



Josephite Associates, Victoria

Winter Newsletter 2012



LONG NIGHTS and SHORT DAYS

My mother hated the Winter time. The nights were too long and she found them difficult. But she always brightened up after the shortest day and looked forward to more sun and warmer weather.

The long nights can be very useful for catching up on reading, knitting patchwork etc—for favourite hobbies and family games. My scarf is a product of winter nights.

They can also be used for reading something which brings us closer to God or an inspiring biography. We may find time for writing letters, talking on the phone, surfing the net, checking out the websites for Josephite news.

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1. Prayer Sheet: Winter

This year has been an important one for the Josephite family. After many years of longing for unity with us, the Sisters of St Joseph of Tasmania have merged with the Central Josephites, as our Congregation has been called. On 24th May, when they launched the book on their history, 125 years after they were founded, these twenty-seven Sisters became Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart and their Congregation ceased to exist.

This was a day of great joy for all: for the Tasmanian Sisters whose hopes and dreams have been fulfilled and for all Sisters because we are now one. I spent a weekend with them in March and saw the joy and anticipation that was so evident.

Wonthaggi celebrated 100 years of Education which commenced with the Sisters in 1912. Their presence is still maintained there by Sister number 99—Lyn Young rsj.

I seldom find a film I want to see, but I made sure I saw *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* and found it both entertaining and humorous. *The Way* is also worth seeing, being the story of a father who walks the Camino, a pilgrims walk in Northern Spain, in memory of his son who died at its beginning. My sister and I also enjoyed *The Lucky One* giving an insight to the trauma felt by returned soldiers.

Some of may be looking at what you can do as part of your mission of SERVICE.

Volunteers help at the Heritage Centre and if you live in Melbourne you may be able to help there. Our Josephite On-line Communication Group is conducting courses on teaching the computer to our Sisters. There may be someone out there who could help on a Wednesday afternoon or Saturday morning once a month.

Whatever you do, getting a meal at home, doing the ironing, hanging the clothes on the line, caring for your grandchildren....see it as a service to your family and do it with Josephite joy.

We look forward to meeting you at our regional days still to come.

Thank you Marie Mitchell for preparing the prayer sheet on the Sacred Heart.

May God's blessing be with you all especially those who are sick, lonely or housebound.

Mary Fermio Rsj



Friendship Prayer Service

WINTER REFLECTION

By this time of the year the landscape is looking different—bare branches, trimmed gardens, few flowers, maybe bulbs ready to flower. Orange trees begin to come into their own producing luscious fruit for our enjoyment. The earth is resting, plants are saving energy, some may die in the frost and cold while others thrive. There is a kind of death that areas of creation have been enduring since Autumn.

Some of us, or members of our families and friends, can be living a kind of death at this time as we walk with loved ones through illness and grief. At a time of illness or grief we rest, we save our energy for the necessary activity, whatever that may be. This can be a difficult time, when God may seem distant and not seem to be listening to us. Yet it is at these very times that God is closest and we need to find and experience God at these times.

In a copy of Review for Religious (70.3.2011) Michael Harter sj speaks of his dear friend Fr Dave Fleming and his death from cancer. Dave was friend and mentor for many years but his "last illness provided him with one last opportunity to perfect his skills of finding God in all things"

Fr Fleming wrote: "Today my way to God is through this experience of cancer. As a result I do not want to avoid it or get around it. I just want to seek and find God where God is drawing me to find him."

This is such a gift—to be able to find God in all things.

Philip Yancey in his book, *Disappointment with God*, tells the story of a friend, Douglas, who seemed beset with disasters. His wife had cancer, a car accident caused by a drunken driver, left his daughter with broken limbs and himself with permanent disability from a massive blow to the head. He developed double vision, became disoriented and forgetful, could not work a full day, could read only a page or two at a time and one eye wandered refusing to focus. To top it all off his wife had another spot on her lung.

When asked: *Could you tell me about your own disappointment with God? What have you learned that might help someone else going through a difficult time?* After some thought he replied: *I didn't feel any disappointment with God....I learned not to confuse God with life....I believe God feels the same way about that accident—grieved and angry. I don't blame God for what happened...God's existence, even God's love for me, does not depend on my good health. ...if we develop a relationship with God apart from our life circumstances, then we may be able to hang on when the physical reality breaks down. We can learn to trust God despite all the unfairness of life."*

During the long nights of winter, you may like to reflect on these words and feel God drawing you close through all that happens in your life.

