetoun they conducted a Motor Mission in both parishes. For some years Sr Mary Coman lived at Portland and Sr Dominic Foley at Alfredton.

Sr Maureen O'Kelly, Parish Leader of Sea Lake, is the only Josephite now working in the Ballarat Diocese.

Mary MacKillop has a direct connection with the Ballarat Diocese having travelled extensively in the area visiting families who had fostered boys from Surrey Hills Boys Home. She stayed at the presbyteries at Maryborough and Mortlake.

On one occasion she called at Bungaree and finding one of the Sisters ill, took over the teaching of the class.

Today her legacy lives on in the Josephite Associates in Hamilton, Swan Hill and Sebastopol. Five Associates were enrolled on 31st October at St James' Church Sebastopol which brings the number there to six.

Adapted from Our Diocesan Community July 2010



Margaret Harty, Mary Fermjio rsj, Jan Schaper, Noreen McLeish
Front: Maureen Cleeman, Anne Dark, Jennifer Dunne

CELEBRATING IN BALLARAT

A full Cathedral at St Patrick's Ballarat on Sunday 31st October attested to the love of the Diocese for St Mary of the Cross and the Sisters of St Joseph, of whom nearly 30 were present.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage Staff was blessed and this was followed by a reflection on the life of Mary MacKillop and the song Beneath a Cross of Stars with representatives of the Primary Schools leading.

Members of the Australian Catholic University, some of whom had sung in Rome, lead the beautiful singing, which was taken up by the whole congregation.

At the end of the Mass Sr Dominic Foley, who had lived in Ballarat for many years, unveiled a bronze bust of St Mary of the Cross, positioned on a stand which listed the parishes the Josephite Sisters had worked in since 1890, numbering 15 in all. Each of these parishes was presented with a plaque, featuring the new bronze bust, as a memento for their parishes. Gold Canonisation balloons were given to the children.

People from Sea Lake, and Swan Hill were represented with Associates from Sebastopol, and religious from other Congregations. Bishop Peter Connors celebrated the Mass together with Diocesan Priests and Deacon.

A delicious afternoon tea followed this joyous celebration, where Sisters caught up with many old friends.



Sculptor: Louis Laumen

ON THE MARY MACKILLOP TRAIL

We had a wonderful trip following in the steps of Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods from Bacchus Marsh to Penola. Sr Mary Fermio was our tour guide. We left the Marsh, 14 in all, at 8 am on Friday 10th September and travelled to Sebastopol where seven other pilgrims joined our bus. We had morning tea at Skipton. On arrival at Hamilton St Mary's parishioners treated us to a light luncheon and then we visited Alexander MacKillop's grave, the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches. After Mass we enjoyed a casserole tea and sweets.

Next day we visited All Saints Church, Portland and Bayview College, which surrounds the house where the MacKillop family lived and conducted their Ladies' Academy.

On to Mt Gambier for the next two nights and seeing the Blue Lake. On Sunday we went to Mass at St Joseph's Church Penola and the officiating priest was Fr Paul Gardiner. We were taken on a tour of the town areas associated with Mary MacKillop and to Fr Wood's tree and in the park opposite were several sculptures carved from the stumps of pine trees, depicting activities of Fr Woods. Absolutely magnificent!

Free time allowed us to visit the Interpretive Centre and Petticoat Lane which were very special.

On Monday we headed for home via Hall's Gap and lunch at the Ararat RSL. At Ballarat we said good bye to some friends, arriving home about 4.30 p.m. A great time was had by all and maybe we will go again next year. We thoroughly recommend this trip to you and yours.

Lucille Wheelahan



CELEBRATING IN MELBOURNE

To the haunting sound of a didgeridoo, the celebrations in St Patrick's Cathedral began on 6th November. After a welcome by St Josephine Dubiel and a welcome to country by Joy Wandin Murphy, Wurundjeri Elder, the Sisters of St Joseph, all wearing their teal blue scarves, processed into the Cathedral lead by Lauren Borg, as "Mary MacKillop". What a wonderful sight!! Some time was spent reflecting on Mary MacKillop's spirituality and Mike Brady sang the song he composed, *In Mary's Hands*.

The Mass commenced with *Penola Plains* as Archbishop Denis Hart accompanied by Bishops and Priests of Victoria processed into the Cathedral. The choir, composed of Sisters of St Joseph, students and staff of MacKillop College, Werribee; Mount St Joseph's Girl's College, Altona and Penola Catholic College, Broadmeadows, helped the Congregation to fill the Cathedral with song.

