



# Josephite Associates, Victoria Spring Newsletter 2011



## NEW LIVES SPRINGS FORTH

Since our last Newsletter, I have seen two films—*Oranges and Sunshine* and *Of Gods and Men*. Do try to see them or the DVD's when they are published. Each film portrayed the goodness of people determined to stick it out to bring hope and life to others and to be faithful to their calling.

In the first, Margaret Humphries, an English Social Worker, discovers through a series of coincidences, that thousands of young children as young as four years, were sent to countries overseas to boost the population and be trained as farmers and domestics. She set out to remedy the separation of children from

their families and brought many families together.

In the second film eight French Cistercian Monks decide to stay in Algeria despite the daily threat to their lives. The night they were taken as hostages, a visiting Monk was there. Two were able to hide, the others were murdered.

Anne Marie Wilkinson, Noreen McLeish and myself attended the International meeting of Associates in Sydney during August. An inspiring time during which the Charism was very much alive. An international Committee is being formed to maintain contact and continue to share ideas. One of the items considered was looking at the Associate Leadership for the future.

You will see on these pages reports of enrolments and regional meetings. These are great occasions for me to meet you and get to know you and for you to meet each other. We hope that as many as possible will come to the Regional Days the rest of the year. If you find the city day more convenient or suitable you will be most welcome.

A good number have indicated they will attend the Retreat day in October. This will be a very interesting day reflecting on Mary MacKillop and Mary Poppins, as two kindred spirits.

I am looking forward to meeting the Associates at Tallangatta and Beechworth in November, and enrolling new Associates at

Rushworth and Bairnsdale. Plans have been made to visit St Albans and Cranbourne with an invitation to think about being an Associate. Please keep all these activities in your prayer.

Do what you can to make the 14th October a real Green and Gold day for the Mary MacKillop Foundation in the parish and school. (See page 2)

Thank you to Noreen McLeish for preparing the Spring prayer.

May you all keep well, pray well and sleep well and may Mary MacKillop watch over you. Please keep in your prayers those Associates and members of their families who are ill and coping with cancer and other illnesses.

Peace be with you all.

Mary Fermio RSJ



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## SPRING REFLECTION

At the NAIDOC Mass in St Francis Church during July, the Catholic Aboriginal Ministry who prepared the Mass used the Josephite Credo from the Mass of Mary MacKillop as their reflection after Communion.

When I first heard this Credo sung at the Portland Premiere of the Mass, I was deeply moved, especially at how the composer had so wonderfully portrayed the Josephite Charism we all share.

May I suggest you spend some time quietly reading it and reflecting on it. Can you claim these words as YOUR creed, someone called to live the Josephite Charism as an Associate, committed to Prayer Friendship and Service.

We believe  
In those who came before us  
Jesus, Joseph and John.  
The cross is our light  
And we remember  
Mother Mary of the Cross  
Our beloved inspiration.  
We live from the heart  
And live with the sacred  
We live like Joseph lived  
And proudly we live as Josephites.  
We reach out to the needy  
Wherever they may be  
And always revere the human dignity  
Of others  
The poor, the lowly, the "little ones",  
The isolated, the oppressed  
And those who have gone astray  
Wherever we find them we will go.  
From the Mass of Mary MacKillop  
Composed by Nicholas Buc  
Mary Fermio RSJ

## LEAD THE WAY ON GREEN AND GOLD DAY

**FRIDAY 14th OCTOBER** Australia's first national appeal to support fellow Australians in need through the work of the **Mary MacKillop Foundation** supporting small life-changing projects in Australia.

**SPREAD THE WORD** within your community, parish, school, colleagues, friends and family.

**DRESS IN GREEN AND GOLD** on this day. Hold an event, raise awareness of the need.

Have a non-uniform day at school; hold a morning tea; run a raffle or competition; rattle a tin around your work place; have a sausage sizzle; have a games afternoon; be creative.