Mary Fermio rsj

JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATE GATHERINGS 2012

**SPECIAL DAYS FOR ALL JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES
PRESENTED BY**

MONICA CAVANAGH RSJ

The author of Mary MacKillop, Window of Hope

**Monica will spend the day looking at the Mission of Josephite Associates
by reflecting on FRIENDSHIP, PRAYER AND SERVICE**

as revealed in the life of St Mary MacKillop

Monica, who lives in Queensland, presented some of this material at the International Associates Gathering in August 2011 and I can assure you of a highly enjoyable and enlivening presentation.

27th October St Vincent de Paul Parish Hall, Rowell St MORWELL EAST

Contact: Betty Loftus 5134 3862

28th October Conference Centre, St Joseph's. 13 Havelock Road, HAWTHORN EAST

Contact: Mary Fermio rsj 5367 2078 email: associatesvic@sosj.org.au

TIME: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donation \$20 BYO Lunch—Morning Tea/Coffee provided

MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE

OPEN DAYS

Walk in the footsteps of St Mary of the Cross on the following Saturdays:

4th August; 20th October; 24th November

Time: 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

Entry by donation; light refreshments available.

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

362 Albert St. East Melbourne

For more information:

Ph. 9926 9300 Visit:

www.mmhc.org.au



MELBOURNE WALKING PILGRIMAGE

Visit the important sites of Mary's Melbourne on a walking Pilgrimage that commences at and returns to the Heritage Centre. A brochure is available for you to guide you. The walk can be done in a couple of hours or you could do it on different days. This could be done as a group or as an individual.

RETREATS—6 places available Cost \$490

Directed:

Mon 2nd—Sunday 8th July

Directors: Lynette Young rsj

.....Therese Quinn rsj

Mon 24th—Sunday 30th September

Directors: Yvonne Harte rsj and

Eileen O'Loughlin rsj

Guided:

Mon 9th –Sun 15th July—Living Mindfully

Facilitator: Yvonne Harte rs

Mon 1st-Sun 7th October—Living Mindfully

Facilitator: Yvonne Harte rsj

Mon 12th-Sun 18th November -

Praying with Julian of Norwich

Facilitator: Moya Unthank rsi

For further information: MMHC 9926 9300

Private Retreats

Individuals wishing to utilize the accommodation for a private retreat should contact MMHC 9926 9300

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction is offered at the Heritage Centre or other locations by arrangement with Sisters of St Joseph Contact MMHC 9926 9300

REGIONAL MEETINGS 2012

Please put this Date in your Diary

DATE
SATURDAY

VENUE

TIME 9.45a.m—3 p.m.

16th June

EAST GIPPSLAND: BAIRNSDALE, ORBOST, MAFFRA, LAKES ENTRANCE
St Mary's Parish Hall, Duke St MAFFRA
Contact: Rosemary Wirkin 5147 2041

14th July

MELBOURNE ASSOCIATES: Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre 362 Albert St
EAST MELBOURNE Contact: Mary Fermio rsj 5367 2078

18th August

NORTHERN: BENDIGO, EAGLEHAWK, HEATHCOTE
St Liborius Parish Centre, Eaglehawk Road, EAGLEHAWK
Contact: Margaret Tobias 5446 8034

22nd September

NORTH CENTRAL: NUMURKAH, NAGAMBIE, RUSHWORTH, SHEPPARTON
MacKillop Hall, Church St (Behind School) NAGAMBIE
Contact: Julie Baldwin 5794 2230

ASSOCIATES IN SWANHILL AND BEECHWORTH/TALLANGATTA
will be contacted re a day with them at a suitable time during the year.

