



Josephite Associates, Victoria-Tasmania Autumn Newsletter 2013



SEASONS OF MISTS

During study days at the Novitiate I was introduced to the Poem AUTUMN which began

'Seasons of Mists and mellow fruitfulness, close bosom friend of the maturing sun. Conspiring with him how to load and bless with fruit the vines that around the thatch eaves run' written by John Keats

Autumn is truly a season of foggy mornings and maturing fruit especially pumpkins and in Bacchus Marsh we have the Harvest Festival in March when one of the local growers fills the tray of a truck with all kinds of pumpkins and squashes.

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Autumn is also when we live a Lenten life, when we hope to grow in our spiritual life, to produce fruit in our busy lives.

At the same time we pray with compassion for those who have lost their homes in fires or who are struggling to fix the mess caused by devastating floods. How heartbreaking it must be to have your beloved belongings ruined by water and mud, your memories destroyed and lost. There are some wonderful people in our country and listening to Macca on Sundays gives a good idea of those who travel from as far away as WA to help fix fences, clear rubbish etc.

Maybe there is something practical your group can do to assist. Ask yourself: what would I like if this was me? Maybe a collection taken up the parish, some small event to raise funds to send to a Vinnies group in that area.

I had the great joy of celebrating an 80th birthday with a woman who shared lots of fun with me before my Josephite days. Her children and grandchildren organised a simple luncheon and entertained the guests with simple songs they had made up about Grandma and the food she loved to cook and share.

The reports sent in and shared at the Leader's day were inspiring. Wherever you are you are doing what you are able to do in the spirit of Mary MacKillop. She would be so proud of you all and the efforts you make as Josephites.

So far this year three Pilgrimages are on my agenda, two for Melbourne Parishes. The May one is only slowly coming with bookings and could be the last I organise myself. All depends on demand. So don't miss out!

Please keep in your prayers Norma Oliver, Associate from Hamilton, who has supported Joseph's Corner so faithfully by providing lunch for pilgrimages. She is struggling with a return of cancer. Ted always takes the groups to Alexander's grave and provides a lovely booklet.

May the rain fall and nurture your gardens. The Associates on email have been praying a Novena to OUR saint for rain especially to extinguish the bush fires. Some of you may have been near them.

Wishing you every blessing for Easter, that the promise of eternal life bring you joy and hope. Enjoy the sleepy autumn days and the changes of colour in the trees. Let us praise God for the wonderful world we live in.

Mary Fermio R SJ



Friendship Prayer Service

Enjoy this poem as your **AUTUMN REFLECTION**
ODE TO AUTUMN John Keats

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness!
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;
To bend with apples the mossed cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'erbrimmed their clammy
cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reaped furrow sound asleep,
Drowsed with the fume of poppies, while thy
hook
Spares the next swath and all its twined flow-
ers;
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cider-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings, hours by hours.

Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too, -
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-cricket sing, and now with treble soft
The redbreast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

St Antony said once: 'My book is the nature of created things, and whenever I want to
read the word of God, it is usually right in front of me.'



MARY'S GRANDPARENTS

In 1998 I wrote a series of articles for Catholic Life which were reprinted in 2010. I thought I would share them with you.

When the MacKillops and the MacDonalds sailed from Scotland leaving their beloved Highlands of the Braes of Lochaber, they never dreamed that a marriage between the two families would bring to birth a baby girl, destined to be Australia's first saint.

The two families were poor crofters of the hills of Glen Spean and Glen Roy and lived in stone cottages on sparse hills breeding long-haired Scottish cattle and growing basic crops.

Most were Catholics and a hardy people famous for their fighting skills as part of the clan of Keppoch MacDonald.

Their lives were hard and poverty something they knew well. But this did not prevent them from extending hospitality to needy relatives, much evidenced in the life of Mary MacKillop's family.

John MacKillop, Mary's grandfather, was born in 1780 in Achaluicluich, north of Fort William in Scotland. In 1811 John married Ellen McNab in Perth, Scotland. Ellen was born in Perthshire in 1788. John, Ellen and five of their children migrated to Australia as bounty passengers on the *British King* arriving in Sydney on February 28, 1839. Alexander, their eldest son, had predeceased them and the second eldest remained in Scotland.