Any monies raised can be sent to Mary MacKillop Foundation PO Box 855 North Sydney NSW 2060



# CATCHING THE JOSEPHITE CHARISM

While sitting with **Sr Shirley O'Toole** at our Province gathering I asked her about her beginnings as a Josephite. "I grew up in Warrnambool" she said, "the eighth of a family of nine children and was taught by the Good Samaritan Sisters in primary and by the Mercy Sisters in Secondary. One week in the Catholic Newspaper I saw a lovely photo of young women dressed in nurses' uniforms and holding beautiful babies. It was a photo advertising the coming fete at St Joseph's Babies Home at Broadmeadows. I thought—I could do that—I would love to do that. Following that thought I spent time at the Home obtaining my Mothercraft Nurses Certificate. Naturally that gave me contact with the Sisters of St Joseph and their work. So in 1954 I joined the Sisters looking forward to years of caring for babies. Unfortunately my dream was not realised for many years, as I was asked to teach in Primary Schools in fast growing areas around Sydney, at various places having large numbers of preps in my class.

Following on these years I worked in residential care with young children, teaching them and caring for their basic needs—feeding them, clothing them, caring for them when they were sick outside school times, acting as their mother. Some time was then spent in training other Mothercraft Nurses in New South Wales and Victoria, returning to where my

Josephite spirit was first awakened and nourished.

The scene then changed and I spent time as Chaplain at St Vincent's Hospital and as Pastoral Associate at St Joseph's Parish Wonthaggi.

For me the gift of the Josephite charism brings forth gratitude to God and to Mary MacKillop for her faithfulness in following God's dream for her in setting up our Congregation. Being able to meet the needs of others was the fulfilment of my own dream as a Josephite and in my later years I can still find ways of doing this.



**Sr Mary Luscombe** was born at Belgrave and had three brothers. She worked for the Army and the CSIRO before deciding to enter the Sisters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. One day she picked up a 2d pamphlet at St Francis Church "The Spirit of Mary MacKillop". "I was enthralled by Mary's devotion to the Will of God. I had never met a Josephite but had a friend who knew one of the sisters. Sr Emilian

Grelish at Frankston directed me to the Provincial House. As a result I joined the Sisters of St Joseph on a Sunday afternoon. By tea-time I was at West Brunswick and on Monday morning in School.

After completing my Teacher's Training I taught in a number of schools in NSW returning to Victoria in the sixties where I taught in the country and city, until I had to take sick leave. After completing a Teacher Librarian Course I became a member of the Schools Commission Library Committee, and in that role visited many Catholic and Independent Schools. In 1984 I began my apostolate to the Vietnamese people living in various inner city suburbs. Part of my role was teaching English and supporting welfare workers at the Flemington Housing Estate. Through the internet I can assist a Vietnamese Housing Worker with Women's Health.

A favourite Scripture Passage of mine is:  
*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor*".  
With St Teresa I pray: "Lord let me grow to be that for which you have destined me." May I obtain the grace to surrender to God's will, whatever it may be."

# AROUND THE TRAPS

## HAWTHORN EAST

This group from all over Melbourne meet every two months and are reflecting on an article by Monica Cavanagh rsj on Mary MacKillop, bringing out her characteristics and virtues. The group enjoys a light evening meal together before the meeting enabling them to catch up with what each has been doing. All ages are part of this group which has grown close to each other.

Alice Stroud and Patricia Anderson, members of this group, were actively present at the blessing of the new Shrine to Mary MacKillop at their Parish Church, Sacred Heart, Cotham Rd Kew.

## TALLANGATTA

Associates in Tallangatta are looking forward to a visit from Sr Mary Fermio in November when they will participate in the two reflection sessions others are enjoying at the Regional Days.

## NAGAMBIE

Children from the Primary School at Nagambie have been collecting stamps for Peru. During August Srs Cathy Dean and Mary Fermio visited the school to help them to understand how the people of Peru need their help. Goods made by the women of Peru were taken for sale. Associates and Parents were invited to the afternoon.

## NUMURKAH

Associates at Numurkah have started reflecting on an article of Sr Annette Arnold rsj looking at Mary MacKillop and the challenge to the Australian Church, especially through social justice and the youth.

## LEONGATHA

On a recent visit to Leongatha Sr Mary discovered several not enrolled as Associates. Five members will be enrolled at their next meeting. In September.

## BACCHUS MARSH

Several interested women are beginning the Formation Program with Sr Mary Fermio and will meet with the group as well during this time.