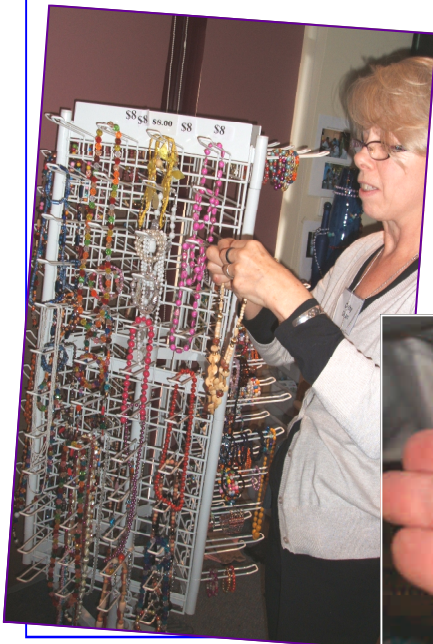
Note change: BYO LUNCH Host group to provide simple morning tea, tea/coffee
DONATION TO BE COLLECTED FOR CORE-TEAM EXPENSES: \$5

Associates are encouraged to attend a Regional Meeting at least once every two years unless age or disability prevents attendance. As the same program is followed at each venue another venue rather than the one listed may be more convenient. That is your choice.

Sr Mary will bring The Travelling Shop and Mobile Library

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK OF BLING!!!!

Made by the Sisters at MacKillop Aged Care spurred on by the creative inspiration of Sr Caroline Dale. Funds are raised for the Sisters of St Joseph ministry in East Timor.



DIARY DATES FOR 2012

AUSTRALIAN PILGRIMAGE 2012

This year the Australian Pilgrimage will begin in Melbourne, the birthplace of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and end in Sydney where she is buried.

Commences:

Wednesday **24th October** and finishes on Saturday morning **3rd November 2012.**

The Pilgrimage will leave Melbourne for Adelaide, via Penola and then on to Sydney

For further details please contact

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre 03 9926 9300

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PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY DAYS 2012

St Joseph's Convent, 16 Esplanade, Williamstown

On the second Wednesday of each month

Afternoon Session: 1.30p.m.-3.00p.m. Evening Session 7.30p.m.-9.00p.m.

11th July	The Power of Forgiveness	Patricia Williams rsj
8th August	Mary MacKillop: A Woman Wrapped in God Afternoon Session	Lynette Young rsj
	Artworks of Mary MacKillop Evening Session	Therese Quinn rsj
12th September	The Spirituality of Work	Mary Davis rsj and Judy Cain
10th October	Inner Hospitality and Welcoming the Stranger: Monastic Spirituality as a wider Concept of Church	Yvonne Harte rsj
14th November	Art and Spirituality	Therese Quinn rsj

Enquiries: Therese Quinn rsj 9397 7140



OUR RECENT TRIP TO CAMBODIA

Louise and I (Mike) returned from Cambodia after a month away, mid February. The inspiration for our trip came after a discussion with Marnie Graham, the then personal assistant to the CEO of Gippsland Lakes Community Health, Bruce Hurley. Marnie had recruited others to join her on an aid programme to build housing for the poor in Cambodia. Louise and I had this inner desire to experience how the poor endured life at some time during retirement, so this became an ideal opportunity.

Each couple was responsible to fundraise or donate \$1500 (the cost of 1 house) to Tabitha, the organising Foundation who planned the project. Further to this we each paid all fares and expenses during our trip which included work and holiday. Lakes Entrance Rotary Club, donated \$2000 to this project, and this would be recognised with a Rotary banner to hang in a house on completion of our project. Every cent donated was spent directly on the building. Before work would commence we were informed over \$50,000 was raised by our whole group and we would complete the building of 40 houses, which we were later to find out was the most ever built in around 10 years the building program had been going.

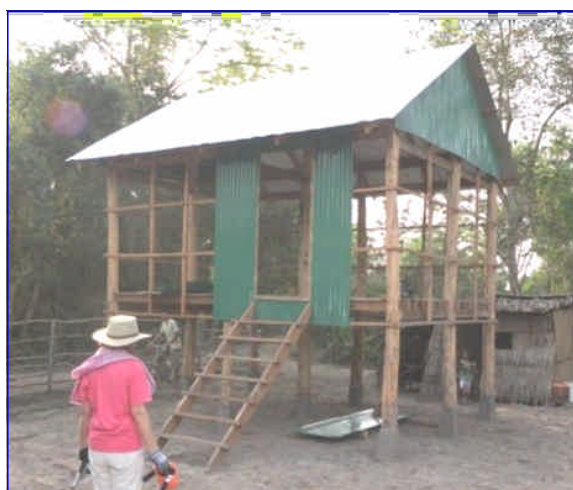
On Sunday 13th February, we joined with the other 30 members of our build team on a "get to know you" cruise on the Mekong river in Phnom Penh. We visited Tabitha headquarters in Phnom Penh for an orientation talk, that included an emotion filled talk by Nari who experienced and lived through the horrors of the genocide inflicted by Pol Pot troops, the Khmer Rouge. She found the bodies of many family members on returning to her home on one occasion. Tuesday 15th February was to be a day which will live in our memory and hearts for a long, long time. In the morning we visited the horrific S-21, the Genocide Museum, followed by the killing fields, brutal executions of more than 17,000 men, women and children, most of whom had suffered through interrogation, torture and deprivation in the S-21 Prison.