Congratulations go to the Liturgy Committee for a splendid celebration of the Canonisation of St Mary of the Cross and gratitude to the hundreds who joined the Sisters to make this a wonderful occasion. As we all processed out at the end of Mass to the thrilling strains of Andrew Chinn's *Beneath a Cross of Stars* a wonderful atmosphere of joy pervaded all present. Many members of other religious Congregations joined with the Sisters to celebrate this Australian Saint, a saint for all people throughout the world.

A delicious lunch following for all in Dallas Brooks Hall and it was a happy time of meeting up with Associates and old friends. All would have returned home tired but happy to have been in the city that morning.

CELEBRATING AT BACCHUS MARSH

A fitting tribute to St Mary of the Cross MacKillop was held at Bacchus Marsh on 24th October. The first school in the Melbourne Archdiocese was opened here in 1890 and the Sisters lived in a former Doctor's house. Some years later a two-storied brick building was erected as a Convent and in 1905 a Chapel was added.

The sisters moved from this building in the 1980's to a smaller house in Lerderderg St and the Chapel of the old convent is the Catholic Museum, beautifully maintained by a dedicated parish team.

Planning had been happening for months for this celebration which was held in the grounds of St Bernard's school at 11 a.m. Seventeen Sisters of St Joseph, all wearing their distinctive teal blue scarves, sat proudly in the front row joined by many parishioners and visitors including past teachers and students.

Bishop John Stewart, retired Anglican Bishop, and the ministers from the Anglican, Uniting and Baptist Churches were present as well as the Mayor of Mooroolbool Shire.

The children had had a competition painting a picture of Mary MacKillop and one was carried up in the entrance procession and placed on a stand with the Parish picture of Mary MacKillop. A proclamation was read by Sr Mary Fermio and Mass began. A choir of the school children did a wonderful job leading the singing conducted by Kathy Taylor, teacher.

The verses of the first reading from St Paul's letter to the Colossians were alternated with readings from the letters of Mary MacKillop. During the Prayers of the Faithful symbols were brought up during an appropriate prayer—bible, cross, candle, food, picture of school children, sandals, with the bread and wine at the end.

During the Celebration Val Dickson, a Josephite Associate, read a reflection on St Mary of the Cross written by Rona Laurance, Josephite Associate who was born in Scotland.

At the end of the Mass Bishop Stewart spoke of his connection to Mary MacKillop as his Uncle, a Protestant McDonald, had owned Winella Cottage, Penola, where Mary and her sisters lived, as well as the Stable which was made into a school. When Bishop Stewart saw photos of these buildings he considered she was overcharged by the peppercorn rent. His relatives, who still own the block of land, have discovered that the well, from which Mary would have drawn water, is still there. As well a metal cross and door key have been found. Fr Paul Gardiner considers this would have been the cross that Mary prayed in front of in the evening, according to a letter by Annie, her sister, and the key used by them to open the front door.

At the end of the Mass visitors were treated to a lovely lunch and families picnicked on the oval.

It was a very happy day of catching up with old friends and teachers and visiting the Museum in the old convent where some of the Sisters had lived.

Fr Brian Glasheen PP, made everyone welcome and enabled a wonderful celebration to be enjoyed by all and we were blessed with lovely Spring sunshine.



CARMEL PILCHER rsj WRITES ABOUT ROME

*Taken from her report on cathnews website:
Carmel was on the committee that prepared the
Thanksgiving Mass in Rome.*

I have heard many make the comment that the Mass of Thanksgiving (at St Paul's Basilica outside the Walls) was a particular highlight for them because it was the one 'truly Aussie' celebration. The question has puzzled me and I found myself asking: what seemed to make a Mass celebrated in the heart of Rome so distinctively and identifiably Australian?

The Mass of Thanksgiving strictly followed the texts and structures of the Roman Rite, with no additions or exclusions, and in that regard was no different from the Canonisation Mass the day before in St Peter's Square.

While we were commemorating an Australian Saint we celebrated at the tomb of St Paul in the environs of a huge and truly magnificent Roman Basilica. Australia cannot boast of such a lavishly decorated building, so there was nothing there to remind us of home, so what made the Mass seem so 'Aussie' and familiar?

First of all most of the 4000 participants were Australian. And unlike the day before, we mostly prayed in English. Other languages were included—Tetun and Maori of East Timor and New Zealand and Spanish to honour Mary's Peru connection.