Donald MacDonald, Mary's maternal grandfather lived in Glen Roy, close to Roy Bridge and was known as Donald Drochaid (of the Bridge). He married Catherine Kennedy and had three children. After deciding to emigrate to Australia, Donald had to remain behind, while Catherine and the children, including Flora, left on the *Glen Huntley*, which arrived in Melbourne in April 1840 with typhoid aboard. The passengers were quarantined at Point Ormond for two months. One of the sons, suffering the effects of typhoid, had been lost overboard during the journey.

Within three months Flora had married Alexander MacKillop and so the story began.

When Donald arrived on the *Iona* in April 1842 Flora's first child, Mary, was three months old.

The MacKillops soon moved from Sydney to the Port Phillip district on the John Barry, arriving on April 19, 1839. They took up land on the Merri Creek at Pentridge, now Coburg. One can imagine the hardship of those days when Melbourne was trying to rise from a tent colony, the difficulty of providing food,

purchasing tools, horses and transport, must have tried even these determined Scots, used to farming difficult land in their home country.

The MacKillops became successful farmers and were able to help Mary purchase a piano for her boarders at Portland in later years. In 1861 the family's address was Somerton.

Ellen MacKillop died of dysentery, a common cause of death due to a polluted water supply. Ellen and John are buried in Grave 18 at Melbourne General Cemetery with Maggie and Peter, siblings of Mary, and other relatives.

Grandfather Donald MacDonald was a special favourite of his granddaughter and he called her 'his precious thing'. From him Mary learnt to speak Gaelic and listened to many stories of the Highlands. In later years she felt very much at home visiting the Highlands of Scotland.

When she was five years old her grandfather died. The inquest came to the conclusion that he had become lost in the dark and had fallen into the Plenty River where he drowned. He had been on his way to meet his wife and son returning from a visit to the MacKillop home on the Darebin Creek, when a sudden flash flood occurred from a storm.

Mary never forgot the sorrow of his death and once said "You know how my heart clinged (sic) to anything connected with Grandpa and what he loved."

Many times during Mary's life in and around Melbourne, her family sought refuge with their relatives. Some of the children spent many years with their grandparents or uncles as the family's fortune waxed and waned.

God chose well these solid Highland crofters to teach our saint the values of family, the importance of education, the demands of poverty and the love of simplicity and prayer.

Sources: The Scot in Mary MacKillop—Kath Burford rsj; In Search of Alexander MacKillop: Feehand & MacDonald; The MacKillop Family: Philomena McGuigan rsj



WHAT'S ON IN 2013!

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

Walk reflectively in the footsteps of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and be challenged in your own life by Mary's example

On the following
Saturdays in
2013:

9 February

16 March

3 August

19 October

23 November

10am --- 4pm

OPEN DAYS

Pray in the Chapel

Take a tour of the Museum

Visit the Gift Shop

Light refreshments provided

NEW Guided Mary MacKillop Walking Tour

362 Albert Street

EAST MELBOURNE

For more information:

Phone (03) 9926 9300 Visit www.mmhc.org.au

RETREAT PROGRAM

DIRECTED RETREATS -

1st July -7th July;

30th Sept-6th Oct

Srs Yvonne Hart rsj and Therese Quinn rsj

Srs Lynette Young rsj and Moya Unthank rsj

GUIDED RETREATS - 26th Aug-1st Sept; Sr Yvonne Hart rsj

25th Nov-1st Dec. Sr Yvonne Hart rsj

THE SONG OF SONGS - 12th Sept-29th Sept. Sr Therese Quinn rsj

PRAYING WITH HILDEGARDE OF BINGEN-28th Oct-3rd Nov-Sr Moya Unthank rsj

PRIVATE RETREATS AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTION IS AVAILABLE

Contact: Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Ph 03 9926 9300

PILGRIMAGES 2013

MARY MACKILLOP TRAIL

4 day pilgrimage to
HAMILTON, PORTLAND and PENOLA

17th—20th MAY 2013

Departing from Southern Cross Station

Bus Bays 9.30 a.m. 17th May

Bacchus Marsh 10.30 a.m.