Due to the trauma of the genocide experienced by many of the people we would visit, we were told to be aware of our actions in the villages. We were requested not to approach or touch any child under 2 years of age on our arrival, as the Khmer Rouge would have done this with

the resultant death of the child. The villager's memories are still that vivid. After some time in the village building houses for them this was no longer a problem. Also it is not the custom of man and woman touching in their presence (how hard was that??). A number of other rules also applied.

On our arrival in the village the frames of 40 houses had been erected, which had accounted for much of the \$1500 required for each house. Our job now was to clad the remainder of each house, and install the flooring. The exterior was clad with lightweight zincalume, and the floor with bamboo split lengths, which required wedging into shape before each of around 2000 nails were hammered into the floor of each house. This flooring allowed the necessary airflow to counteract the extreme heat and humidity.



Working in around 40 degrees temperature and humidity of 80% was extremely difficult and every 20 minutes we had to re-hydrate, dip our scarves in ice water and get back to work. Because so much work was required to complete 40 homes in 2 days, some assistance was given by villagers. After 2 days working on site all the team was exhausted, and it would be unreasonable to expect additional time on site. Tabitha are aware of this so all programs are limited to this time frame. We completed 26 houses on the first day before returning to our "no star" hotel some 45 minutes away. Boy was that thing that resembled a bed a great sight! Needless to say it was rather difficult to climb out of bed the next morning at 6AM, with the aging body screaming for pity! Away we went and this time on arrival on site we were greeted with the villagers bowing in respect, then clapping in expectation of living in their brand new home that evening. On completion came the highlight of our building experience. Surrounded by more than 200 villagers each in turn receiving the hand-over of their new house with a gift from Tabitha. What a heart warming experience, sending shivers down our spine!

Mike and Louise Anketell,
Lakes Entrance.

BECOMING A JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATE

Since our article in the Newsletter about the Introductory Program, which can be done at home before being enrolled as a Josephite Associate, twenty-one have enrolled to do this program, one has completed it and was enrolled at the Regional Meeting in Leongatha.

Some of these Associates will not belong to a regular group, so we would hope they attend a Regional Meeting during the year, whichever is most convenient. This will enable them to meet and share with other Associates.

I have discovered that many who get the newsletter believe they are Associates, but unless you have made a formal commitment, received your badge (as per logo below) a certificate and copy of the Associates Manual, you may not have been enrolled. In the past, no register was kept of enrolments, so I have found it difficult to ascertain who is enrolled and who is not. If you believe you are not enrolled and would like to be, please contact me. You may know of a friend who is also interested.

I am also available to visit Parishes to speak on the Associates, to facilitate a reflection time on Mary MacKillop or to meet up with a group which may have gone into recession and would like to start meeting again.

Mary Fermio rsj

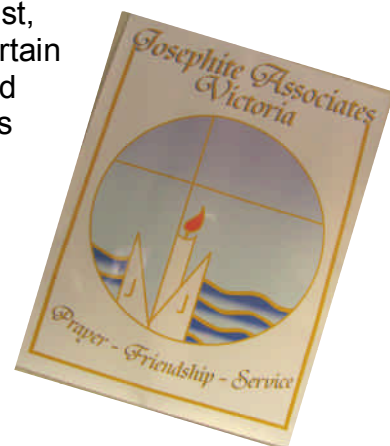
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BACCHUS MARSH REGIONAL MEETING

Nineteen enthusiastic Associates from Bacchus Marsh, Sunbury, Ballarat and Woodend spent a most enjoyable day at the Regional Meeting. They felt the DVD was a wonderful interpretation of Fr Woods and his Initial role in the formation of the Sisters of St Joseph. The times of silence were much appreciated as was the sharing with other Associates. Four new Associates were enrolled from left:

Pauline McDonald, Mira Foxford, Sr Connie (Ballarat) and Jill Braithwaite - the three from Bacchus Marsh. The local Associates group provided a delicious Morning tea and made us very welcome.