## MORWELL/NEWBOROUGH

On Sunday 7th August Associates joined together for Mass which was offered for the friends, relatives and deceased members of our two groups. Members from Morwell picked up the Newborough Associates and their wheelie-walkers and we all joined together for lunch with one Franciscan and two Columbans. A great and happy gathering.

## WONTHAGGI

The Wonthaggi Associates have been very active in making Home and Hospital visits to the sick and bereaved. We distributed Easter Water to residents in care and shared Mass with them. Finally we visited Mary MacKillop Heritage centre and enjoyed a delightful tour and talk followed by a yummy lunch! The photo is of our Associates with Sr Lynette Young who led our last meeting.



# IMPORTANT DIARY DATE 2012

## LEADERSHIP OF ASSOCIATE GROUPS

A meeting for two members of each group or an Associate not attached to a group but interested in setting up a group in their area:

viz the co-ordinator and another Associate

Or two others who are interested in sharing the leadership

on Saturday, February 18th 2012

at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre,

362 Albert St East Melbourne

10 am.—4 p.m. Lunch provided.

The day will be spent looking at Leadership of Associate Groups.

This is an early notice so that you can start thinking about making arrangements for getting there and accommodation if necessary

Accommodation is available at the Heritage Centre. Tel. 9926 9300 Book early.

A. Single room unit with double bed \$130 B/B Associates

B. Double Room Unit with double bed and two singles \$180 b/b Assoc.

There are a limited number of rooms available.

To enable representatives to come the whole group may like to contribute to the cost.

City Associates may like to offer accommodation to country Associates.

This would be a good way of sharing experiences.

Let Sr Mary Fermio know by 1st December if that is possible.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT:

1. 109 Tram along Collins St will take you to a stop at

St Patrick's Cathedral one block from the Heritage Centre.

2. Trams along Victoria Parade will drop you near Lansdowne St and

the Heritage Centre is just around the corner.

**PARKING:** is available at the rear of the Heritage Centre—entrance via Providence Lane, off Lansdowne St or Albert St.

To book a car park please ring: 9926 9300 the week before.

**GLOWREY HOUSE** is a short taxi ride away or walk for the energetic.

Co-ordinators of groups will receive a form in November to return with names of those attending.

Those not part of a group may contact Sr Mary Fermio if they would like to attend.

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REMINDER: Some Co-ordinators have not returned the form asking for information about the group which was posted to them some weeks ago.

## REGIONAL MEETINGS 2011

17th September Conference Room, St Joseph's, 13 Havelock Road Hawthorn East.  
Tram 70/75 from city or 72 along Burke Road.

**NB Contact Sr Mary 5367 2078 if you are coming**  
Ample parking in grounds or along streets.

29th October St Liborius' Parish Centre, Eaglehawk Rd. Eaglehawk

**Contact: Margaret Tobias 5446 8034**

Only 1 1/2 hours from Melbourne.

Come and meet some country Associates

12th November The Josephite Centre, Sacred Heart School, Morwell

**Contact: Betty Loftus 5134 3862**

ALL DAYS COMMENCE AT 9.45 am—3 p.m.

BYO Lunch to share. Host group supplies Morning Tea.

***Please advise contact of numbers coming***

### PROGRAM:

Morning Sessions will consist of two reflective sessions on the spirituality of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop:

*Her attitude to God's Will and Walking the Way of Forgiveness.*

During lunch there will be opportunity to purchase books, items etc from the travelling shop and to borrow a library book.

During the afternoon session Sr Mary Ryan will explore the two Josephite websites and help you discover the treasures you can find there. If you have no computer I am sure your grandchildren or friends would love to do this for you at home, or you may wish to visit the local library

There will also be an opportunity to meet the members of the Core-Team and to welcome any new members to be enrolled.

You are invited to bring someone who may be interested  
in learning about the Josephite Associates

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"an excellent day and I think everyone was impressed with the Prayer and Reflections. ....I am sure the computer literate learnt lots from Mary's session on the MMK websites ...an enriching day"  
Marie Mitchell  
Numurkah

"A wonderful day, especially the reflection time in the morning....this time was really appreciated as was the ritual at the end."