Visiting sites connected to St Mary of the Cross and her family.

One day in Penola with Mass, Tour and time to visit displays.

COST: for 25 Pilgrims: \$575 Twin Share Plus \$120 Single Room
Travel by Coach. Excellent Motel Accommodation.

All expenses covered except 2 lunches.

For Application Form: Contact: Sr Mary Fermio, rsj Leader, at
Ph 5367 2078 or email : mary.fermio@sosj.org.au

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT MARY MACKILLOP

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

MELBOURNE, HAMILTON, PORTLAND, ADELAIDE, SYDNEY

23rd October—2nd November 2013

Begins at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, East Melbourne

Concludes at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney

Ex Melbourne: per person twin share: \$3080

Single supplement \$570

Includes:

Airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees, meals.

Application Form: Contact: Garry McLean Tel 03 9926 9300

Email: garry.mclean@sosj.org.au

The Pilgrimage is lead by a team of Sisters of St Joseph and
there will be opportunity for prayer and reflection.

REGIONAL GATHERINGS 2013

SATURDAYS

9.30 a.m. for 10 a.m. start to 3 p.m.

- APRIL 27th** **WONTHAGGI— Central Gippsland: Leongatha, Morwell, Wonthaggi, Bunyip and Koo Wee Rup**
Hall in St Joseph's School, off Elizabeth St Wonthaggi
- MAY 25th** **SUNBURY -Western Group: Bacchus Marsh, Sunbury, Sebastopol, Woodend and any Melbourne Associates**
Hall at St Anne's School, off Riddell's Road Sunbury, behind Church
- JUNE 22nd** **LAKES ENTRANCE - East Gippsland: Bairnsdale, Orbost, Maffra, Lakes Entrance**
Parish Centre, Princes Highway Lakes Entrance
- SEPT 14th** **CONFERENCE CENTRE 13 Havelock Road, Hawthorn East — inner and outer Melbourne**
75,70 Trams, Stop 38 or 39. Tram 72 Burke Road, Junction stop.
- NOV 9th** **MURCHISON—North Central: Rushworth, Nagambie, Numurkah, Euroa and Shepparton**
Murchison Church—over Goulburn R. Bridge, Turn Right immed. Travel to T intersection, left into Impey St. Church 2nd building on the right next to the Uniting Church.

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH Host group to provide morning tea.
Donation \$5

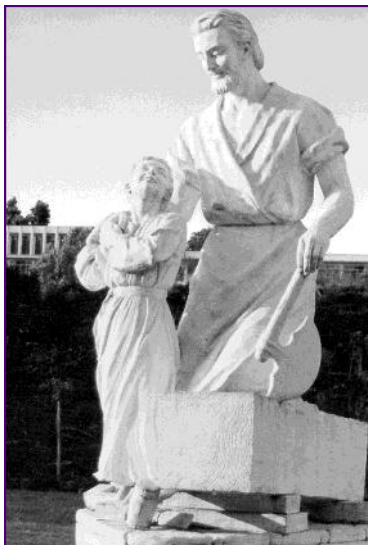
**BRING A FRIEND OR SOMEONE INTERESTED
IN BECOMING AN ASSOCIATE**
Travelling shop will be available.

THEME FOR 2013:

CALLED TO SERVE

We have planned to look at the three J's of our Josephite emblems

JESUS, JOSEPH, and JOHN THE BAPTIST



There will be time for prayer and reflecting on what we can learn from their lives and their example. Some of you have never come to a regional meeting for the last two or three years, and we would love to meet you at one of these days. These days are extremely happy days of getting to know others who have similar interests at heart.

Sharing transport makes it easier.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW CORE-TEAM MEMBER

INTRODUCING COLLEEN NAZARETH, FROM LYNBROOK, Cranbourne Parish

Before introducing myself, I wish to begin by saying how happy I am to finally become part of the Josephite family. My Mary MacKillop journey began quite some time back when my mother was ill.

