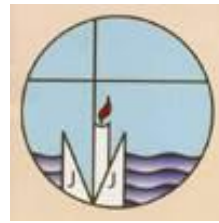
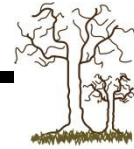


Josephite Associates



Friendship Prayer Service

PO Box 57
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Winter 2011

Lenten Reflection Day by Mary McInerney



The 3rd April was a pleasant, sunny Sunday and an eager group of Associates gathered at Bethany to reflect on the question "What is God's message to us at this stage of our life in light of the gospel?"

Sr Eileen Taylor rsj, with her calm and serene manner, helped us to ponder on the gospel of the day - the account of the blind man, blind since birth, cured by Jesus, much to the chagrin of the religious leaders of the time.

Sr Eileen reminded us that every gospel has a message which we can apply to our

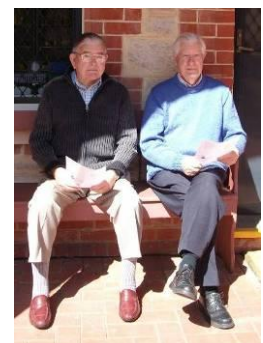
life - though sometimes we have to "dig" to discover it.

We were reminded too, that part of Jesus' earthly mission was to let people know that our God is a God of Mercy.

There was time for personal reflection and prayer and some of us took this opportunity to venture outside.

It was our privilege to celebrate the Eucharist with the residents and volunteers of Tappeiner Court with Mass being celebrated by Archbishop Leonard Faulkner.

Thank you to Sr Eileen and the Associate Committee for arranging this lovely autumn day for us.



Other News

Kath Evans, whose healing was the final miracle accepted for the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop, is visiting the Archdiocese with Archbishop Philip Wilson's approval. Kath will talk about her healing and share her experiences of the Canonisation in Rome.

VENUE: Bethany Hall, Province Centre, 4 High Street, Kensington.

LAST DATE: Friday, 20th May, 7pm – 8.30pm

ALL WELCOME: Please book with Rebecca (telephone 8130 5900)

Friendship Afternoon by Pat O'Sullivan



Sunday 27th February, Kevin and I went to the Josephite Associates' Friendship Afternoon and what a treat was planned for us. We went on a 'trip' to Rome, just in time for the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop (now St Mary of the Cross MacKillop).



A group of 33 Associates and friends was 'led' by Amanda Taverna and Paul Murphy and they were terrific guides. We visited beautiful cathedrals, some where Mary had attended Mass and spent time in prayer. The Josephite Sisters were easily recognised in their teal scarves, while all Australians wore lemon and brown scarves.

As we headed off early for the Canonisation Mass, our tickets entitled us to a special section, no reserved seats, so we learnt very quickly how to deal with the crowds!!!! We eventually had good seats. There was a beautiful feeling of love and hope surrounding us.

The day after the Canonisation, we attended a special Mass, for all Australians, offered by the Archbishops of Australia. We were also shown around Rome by Archbishop Wilson.

We covered much, much more and Amanda's and Paul's experiences caused many a smile and laughter. I believe to have been in Rome must have been the experience of a life time, which WE (our group), without moving from the room, were able to share in, with enjoyment, through their stories and slides.



It was a great afternoon. The Devonshire tea that followed was delicious and gave us a chance to reconnect with other Associate friends as well. Thanks.



"Living in a simple humble way, we want for nothing."
MMK

☞ Day of Reflection ☞

On Saturday, 22nd October the **Jesuit Retreat Centre at Sevenhill** has been booked. This will provide a delightful venue in which to gather and find some spiritual nourishment.

"The grounds, shrines, Stations of the Cross, walking paths and surrounding vineyards create an environment conducive to encountering God in a restful and peaceful rural setting." [website]

Val De Brenni and Lucia Ciocca will lead the Retreat. We hope that many of our Associates from the city and Mid North (and beyond) may be able to join us.