Mary Rowan rsj

## AN ACCOUNT OF HIS FAMILY WRITTEN BY FR. DONALD MACKILLOP SJ IN HIS OLD AGE

Cont:

But to what my mother told me about Mary.

Some months before her birth, Father Gheoghan once said to my mother:

Flora I have a great present for you, and you must take great care of it."

He explained that it was a relic of the Holy Cross, that he could not give it to her, but that she was to wear it until the child was born. In view of later history, my mother thought this significant. But there was more. My father had a great love for the Italian name, Maria, just as we pronounce it in Latin, and insisted that the child should be so christened—not Mary, not Moira, as in an English form.. To his great displeasure, one of the godparents, for some reason that my mother could not understand—it was not, she told me, a family name—claimed a right to add a name, Helen. So Mary was baptised Maria Helena. The Cross again. Long years afterwards, when starting the Sisters, she herself wished to take the name 'Mary of the Sacred Heart', but Father Woods overruled, saying: 'No, you must be Mary of the cross',. And indeed, so she became!!

I don't see very much in another thing that my mother told me at this time. It could be accounted for, it seems to me, in a quite natural way. But my dear mother evidently took the supernatural view of the occurrence. There was a very holy lady—a Mrs Lestrangle in those days—the name is still in Richmond. She was very fond of Mary, and when Mary was a young girl—in her early teens, I think it was—this lady had Mary with her for a time on a visit. Things were not going well at home, and my sister was very downhearted.

It was the custom of Mrs Lestrangle to go round at night to see that all was well—she would then kiss her little guest and retire. But, one night, a most beautiful lady came, bent lovingly over the young girl and kissed her, saying:

'My child—I will always be a mother to you.'

I give this for what it is worth. I never got Mary's own version. My mother most evidently thought the beautiful lady was our Blessed.....

***Unfortunately I discovered I was missing a page***

The next piece is about a gentleman who lived in Portland.

"His name was Rodriguez and he was really a Portugese. Whether he had a diploma or not, I do not know. He used to prescribe in a quiet way for the poor and was very poor himself. He was evidently genteel, always wore black clothes and a silk hat—both very much the worse for wear—eked out a few shillings by the sale of rose oil which he made and smelled strongly of garlic.

What I write of him and Mary I have chiefly on the authority of my sister Annie, now living at Winter St Malvern.



Rodriguez at our house was always an honoured guest and always called Mary 'Miss Mary'. One day he told her she would be excommunicated but that the Pope and Rome would right her again. When the awful day did come and as Mary MacKillop she was ordered by the Bishop in full pontificals to return to the world from which she came and to take her sin with her, Mary, dazed and weeping, was departing, when another—she was a Portland girl—said to her: 'Why so troubled? Don't you remember what old Rodriguez told you at Portland?'

'Good God, Anne! What put that into your head now?' said Mary. But there is more of the .....story, and you get it, dear Father O'Neill from Mary's own lips from me. Cruel falsehoods

have been printed. I give you the version of this sad affair which Mary's own lips gave to me.

Old Rodriguez used to tell his 'Miss Mary' that he saw her at the head of a long line of virgins who wore a peculiar dress, that she would be excommunicated, but that the Pope and Rome would right her again. This was a few years before the Sisters started—not very many years.

(The end of the article. The picture on this page includes Annie, Mary's Sister, Donald and Mary)

In the next newsletter I will start a series of articles on the family members. Some of you may have read them, as they have been printed twice in the Catholic Life, newspaper of the Sale Diocese.

# REGIONAL MEETINGS

## BACCHUS MARSH

Fifteen Associates from Bacchus Marsh, Sunbury and Sebastopol gathered on 2nd June to share a morning of reflection and prayer on the Spirituality of Mary MacKillop. After a delicious lunch Mary Ryan rsj spent time showing how to get into the websites of Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph and what they could discover, how to place a prayer on the tomb of Mary MacKillop and to find news and events, prayer resources etc. Several Associates were added as subscribers to the monthly E-news. Many took the opportunity to change books from the Mobile Library and to make purchases from the travelling shop.

We have been told that the day was a wonderful day and that the morning sessions were very special.