WONTHAGGI CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

One hundred years ago, two Sisters of St Joseph, Irene Kemp and Julian Hawkrigge, arrived in Wonthaggi to commence a Catholic School, which began with 160 pupils. Their school, a wooden structure, was attached to the Church and one can only admire their courage at tackling such a situation in 1912 and wonder how they did it. Both had been born in Ballarat and both had spent the previous 23 years teaching at Bacchus Marsh, so would have the experience of establishing a school and community there. By March 1912, 210 pupils were enrolled and more Sisters had arrived. Since then 99 Sisters have ministered in the Wonthaggi Parish and many others spent time there on holidays or resting.

The weekend of 24/25th March began with a wonderful display in the school, the third in which the Sisters had taught. Part of a magnificent Parish complex, the school has spread along the block with many attractive classrooms and hall, and has a very proud record. Hundreds visited the school viewing old photos, children's displays and were welcomed by Sr Myrtle, a beautifully dressed mannequin in the full Josephite habit of the early days. Visiting Sisters rejoiced to meet past pupils and their parents, to see bright classrooms the like of which was not even thought of 100 years ago. At one stage in the school's history, three Sisters taught from Preps to Year 9 in three classrooms with sawdust to keep the dust down.

The Centenary Ball on Saturday evening was a time of great celebration and walking down memory lane. On Sunday the Parish Church was full of parishioners and visitors for the thanksgiving Mass, with seventeen Sisters, including two from Tasmania, easily identified with their teal blue scarves.

In her welcoming address Sr Josephine Dubiel, Province Leader in Victoria, spoke of how the Sisters described the people of Wonthaggi as generous and hardworking who cared for the Sisters with very practical help. Sr Loreto Quinn, unable to be present, sent a message, "My years at Wonthaggi were the best of my life and I particularly remember the cream buns!"

Fr Manny Lomagno pp spoke of how the original two Sisters planted the seeds which have reaped a wonderful harvest. He expressed sincere thanks to the Sisters "faithful to the vision of their foundress, St Mary of the Cross, for their past and on-going service in the Parish". Fr Manny also thanked families, the Parents and Friends group, Principals, past and present. The school had guided children and parents in their Christian way of life and "could now look forward to a fantastic future, as a parish built on solid ground."

A barbecue lunch was provided in the spacious school hall for all who attended. At the end of lunch the old school bell was rung to announce the arrival of two Sisters in a smart carriage, re-enacting the arrival of Srs Julian and Irene. Dressed in the original brown habits Srs Maureen Philp (past pupil) and Shirley O'Toole (Past Pastoral Associate) they graciously stepped from the carriage into the hall where the official part of the day was to be held.

After formally welcoming everyone, Martin Keogh, present Principal of St Joseph's School, invited several speakers to share their memories of school days. They spoke of school days, of First Confessions, of moving schools, of teaching preps, of the broad education provided and how this lead to a career in drama and music; of the community spirit that spread throughout the local community; of Spartan conditions in cold and draughty

rooms; but all praised the school for what they had received or been able to give. Martin Keogh, principal for 11 years, called the school "a magical place, extraordinary and unique, a school which inspires"

One visitor included a ninety-two year old lady who had started school in 1927. Another was the daughter of a woman taught by the original two Sisters, about whom she often had spoken. All seemed to be having a wonderful time meeting old friends and teachers and catching up.

The spirit that pervaded the weekend was one of great joy and celebration that Wonthaggi had been blessed with the presence of so many Sisters of St Joseph, who had spent their lives and talents in educating the children and preparing them for the years ahead. In the early days most were children of miners and farmers, who appreciated the education their children received and shared what they had with the Sisters for their well-being.

Sr Josephine finished her address with the words of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, recorded in one of her last letters: *Do not be afraid. Love one another, and let charity guide you in all your life (1909)*

Mary Fermio rej



AROUND THE TRAPS

BUNYIP

On 10th April at their bi-monthly meeting the Bunyip Associates welcomed Marcia Wilkinson as an enrolled member. For their prayer they reflected on past calendar photos and sayings of Mary MacKillop, recalling how God has worked in their lives. This group enjoy borrowing from the Mobile library. A delicious afternoon tea and chat always follows the gathering. Theresa Ventura has taken on the role of Co-ordinator and all are grateful to Dorothea Camilleri who has acted in this role previously.