The cost for the day will be \$20 per person and this will include lunch and morning and afternoon tea. We have booked for 30 people to attend and will need to be sure of numbers for catering purposes.

From Adelaide we are happy to co-ordinate people sharing cars to get to Clare. From other centres you may also like to arrange shared transport.

To enable us to know if we have enough people attending this day please express your interest either by returning the tear-off slip below, emailing us on sa.associates@sosj.org.au or telephoning Mary Hemmings on 8355 5365. We ask for this to be done by **25th July** at the latest. We will follow up with further details with those who have let us know of their interest.



**SA Associates Day of Reflection
Sevenhill Retreat Centre
Saturday 22nd October 2011
11am - 3.30pm
(Arrive from 10.30am for morning tea)
Cost: \$20
Transport able to be arranged
Expressions of Interest by **25th July****



Please send to:

**Josephite Associates
PO Box 57, Kent Town, 5071**

**SA Associates Day of Reflection at Sevenhill Retreat Centre
Saturday 22nd October 2011**

- I/We are interested in attending the Retreat Day at Sevenhill in October.
- I/We will require transport from Adelaide to Clare and return.
- I am happy to help with transport from Adelaide to Clare and return.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Funds for Mission by Carla Mastrangelo

Also at the Friendship Afternoon a donation was made to the Peruvian mission for the amount of \$608. Sr Majella O'Sullivan rsj was present to accept the cheque on behalf of the Sisters.

Many thanks to all Associates and friends who made this possible through their contribution to the raffles last year. Due to the success of the raffles we will continue with them this year with all money raised going to the Ain Karim Community – a local organisation caring for adults with a disability and administered by the Sisters of St Joseph.

Look out for the AGM this year which will be held at Ain Karim. See page 6 for more details.



News from Jamestown by Colleen Stewart (Jamestown Contact)

On Saturday 26th March this year, Mary Hemmings, Pat Sandretti and Paul Murphy, from the Associate Committee, travelled to Jamestown in response to a request from the group to conduct a session in the local area.

The day started at 11am with Mass in the Church of St James and afterwards everyone assembled in the new school building. Paul talked about his trip to and shared some of the photos he took in Rome for the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop. This was followed by a delicious pooled lunch, enjoyed by all amidst much chatter.

Then Mary led a discussion on our future direction and many possible ideas were raised. The day concluded with a liturgy, enrolment of and a renewal of commitment to the Associates. Attendance was good with several apologies. Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the day.



Hectorville Associate Group by Mary Heffernan

At our first meeting this year our Priest, Fr Anthony Armardi, celebrated Mass with us at the home of Pat and Kevin O'Sullivan. It was a lovely way to start the year and even more pleasant when we explained to Father what we were about, for him to say *"Ah. You're MacKillop People."*

We meet monthly at the home of various members as there are usually about 12 people present.

Sr Majella O'Sullivan rsj organises our group and the discussions that follow – which can be very lively at times – are based on either a reading from scripture or other spiritual works.

This year the theme is "Friendship" so I guess it's only fitting that the cuppa and biscuits which follow are also much enjoyed.

Our Associate Country Contacts

Jamestown
Murray Bridge
Port Lincoln

Margaret Williams 8664 1739 and Colleen Stewart 8662 4185
Jan Howard 8532 4277
Julie Palmer 8682 3655 (at St Joseph's School)

Hank's Story as told to Terry McDonald



Hank Dee was born on the 31st December 1938 in Tanunda, SA during one of the biggest heatwaves our country has known. Maybe this was a sign because there were times when Hank's life was not easy.

From there his family travelled to a small town called Stone Hut and sadly, at the age of six, Hank's mother died leaving his father to care for three little boys while still trying to earn a living. Hank's father tried desperately to keep them all together as well as giving them the faith he so loved. Hank remembers going to summer school in Peterborough with the Sisters of St Joseph and making his First Communion.