We chose service music and hymns that were familiar to us all and were ably led by the Australian Catholic University Choir and we did all sing.

Cardinal's Pell homily was both inspirational and extremely relevant and touched us all powerfully. And perhaps a highlight for many and a favourite of the media, were the processions.

The entrance procession set the tone. It was heralded by banners depicting the colours of our country. Aboriginal elders led the more than one hundred Josephites who had travelled to Rome. The teal blue

scarves contrasted with the white of the many Bishops who represented Dioceses from Australia, New Zealand and beyond.

The second procession of gifts was heralded by the unmistakable sound of the didgeridoo. It was led by a group of Australian aboriginal people who danced proudly and reverently around the cross that had been specially made and decorated for the occasion.

They were followed by native peoples of New Zealand, East Timor and Peru who processed with great dignity in colourful costumes, with each person bearing gifts. Finally two Josephite leaders brought forward the gifts of bread and wine. The third procession to communion was not as orderly, but no less significant, as thousands moved to the many bishops to be fed from the one body in Christ.

So what ultimately gave this Mass an 'Aussie' flavour? Why was it such a powerful celebration that was relevant and life changing for the participants?

I suspect it was all of the above as well as the palpably deep 'Aussie faith' of the 4000 or so who participated with all their hearts and minds, singing, praying and exercising the fullness of their baptismal calling. It was this tangible faith that I believe made pilgrims feel so 'at home' when in fact they were so very far from the land of their birth.

But then each Sunday we gather for an even greater reason—to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ and we took care to prepare this liturgy with the particular assembly in mind.

We carefully chose music that all could sing; we honoured the occasion by our processions that were relevant to the occasion... this I believe is the challenge for those of us who prepare the special liturgy that is celebrated each and every Sunday—not on Mary MacKillop's, but on the Lord's Day.

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**Let God's glory absorb our
thoughts, words and actions.**

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop 1904

CELEBRATING MELBOURNE'S MARY



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Planning had been underway for months, with different committees meeting on a weekly basis (and sometimes in-between!). 'Events' experts were employed to help with the logistics and organisation of the massive programme of Canonisation celebrations for 'Melbourne's Mary' which were held on 17th October in Melbourne. Generous funding from the Victorian Government and donations from other supporters enabled many great things to happen!

After the packed 11.00a.m. Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral attended by more than 4000 people, crowds gathered outside Mary's birthplace in Brunswick Street Fitzroy to process to the Exhibition Building where the celebration was to continue into the evening.

Across the road from the birth place a chapel in honour of Mary MacKillop is to be built for the use of students and staff of Australian Catholic University. Many Sisters present with others for the blessing ceremony of the site and foundation stone.

At 2 p.m. the procession, led by a joyful and excited band of Josephite Sisters wearing their distinctive teal blue scarves, set off, behind a wide blue banner, from Mary's Birth-place, leading a 5000 strong street procession of exuberant adults and children representing schools, parishes, cultural and religious groups, and waving flags, banners, symbols and flowers, as they joyfully processed towards the Royal Exhibition Building. Along the way, they were accompanied by brass bands, pipers, drummers, stilt walkers, clowns, and cultural musicians and dancers, and cheered by happy onlookers!

After a 'Welcome to Country' by Wurundjeri Elder, Aunty Joy Wandin Murphy, the official party, which included the Governor of Victoria, the Prime Minister, the Premier, Minister James Merlino, Bishop Les Tomlinson, Sr Mary Ryan rsj and other dignitaries, welcomed the people - and the festivities were declared open! For the next three hours, an estimated 10,000 people viewed displays mounted by Catholic organisations and attended performances from schools, dancers, choirs, musicians, artists and entertainers in the grounds and within the Royal Exhibition Building. A significant number of people visited the two quiet reflective prayer areas to ponder the meaning of the day, and from across Melbourne and beyond made the most of the opportunity to celebrate and learn more about Mary MacKillop and her legacy through informative 'story boards' displays. Everyone enjoyed the celebratory atmosphere!

As evening approached the activities ceased, and around 3000 people settled down to participate in the moving and inspirational Evening Liturgy. In his reflection, Bishop Costelloe said that Mary MacKillop's values were quintessentially Australian. *"Tonight we claim her as our own, even as she is given to the whole world, the whole Church."* Thence followed the live-cross to Rome and the televised Canonisation ceremony. Huge screens inside and outside the Exhibition Building linked all to Rome, as with full hearts, Australians heard their Mary declared a Saint for the universal Church. The cry of '*Mary MacKillop Oy! Oy! Oy!*' resounded around Melbourne and in Rome, and many were moved to tears at the wonder of this moment.