*Carmel Shea and Margaret Closter ,  
Bacchus Marsh  
check out the goods from the Travelling Shop.*



Back Row: Mary Whelan, Imelda Wilson, Carmel O'Kane,  
Bev MorrisonMarie Mitchell  
Front: Carmel Connellan, Carmel Alert, Joan Ryan  
Imelda and Marie Co-ordinate the group.

## NUMURKAH

On July 2, the Josephite Associates Regional Meeting was held in the Mary MacKillop Centre and Associates came from Shepparton and Rushworth who joined with the Numurkah Associates who hosted the day. Twenty ladies and one gentleman were present.

The morning consisted of two sessions of prayer and reflection during which we pondered how we identify with Mary MacKillop in our daily lives. We were challenged to look at our responses to the situations we encounter, to see the hand of God in our lives, and look at our ability to forgive as Mary did. The morning was thought-provoking and prayerful.

A lovely lunch was served contributed by all who attended and during this time we had an opportunity to browse and buy from the Travelling Shop or to select a book or two from the Mobile Library.

After lunch Sr Mary Ryan took us through the process to access the Mary MacKillop website on the computer and how to discover all the treasures there.

The last session was a highlight as we had six ladies inducted into our Associate Group. All were presented with their membership badge, certificate and manual.

An excellent program had been organized giving everyone space to consider their responses to God's call to us as Associates, in our daily lives and the lives of others. Thanks to all those or helped make the day a great success.

Marie Mitchell



## OUR NEW CORE-TEAM MEMBER



**NOREEN MACLEISH**

I am delighted to have been invited on to the Victorian Josephite Associates Core Team and I hope that I can be of service.

I have been a teacher all my life, have three adult children and six fabulous grandchildren.

I am now a Religious Education Adviser in the Northern Zone of the Ballarat Diocese. My home is in Ballarat and I work in the primary schools from the Western Highway to the Murray River, in many of the places where the Josephite Sisters began schools in the Mallee.

My association with the Josephites began many years ago when my best friend at school in Moe joined the convent. She had a spirit which I did not at the time recognize as the Josephite charism, but I admired her tremendously.

Then as a young teacher I worked in several Josephite schools and it became clear to me that these women had something special about them.

Their ability to identify needs and work alongside the people they served was always evident. It was not until I was principal at St Joseph's School in Coleraine, which had had a long association with the Josephites, that I began to really appreciate the story of Mary MacKillop. It was around the time of the Beatification and of course we made it our business to find out as much as we could about Mary. It was then that I began to see what a great legacy Mary had left in her Sisters. It was the Sisters with whom I taught and became friends with, who inspired me to always seek out the children in my classes who needed the most assistance.

In one school where I taught for many years, the principal would say "Give him/her to Noreen, she loves the 'needy' kids. I always took this as a great compliment.

Now it is my privilege to belong to the Sebastopol Associates group, where we all have our own story of coming into contact with the Josephite charism. For us all it has been through our contact with the Josephite Sisters.

It is now our privilege and challenge to try and live out this Josephite Charism in our daily lives.

## BAIRNSDALE REGIONAL MEETING

On Saturday 27th August twenty-four happy Associates met in the Parish Hall at Bairnsdale for the Regional Meeting. Pat Coloe and Sharon Roderick were there to help set up. Betty Loftus and Sr Mary Fermio braced themselves to do the day as Mary Ryan and Anne Marie Wilkinson were at the last minute unable to come.

The two reflection sessions were greatly appreciated. Just having time and space in a busy life is a treasure to grasp. Being able to reflect on the life of Mary MacKillop and discover ways we can imitate her journey to God is also a very valuable asset of these days.

During the afternoon, after a delicious lunch, we looked at the website of Mary MacKillop, unfortunately without the technology which always seems to elude us at Bairnsdale. We then had the joy of enrolling seven new Associates—five from Lakes Entrance (a new group) and two from Maffra. Jessie Harbeck from Lakes was unable to come due to illness. We were very disappointed that due to parish commitments the Orbost Associates were not represented.

Thank you to the wonderful Bairnsdale hosts who cared for us and did the preparation and cleaning up.



