



Josephite Associates

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Summer Newsletter



"When I want something very much I thank God beforehand for I feel God will certainly grant what He has been thanked for"

Dear Associates,

At our recent Core Group meeting, it was decided that we would insert a saying of Mary MacKillop on our newsletters, to help us as we carry out our journey each day. These quotes will appear next to the picture of Mary MacKillop at the top of your newsletters each quarter. I trust you all had a very happy Christmas, shared with family and friends. After the busy year planning for Mary's Canonisation I pray this year is one filled with many joys and blessings.

SUGGESTIONS CALLED FOR

Often it is only at celebrations or group clusters that we get the chance to catch up so if you can think of other ways that we can catch up please drop me a line and let me know. I appreciate that time is often a restricting factor to our busy lives but it is always good to take time out and just be. Some suggestions that have already been offered are: catching up at the local coffee shop or even a group movie night. Keep your suggestions rolling in. My contact details appear on the top of the newsletter.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION

Eucharist will be celebrated at **11am on Saturday March 19**,
Corpus Christi Church, Bage Street, Nundah.

Refreshments following Mass will be held in Nolan Hall.
Please come and celebrate and catch up.

For catering purposes you will need to RSVP by 12th March.

Please forward your acceptance to:

**Sister Joan Finucane
P.O. Box 243 Taigum 4018**

I WILL BE ATTENDING ST JOSEPH'S DAY:

NAME: _____ Number attending: _____

Alternatively you can ring the following phone numbers and leave your details.

(P) 3266 1300 (M) 041 77 635 72

DONATIONS TOWARD EXPENSES

Many thanks to those who so generously contribute to the cost of printing, stationery, postage, envelopes, travel, etc. Every little piece of assistance is gratefully appreciated and received.

If you would like to also assist with Associate Expenses I would be extremely thankful. If you are unable to personally assist you might consider collecting donations at your Group Meetings.

All cash Donations go towards the cost of postage and travel expenses incurred when visiting various groups. Donations can be sent to me at the following address:

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CORE GROUP MEETINGS

Your Core Group meets every two to three months during the year. As a rule we meet in February, April, July, September and November. If you would like to suggest any items for the Core Group Meetings please drop me a line or give me a ring and I will put it on the Agenda for the next meeting. We would love to hear from you. This year your Core Group members remain the same as last year. They are: Sister Janet McDougall, Carmel Baillie, Catherine Finlay, Petra Milaudi, Shirley O’Ryan, Linda Schostakowski, Marie Sellin and Sister Joan Finucane (Josephite Associate Coordinator)

ASSOCIATES RETREAT

August 27

Nolan Hall, commencing at 10am

Mark this date on your calendar. I would love to see as many as possible come to this great day out.

Plenty of time for prayer and reflection as well as a chance to socialize and catch up over morning tea and lunch.

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please keep Faye Walsh and her family in your prayers as Faye is not well at the moment. Your prayers are greatly appreciated by Faye and her family.

Prayers please also for Veronica Roach and Barbara McMillan who are also unwell.



OUR MEMORIES OF THE LEAD UP TO CANONISATION

-by Phyllis Aldred and Mavis Eldridge

Phyllis and Mavis flew to Sydney with an agenda: to be a part of what was taking place in, and around, Mount Street. It gave them great joy to see the streets all decked out with banners when they arrived. "Nothing written on paper" they write, "can express the depth of feeling, or the prayerfulness, of all the people kneeling around the Tomb. There was not a sound...no footsteps....only silent prayer could be heard." The following are a few excerpts from Phyllis and Mavis' pilgrimage to Sydney.

Saturday 16th October: After a delayed flight, due to high wind, we finally arrived in Sydney. After a quick lunch on Bronte Beach we travelled onto Waverley Cemetery to visit the grave of Father Julian Tenison Woods. In the evening we went to visit St Mary's Church, from where Mary MacKillop's Funeral Mass was held. Jesuit Priests are there with Father Anthony Smith being the Parish Priest. After Mass we watched a video presentation of many of the places with which Mary had been involved. This was an extremely moving moment for us and one we will always appreciate.

Sunday 17th October: After an early breakfast we arrived at Mount Street around 8.15am. There were quite a few people there already around the tomb but nevertheless we were able to spend a long time at the foot of Mary's tomb. Mary's tomb was completely adorned with flowers. Periodically the sisters would remove the flowers and place them in vases in the corner but as quickly as the flowers were removed more were put on the tomb. This was an ongoing ritual which happened all day.

After spending some reflective time in the Chapel we moved outside around 9.30am to attend Mass at "Glenroy on the Green". It was already packed with a very obvious Police presence. The Mass was celebrated by a Jesuit Priest which again brought us to be aware of Mary's association with this great Religious Order of holy men. We were overawed and felt greatly privileged to be a part of this breathtaking experience.

By this time you could barely move. The crowd stood shoulder to shoulder but eventually we managed to return to Mary's Tomb. By now the flower arrangements were heading to the ceiling.

We again moved outside where we spoke with a journalist. "Since Mary's Beatification," we told the journalist, "we have prayed to live long enough to see Blessed Mary MacKillop Canonised and with God's grace we have achieved our wish."

We left Mount Street around 2.30pm and after a quick sandwich we settled down in our accommodation to watch the television coverage of the Canonisation. The Canonisation was a joy to watch....all the blue scarves waving, the dignity of all those present and the effervescent smiles on the Aussie faces....what a memory.

Monday 18th October: Looking like a couple of elderly nuns in our Yellow scarves, Saint Mary MacKillop badges, Associate Pins we arrived at the airport only to discover that our seats had been upgraded from economy class to business class. The perfect end to an even more perfect weekend.



DATES FOR 2011

March 12:	Rockhampton	2:00pm
March 14:	Moorooka	9:30am
May 9:	Moorooka	9:30am
To be advised:	Clermont Allora Pittsworth	



WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSOCIATES

A special welcome to all our new Associates.
We hope to meet some of you at our
St Joseph's Day Celebrations.

WEBSITES



Josephite Website: www.sosj.org.au



Mary MacKillop Website: www.marymackillop.org.au



We remember with gratitude and prayer

Sr Frances Anne Wallace
Sister of St Joseph
Queensland Province

Who entered eternal life

23 February 2011

In the 91st year of her age
and the 73rd year of her Religious Life

R.I.P.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

...the victims of the recent Queensland floods. I know many of you have supported and helped as volunteers. Some of you may also be trying to rebuild your wet homes while waiting for the water moisture levels to leave your homes. We will continue to support you through prayer.

...the people affected by the Christchurch earthquake and the rescue teams. May God's guiding hand be with them.