Mary's Canonisation was a significant historical event, not only for Catholics, but all Australians and Melbourne marked the event with the celebration it deserved!

When Mary MacKillop walked the streets of Melbourne in the 1890's as a 'beggar-in-chief' in her own city, she could never have dreamt that 100 years after her death she would be declared a Saint. We thank God for this courageous, compassionate, inspirational woman who gave so much to the Australian Church and the people of Australia. We know that she will continue to inspire and challenge us to make a difference in the lives of others in our own small part of the world.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop pray for us!



ASSOCIATES' BULLETIN BOARD - SUMMER 2010

USED STAMPS

Thanks to those who have already collected and forwarded stamps for Peru.

Keep them coming!!

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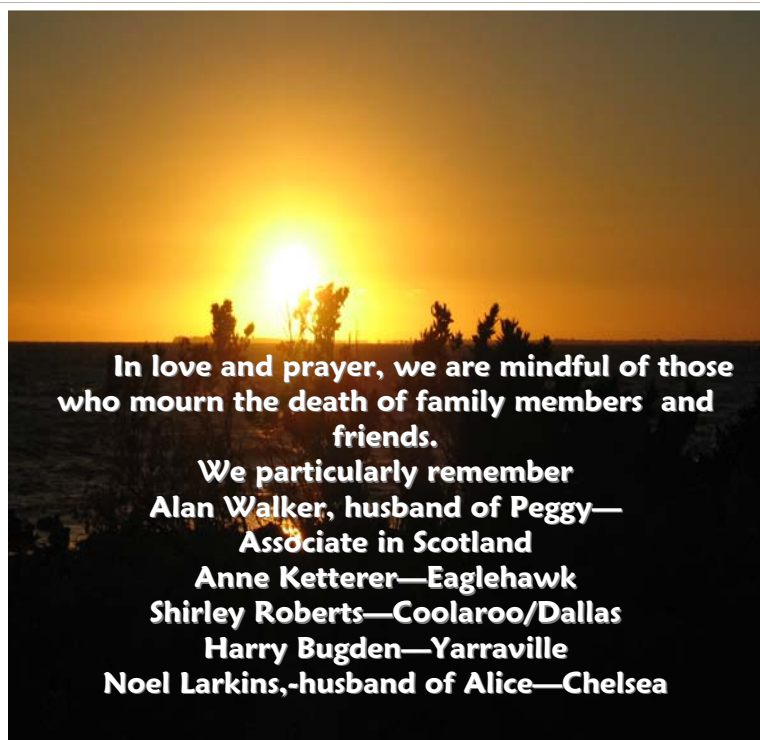


Mark envelope **STAMPS**
THANK YOU!

REPORTS ON REGIONAL MEETINGS ENROLMENTS AND MEMORIES OF SUNSHINE

have been held over until next issue in Autumn so that Associates can share in the Canonisation Celebrations that have happened in Victoria and Rome .

HAPPY CHHRTISTMAS TO ALL!



In love and prayer, we are mindful of those who mourn the death of family members and friends.

We particularly remember

**Alan Walker, husband of Peggy—
Associate in Scotland**

Anne Ketterer—Eaglehawk

Shirley Roberts—Coolaroo/Dallas

Harry Bugden—Yarraville

Noel Larkins,-husband of Alice—Chelsea

SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS ...

- Initiate a Parish Collection of gift toiletries for a local women's refuge or Vinnies (this enables children to give gifts to their mothers)
- Invite someone who lives alone to share a special meal
- Are there several who live alone you could gather for a special meal or afternoon tea.
- With the school organize a senior's Christmas concert and afternoon tea
- Offer to baby sit for a young mum so she can do her Christmas shopping
- Make a Christmas cake or pudding for someone who may miss out
- Advise your local Vinnies if you know of a family or single person that could use help
- Collect all your Christmas stamps
- Send a donation to MacKillop Family Services to help a family at this time
- Has your Parish Priest somewhere to have Christmas Dinner?

FROM THE OFFICE:

Thank you to all who returned the Enrolment Update Sheet. It is still not too late!! And there are many still out there. We hope to send your next newsletter by email for those who requested it.

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