I helped Dad care for her for a number of years before she passed away in 1995 and it was my dear Mum that first brought Mary MacKillop to my attention. Mum, brought up in a strict Methodist household, was a survivor of the 1937-38 polio epidemic and had poor health all of her life, but never complained. In her later years she had been in and out of hospital with cancer and a series of strokes. In 1994, during one of her last hospital stays, she had a particularly frightening episode, and was resuscitated three times during one night. Upon her return home, although she didn't initially speak about her experience, she did ask me to teach her to pray the rosary and to find out all that I could about Mary MacKillop. Each night I would pray the rosary with her as she fixed her gaze on the portrait of Mary MacKillop that I had bought her.

One night some months down the track I asked her about what had happened in the hospital. She began to relay a terrifying episode in which she believed that she saw Hell and she confided to me, that this episode had made her extremely afraid of dying. Almost a year passed of daily prayer, until one morning Mum was asking for me to come to her. As I entered the room, she was looking up, toward the corner of the room. I asked what was wrong and she pointed to the corner and whispered "Mary MacKillop". I looked up fully expecting to see her too, but all I could see were spider webs. Mum then just slumped over in her chair. I remembered what she had said about how afraid she was about dying and I asked her and Mary MacKillop to hang on. Suddenly, she sat upright and in a loud clear voice she looked at me and declared "I'm OK.....I'm alright" and then slumped over again. I felt an energy, that I truly believe to be her soul, leaving her body.

Mum never regained consciousness and although she lingered in intensive care for seven days and one in a ward, it seemed to me that just a body lay there. She finally passed away on 12th February 1995 less than one month after Mary MacKillop's beatification. I have no doubt that our dear St Mary of the Cross did come to my mother that morning, just as she visited her dying Sisters and others to give them comfort.

I am just a pretty ordinary person. I have always loved the Australian bush and completed my under-graduate degree, majoring in Environmental Studies and History/Politics. My love of history led me to complete Post-graduate studies in that area. I have worked in many and varied jobs from the RAAF to the Victorian Railways, from retail to personal care, to a councillor in local Government Until a couple of years ago, I had been working with at risk youth in an adult community learning centre, after completing my training as an alcohol and other drugs worker. I hope to return to the drug and alcohol work at some point and incorporate my love of the Australian bush in my treatment programs.

At the moment I find myself back in carer role again looking after my Dad. I have been married for twenty-five years; I have a twenty year old daughter who is studying microbiology and psychology at Monash University.

I hope that I will be a useful addition to the team and I am looking forward to continuing my Josephite journey by growing in Friendship, Prayer and Service.

Colleen Nazareth



THANK YOU MARY RYAN RSJ!

For the last five years Mary Ryan rsj has been the representative of the Province Leadership Team on the Core-team of the Josephite Associates. During this time Mary has participated with her usual energy and enthusiasm at meetings, Regional Days, Leaders' days and assisting with the final setting up of the Newsletter and producing many of our reflection sheets. We are extremely grateful for all she has contributed during this time and know that she will bring the same spirit to her new role in Adelaide. Mary will be greatly missed from her home state of Victoria, as she contributed so much with her many skills to the life of the Sisters and Associates in the Province.

Every blessing Mary as you go forth to new adventures!



NEWS FROM TASMANIA

The first gathering of Josephite Associates in Launceston is to be held soon. Three new people will be starting on the Introductory Program. It is hoped that two of the Associates will attend the Tasmanian Josephite Colloquium in April. These days are similar to a pilgrimage visiting the historical sites of the Sisters in Tasmania. Several Associates are joining the Lenten Program being conducted at the Emmanuel Retreat Centre.