Grace, Louise, Nina, Margaret and Margaret  
From Lakes Entrance



Helen and Sylvia from  
Stratford and Maffra

# BUILDING OUR NATION

## *A National Conversation*

**Let's keep building a nation we can all be proud of.**

We remember how significant were the words “We are sorry” when Prime Minister Rudd apologized to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, for the detrimental effects on them of past government policies. These words triggered an enormous outpouring of emotion and healing across the nation. Many Aborigines declared that for the first time they felt truly Australian. Many of us felt increasingly proud to be Australian. Over the next three years we are again being offered an opportunity to keep building our nation.

The Australian Government is committed to recognition of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Australians in the Australian Constitution. The Opposition, The Greens and Independent members have all given in principle support to this reform.

To begin the process, the government has called together an Expert panel. It is made up of respected individuals and includes Indigenous and community leaders, constitutional experts and members of parliament. It is this Expert Panel's job to begin the national conversation on how ATSI peoples could be recognized in the constitution.

The panel has released a discussion paper which can be found at [www.youmeunity.org.au](http://www.youmeunity.org.au) The panel is to report to government by December 2011 on the various options put forward and the support for each option from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and the broader community. It has begun a national series of consultations based on the discussion paper and the **Melbourne Consultation is set for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

All are invited to participate in this **national conversation**. It will conclude with our vote in a referendum on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, some time in 2013. Australian voters have approved only 8 of 44 referenda put to them since Federation. The 8 adopted all had (1) multi-party support, (2) community education on the need for change and (3) “ownership” by the people.

The Peace, Justice and Social Issues Group will be doing its best in future newsletters, to keep you informed and to help facilitate the community education needed for this referendum to be a success.

Written and presented by Marianne Zeinstra rsj for the  
Peace and Justice Group

**Associates are also invited to attend the consultation on 19th September.** To learn of the venue log onto the website as above. When human beings feel like a “nobody” it affects their physical and mental health, can cause depression and violence. Margaret Humphries, in the story of *ORANGES AND SUNSHINE* discovered that so many of the child migrants had suffered depression because they felt they were “nobody” - they had no birth certificate, no citizenship, nothing to prove they even existed. This caused shame and ill-health especially when required to produce a birth certificate to get married. For some there were no records that they had even arrived in Australia. So it is very important we educate ourselves and take part in this very important step of recognizing in our Constitutions the First People of this land, people who had lived here for over 40,000 years, for the good of our whole nation.

***Included is a sheet with a Josephite Prayer composed by Elizabeth Pyke for you to pray.***

## BOOK REVIEW



### NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE

from Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre  
and the Travelling Shop



**Saint Mary MacKillop - Friend and Helper** Helen Archer rsj  
About Mary MacKillop's life suitable for young children \$15

**Saint Mary MacKillop—Loving Caring Teaching**  
Francine Caesar rsj  
Stories of Mary MacKillop suitable for Primary School age \$20

### ADDED TO THE MOBILE LIBRARY:

**ORDINARY COURAGE** Donna Mulhearn  
An Australian journalist who spent time in Iraq as a human shield and after seeing the destruction of life and the injuries to the people, returned to help establish *Our Home-Iraq* as a safe refuge for children. Affected by depleted uranium women have given birth to deformed babies or become unable to have children. A book which reveals what happened under the bombs.

**AUSTRALIA ALL OVER** Macca  
Copies 1 and 2 of this book which includes so many stories and articles heard on the Australian Radio on Sunday mornings. Have a laugh, be inspired by the stories of others and tap into the Australian spirit and culture.

**MAMA TINA** Christina Noble  
The inspiring sequel to *Bridge Over my Sorrows*, which portrays how Christina, after terrible beginnings in Ireland, changed the lives of 80,000 children in Vietnam. In this book her story continues with the amazing tale of what she and her Foundation has achieved from Saigon to the Children's prisons of Mongolia.

*Some Associates have had books for quite a while. If you have finished them would you mind posting them—I know this may be expensive but others may like to read them and they can be lost over time. Or make sure you bring them to the regional meeting or retreat day.*

## RETREATS FOR JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES AND FRIENDS

**D. Conference Room 13 Havelock Road  
Hawthorn East**  
Saturday 22nd October 10 am.—3 p.m.  
BYO Lunch to Share  
M. Tea provided Donation \$20

Mary Ryan rsj :  
*Spirituality of St Mary of the Cross*

**Contact: Sr Mary Fermio 5367 2078**

**Email: associatesvic@sosj.org.au**

This retreat will definitely be held.  
Applications can still be made.