As things became more difficult his father placed the boys in the Good Samaritan Orphanage at Crystal Brook. Hank remembers the Sisters being very kind but always feeling hungry. He stole a cake one day because the temptation was so great.

The family later moved to Adelaide where the children went to Boys Town. When his father remarried the boys returned home and went to school at Christian Brothers College.

Hank worked at G. R. Wills for a number of years and during this time met and married his wife Jenny who also followed the Catholic faith. The couple had 5 children while running a very successful business. Life seemed good but alas their marriage failed and the couple parted.

This was the start of a very bleak and unhappy period in Hank's life. It seemed as if he had almost lost his faith – he became angry and disturbed and was also diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis.

However, with the help of God and the faith his father had given him, Hank started to find his way again. Soon after on the 15th July 2004, his oldest daughter and her husband became the proud parents of a little boy called Max Saul Price.

Max was born with Dyskinetic Cerebral Palsy, the same condition with which Christy Brown, the Irishman, had been diagnosed. Christy was the one who wrote "My Left Foot," which later became a movie.

Hank did not hesitate. He moved to Adelaide to be near his family so that he could help out with baby Max. Until then, Hank says he had no idea about Mary MacKillop. Someone introduced him to her, thinking prayers to her may help little Max. Today Hank is one of Mary MacKillop's greatest devotees. His faith and love of Mary have brought peace, joy and grace to him despite his and Max's ill-health.

Max is unable to stand, walk, use his hands or sit up without support, and must be fed through a tube. Max suffers from seizures and has been in the Childrens Hospital countless times. He is a delightful looking child who rarely stops smiling. Anyone who knows him loves him. Max now goes to school and his progress, despite his problems, is remarkable. His parents must have been chosen by God because no child could have better.

Hank has made a life around Max and his other 5 grandsons. Max is soon to have a little brother and a new little cousin.

Hank must have pleased God and our own St Mary of the Cross MacKillop despite the rough spots he has experienced.

I simply ask all who read this story to remember Max, his parents and grandparents including Hank, and all his helpers in your prayers.

*"Our good God sees
the heart." MMK*

Annual General Meeting

Saturday, 2nd July

2pm – 4pm

Ain Karim

2 Fitzgerald Ave, Enfield



In 1984 Ain Karim was established by the Sisters of St Joseph to provide community based housing and long term residential care for adult men and women with an intellectual disability.

This year our fundraising is focusing on Ain Karim. To share with us about the service provided by Ain Karim, its Director, Sr Chris Schwerdt rsj, will be our guest presenter at our AGM. The session will include a “tour” of the residential places. We hope that many of you will be able to join us for an insight into this inspiring Josephite ministry.

Please contact Mary Hemmings on 8355 5365 by Friday 24th June if you are able to come or email on sa.associates@sosi.org.au

Subscriptions for 2011 – 2012

Membership for the next financial year (2011 – 2012) is due soon. Please complete your details below and post, together with your payment of \$15 which may be made by cash or cheque, to our Treasurer, Gerald Hinton who will also be at the AGM. Alternatively, you can see anyone from the Committee who will be more than happy to pass it on.

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Josephite Associates SA
Annual Subscription (\$15)
1st July 2011 to 30th June 2012

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Name: _____

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Post to: Mr Gerald Hinton
 25 Chapel Street
 Campbelltown, SA, 5074

Celebrating Mary's first Feast Day as a Saint!



Saturday, 6th August

**From 12.30pm
Lawns of Bethany Hall
Province Centre
4 High St, Kensington**

To celebrate the first Feast Day (which occurs on the 8th August) of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop as a Saint for the whole Church all Associates are invited to a BBQ lunch. Cost will be \$5 and if you are able to bring a small salad or dessert to share that would be great.

For further information and for catering purposes please telephone Mary Hemmings on 8355 5365 or email us on sa.associates@sosj.org.au by 1st August if you intend coming.