HAWTHORN EAST GROUP

This group welcomed Patricia Anderson as an enrolled member at their March Meeting. Unfortunately Patricia plans to move to New South Wales during the year and we will miss her lively presence. The group have begun reflecting on the book *Wallaby Track Woman* which looks at the Australian aspects of Mary MacKillop's life. We always enjoy a chat over a tasty meal before the meeting. As members come from all areas of Melbourne they are searching for ways to communicate, so we are sharing birthday dates to encourage us to keep in touch outside meeting times.



LEONGATHA REGIONAL MEETING

Twenty-two Associates gathered at Leongatha on 28th April to share prayer and friendship. The two morning sessions were much enjoyed and the travelling shop was well patronized. We thank the local Associates for providing such a delicious morning tea. During the afternoon session Lyn Tormey of Morwell was enrolled as a Josephite Associate. Lyn is the first to complete the Introductory Program at home and enjoyed it so much she wanted to keep going! Congratulations Lyn on making this commitment



MARY MACKILLOP TRAVELS VICTORIA

BY MARY WICKHAM RSM

Continued from Autumn edition:

The gentle earnestness and humour of her tone are very endearing. She manages to convey a vivid picture of the household and the dynamic at work between the protagonists; the old Lady's joy; the donation which was probably more than she could afford, and partly given in gratitude for the discussion between the nun and her husband; the daughter's spirited singing; just the hint of initial reluctance in the fact that the husband has to be 'rounded up'; the ensuing 'warm discussion' and the conundrum Mary presented to him as the 'Scotch nun'.

The twice-repeated use of that adjective leads one to wonder whether Mary MacKillop had a Scottish lilt as well as a Scottish name. Interestingly, it is a description she does not reject or even parody. Here is a Mary MacKillop who loves the music and songs of her people; who feels sufficiently at home with these strangers to engage in what is clearly a two-sided 'warm discussion', with all the passion and rhetoric that implies. One gets the sense that Mr McGregor here met his match! There is however, no sense of rancour or bigotry: she respects his stance as a response to his own conscience, and the implicit understanding is that he must respect his conscience. Both parties are satisfied by the man's promise to pray to know the truth. Their discussion, despite its potential divisiveness, seems to lead them to mutual admiration, indeed a fond familiarity: one fancies it is not merely an abbreviation Mary employs in called the old man 'Mr Mac'. One has the sense that 'the Scotch nun' has found a fond place in the family's heart, and that Mary MacKillop would not easily forget them either, in what was a chance encounter which grew out of the returning of one woman's kindness to another.

Several times in the diary, Mary mentions the parish churches she visited. She appears to have definite opinions about what is aesthetically pleasing or otherwise, again not something we might normally associate with her. Her comments seems, though,

to be motivated by concern for how the building would enhance or detract from worship, so she is more concerned with devotion than with aesthetics perse.

The Mortlake church she succinctly sums up as 'not very nice'. The Charlton church she describes as 'a wooden church, very cold, wind blowing up through the flooring boards, but otherwise clean...'. At Maryborough she had a more congenial experience:

Afterwards (Fr Lemire) showed us the church and all his treasures. Everything in beautiful order, the church so clean, altar so nice...'

There are many other comments one could make about the diary and the glimpses it gives us of the woman who will be called Australia's first saint. What we read of her during that two weeks or so in the winter of 1891 can only affirm her humanity and her holiness. It also strengthens our sense of her as a saint whom we can invoke with trust, confidence and great love, believing that her life as a saint is the fulfilment of all the love of people, kindness, compassion, understanding and humour that she possessed during her life as an Australian of Scottish background.

Mary Wickham rsm 1992

Quotations from Mary MacKillop's diary

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Mary Wickham rsm is a Sister of Mercy who lives and ministers in Melbourne and grew up in Williamstown.

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RETURN FROM PERU

After 16 years of Ministry in Peru as Prison Visitor, Dental Assistant and other activities, Margaret Malady has returned to Victoria. At her missioning ceremony back to our State, Margaret presented the Province with a beautiful hand woven hanging from Peru.