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### DIRECTED RETREATS At Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

Monday 26th September—Sunday 2nd Oct.

Monday 3rd—Sunday 9th October

For further information Ph. 9926 9300  
Email: mmhc@sosj.org.au

*Because three of the four retreats organized have been cancelled, we may not organize any next year. Groups may wish to contact Sr Mary Fermio regarding someone to lead a day's retreat and may wish to invite others to join them. The Regional days will continue to have a morning retreat element in the program.*



**DO NOT  
LET LITTLE  
THINGS  
DESTROY  
YOUR TRUST**

Mary MacKillop 1887

# ASSOCIATES' BULLETIN BOARD - SPRING 2011

## USED STAMPS

Thanks to those who have already collected and forwarded stamps for Peru. Keep them coming!!

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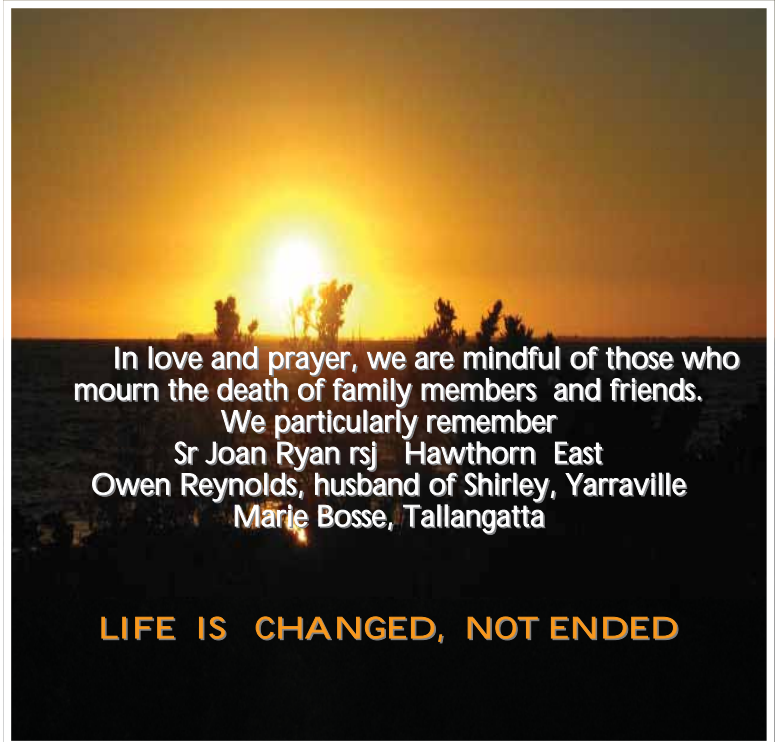
**St Joseph's Province Centre  
Locked Bag 3031,  
BURWOOD NSW 1805**

Mark envelope **STAMPS  
THANK YOU!**



## DONATIONS 2011 THANK YOU

to all those who have sent donations in. Your generosity is much appreciated to help towards the costs of printing, postage, stationery and travel. If you have forgotten it is not too late.



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

We particularly remember

Sr Joan Ryan rsj Hawthorn East  
Owen Reynolds, husband of Shirley, Yarraville  
Marie Bosse, Tallangatta

**LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED**

**FROM THE OFFICE:**  
This edition hopefully will come to many Associates via 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](http://sosj.org.au) website, under news and events/newsletters.

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## OPEN DAYS

**Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre  
362 Albert St  
EAST MELBOURNE**

Open from 10 am to 4 p.m. on **SATURDAYS**

22nd October 2011  
26th November 2011

### ENTRY BY DONATION .

Visit the Museum, pray in the Chapel  
Purchase a memento from the gift shop.  
Bring a group for a tour and talk  
Light refreshments available.

*Groups are welcome on other weekends by contacting the Centre and arranging a time.*

*For further information and bookings:  
Call MMHC on 03 9926 9300*

**This can be a very good outing for  
your Associate group or  
for your parish  
either by bus or public transport**