Diary Dates for 2011 **UPDATED**

① St Mary MacKillop's Monthly Mass and Reflection

Date: 8th of each month (except Sundays)
Time: 10.30am (Mass) and 5.45pm (Reflection)
Place: Kensington Chapel, 286 Portrush Rd, Kensington

① The Mary MacKillop Foundation Annual Fundraising Breakfast

Date: Friday, 27th May
Time: from 7am
Place: Hilton Hotel, Adelaide

The Mary MacKillop Foundation raises funds to support small life changing projects. It funds projects responding to the needs of rural and isolated communities, Indigenous communities, people with disabilities and those forgotten by society.

For more details please check the *postcard* included in this newsletter. If interested book with Rebecca at the Province Office or contact Mary Hemmings **by Monday 16th May** to join a table.

① Annual General Meeting

Please note change of date and location

Date: Saturday, 2nd July
Place: Ain Karim, 2 Fitzgerald Ave, Enfield

For more details please refer to page 6.

① Celebration for Mary's first Feast Day as a Saint

Please note change of date and location

Date: Saturday, 6th August
Place: Lawns of Bethany Hall, Province Centre, 4 High St, Kensington

For more details please refer above.

① Day of Reflection

Date: Saturday, 22nd October
Time: 11am – 3.30pm
Place: Retreat Centre, Sevenhill

For more details please refer to page 3.

“Keep your mind in
peace whatever
happens.” MMK

MEETING PRAYER & REFLECTION

We continue with the series of reflections from Sr Monica Cavanagh rsj "Praying from the Heart – A Reflection with Mary MacKillop for each day of the week" for Associates to use at Associate gatherings or to use for personal prayer. We will present this starting point for meetings and hope this format may be useful.



MARY MACKILLOP A WOMAN WITH A FORGIVING HEART

Gathering

Leader: We welcome one another as Associates and friends of Mary MacKillop.

From the Pen of Mary MacKillop

Leader: Mary's words are an inspiration to all who have read her many letters. She writes in 1890: *"I entreat you, my dearly loved ones to forgive from your hearts."*

Let us take some time to think about these words.

What does Mary mean? In what way did Mary show forgiveness to those who had hurt or wronged her in some way? Do I forgive others – some of the time?.....all of the time? How do I show this? Do I forgive myself?

(Some quiet time to reflect)

Scripture

Leader: We listen to God's Word. A reading from Luke 6:37

Forgive and you will be forgiven.

(Silence to ponder God's Word)

Reflection

Leader: Mary MacKillop was a woman who held no grudges. It was painful at times for her to forgive those who had harmed her. She wrote to some of the Sisters who had spoken untruths about her: *'I excuse and with all a mothers' heart I forgive. Forgive from your heart any Sister who has pained you.'* 1890. To the priest who had been the main cause of her excommunication she wrote: *'I forgive him; I forgive all who had any part in these matters.'* 1871

Story from the Life of Mary MacKillop

Leader: Mary MacKillop was teaching in Portland. One day the inspector arrived at the school. The headmaster, Mr Cusack, rearranged all the classes. He took the students from Mary's and Annie's classes who were well taught and gave his poorly performing students to them. Mary's father heard of this injustice and went to see Mr Cusack. The outcome of this encounter was that they both lost their teaching positions. Years later, when Mary was in Sydney, she met a dirty, alcoholic tramp whom she recognized as her former headmaster Mr Cusack. She sold her watch so that she could provide him with clothes and care.

Pause for Reflection

Leader: Who are the people in my life that God is inviting me to forgive at this time?

Prayer

Leader: We gather our reflections and stories, and place these before our God. Let us pray together:

ALL: *God of mercy, you are always ready to forgive us and bring healing into our lives. Like Mary MacKillop may our hearts be ready to forgive those who have hurt us. Amen. St Mary of the Cross, forgiving all who hurt you, pray for us.*

Action

Leader: Let us think about what action we could take from our discussions and reflections today. For example, hold in your heart before God someone whom you need to forgive. Allow God to speak to your hurt. *(We share our ideas)*

News

Take some time to discuss the Newsletter items and any group projects.