L to R: Srs Diane Moore, Mary Ryan, Margaret Malady and Josephite Dubiel.

We are very glad to have Margaret back in our midst. Margaret is presently settling back into Australia and doing some volunteer work for the time being.



BOOK REVIEW



Christine Guy of Wonthaggi shares this review and reflection on a book she has read—

ANGEL IN THE RUBBLE.

I have just read “Angel in the Rubble” by Genelle Guzman-McMillan, the remarkable story of the “last survivor” of 9/11, 2001.

Genelle brought this event right before my eyes and made it real and I was in total awe of how she came to find herself trapped alone and in darkness in the World Trade Centre wreckage. I thought ‘It could happen to anyone!’

I wondered how I would cope, but Genelle’s marvelous experience of spiritual enlightenment gave me heart and courage. I was inspired by the way she has turned her life around since and marveled at God’s love, kindness and protection that God offered her. I cried several times with empathy.

A great read and truly something to think about—I would recommend this book to everyone.

Have you read a book lately and would like to share your reflection?

- One from the mobile Library
- Or one of your own.

Please forward to the Associates’ Office by mail or email.

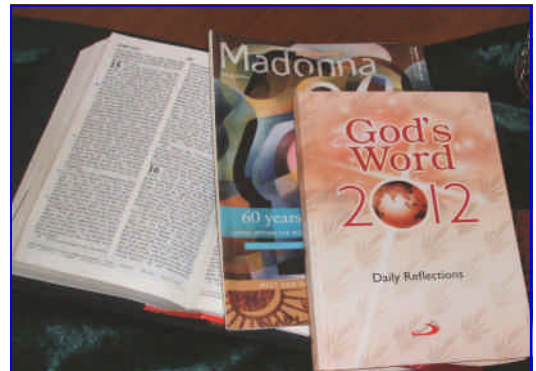
TIME TO VOLUNTEER?

Sr Jeanne Dwyer rsj, administrator of Joseph’s Corner, a counselling service at centres in Melbourne’s Western Suburbs—for families affected by drug and alcohol addiction—would welcome any volunteers to help in their shop **MERRIJIG** situated in Somerville Road, Yarraville. If you are interested please contact Sr Jeanne on 9315 2680 to arrange an interview, a requirement before a position can be given.

DAILY SCRIPTURE FOR THE YEAR OF GRACE

Many people like to reflect on the readings of the day’s Liturgy. Several books and magazines offer contributions to help in this reflection.

1. **MADONNA Magazine**—published every second month has a short daily reflection and prayer as well as articles of interest and reflection
Posted Subs is \$36 a year—
\$3month!!)
Contact: Madonna PO Box 553
Richmond 3121
Email: madonna@jespub.jesuit.org.au
2. **SACRED SPACE**
Reflections on the daily Scripture
Published by the Irish Jesuits
3. **GOD’S WORD** Daily Reflections
This book contains the readings for every day of the year plus a reflection. It is also illustrated with appropriate art. There is also a section each day where one may write a prayer or a response. For next year order from:
Available from Pauline Books and Media,
7 Denmark Hill Rd
Hawthorn East 3123
Phone: 9882 3424
4. **YEAR OF GRACE**
Resources have been sent to Parishes
Others available from website:
www.ceomelb.catholic.edu.au



ASSOCIATES' BULLETIN BOARD - WINTER 2012

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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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Eileen Auld, of Sunshine
Celebrated her 90th in
February.

Congratulations, Eileen
and God's blessing on the
years to come!

*Death is not extinguishing the light
But merely putting out the lamp
Because the dawn has come.
Tagore.*

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

Brian McNulty, husband of Val, Koo Wee Rup
Kevin Farrell, Father of Cathie Hellard
Woodend

Pat Kelly, sister of Lilian, Hawthorn East
Denis Moore, father of Sr Diane

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In the last months, two letters have had to be opened by the Post Office as they did not include the Box Number and had no return address on the back.

Luckily the Subscription return sheet which had the address on it was included.

"Sisters of St Joseph, Bacchus Marsh" is insufficient.

THANK YOU

To all who have so promptly sent in Subscriptions and Donations. To efficiently operate an office, expenses are incurred and your generosity is much appreciated.