Kathy Cuthbertson

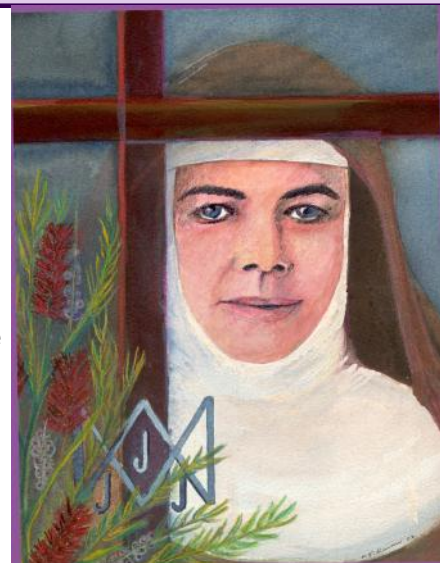


SECOND PATRON OF AUSTRALIA

A formal decree, issued on 15th January 2013, approving St Mary of the Cross MacKillop as second Patron of Australia, has been received by the President of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference, Archbishop Denis Hart. The formal process was initiated by the Australian Bishops who expressed the wish of the people of Australia for a further official recognition of Australia's first canonised saint.

Sr Anne Derwin, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph, said that this was another important honour for St Mary of the Cross. "We realise that since her canonisation many, many Australians have come to admire and appreciate the strong dedication to people in society, especially the most vulnerable, that they have a fair deal, that children receive education and love, and that every person is recognised and valued" she said.

"We are all delighted and hope that Mary's values of generosity, inclusion, kindness, commitment and reliance on God's Providence and Goodness, become the hallmarks of our country."



Painting by Therese Quinn rsj

SWAN HILL

During 2012 the eight Associates held two very successful knitting days at our Parish Centre. We invite parishioners to these days, providing plenty of food for them at no cost, providing they knit squares for the "Wraps with Love" program. The squares are sewn into rugs and sent to the cold European countries.

The ladies who join us are encouraged to continue knitting the squares. It is a wonderful way of sharing Mary MacKillop's charism and doing something worthwhile.



At other meeting days we gather for reflection, then visit parishioners in their own home or the local aged care facility. Our leader, Helen, always has a beautifully framed picture of Mary MacKillop to give to those we visit and to other ill parishioners. Receiving these pictures always brings a smile of gratitude to the face of the unwell person. Prior to Christmas we take home-made goodies to a lady who is not mobile. This year we were delighted to have Sr Kathleen McSweeney with us. She was the last Josephite Sister in Swan Hill prior to leaving four years ago to minister to the indigenous people at Halls Creek.

ST ALBANS

Though not formalized Associates, a small group of women at St Albans have done their little bit to make Mary MacKillop well known. Each Month Patricia Bowers prepares a Church Noticeboard with some information, sayings, pictures etc which are relevant to Mary MacKillop's life and story, or what is happening elsewhere e.g. a pilgrimage.

During 2012 they organized entertainment and afternoon tea for the Sisters and residents at Mary MacKillop Aged Care and had a wonderful afternoon themselves.



Through their efforts five parishioners joined the 4 day Pilgrimage last year. Congratulations!

January 5, 2013 was the Golden Jubilee celebration for thirty-five Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, one being my sister, Loretto Dunn. Three Sisters had predeceased them.

A beautiful warm sunny day greeted family members to the Chapel at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney. We arrived early enough to visit the tomb of St Mary of the Cross before Mass.

The Bishop and Priests took their places for a very meaningful ceremony, during which the Sisters placed their lit candles on Mary's tomb. Along with three Irish Sisters who had spent many years in Australia and a Sister from Tasmania, whose Congregation was recently fused with the Central Congregation. Our Sister was blessed in her nursing work for these 50 years for which we, as a family, have been very grateful.

The next day we ventured by bus from the city to Waverley cemetery to find the grave of Fr Julian Tenison Woods. We found Henry Lawson, but we became desperate as time moved on and we had a plane to catch. "Ask and you shall receive!" Why didn't we think of it earlier? The gravestone appeared.

On the top is a statue of the Blessed virgin and inscriptions on three sides— from the Sisters of St Joseph; the scientific community and the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Queensland. What a peaceful spot looking down to bushes and the sea!

With much relief we had achieved our hopes and returned happily after a blessed weekend.

Clare Pree, Broadmeadows

WE WAS BRUNG UP.....

Received from a friend:

To all those born in the 1930's, 40's, 50's



Remember the olden days when

- ◆ As children we rode in cars with no seat belts, air bags or power steering
 - ◆ We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle
 - ◆ The shops all closed at 5 p.m. and never opened on a Sunday, but we didn't starve
 - ◆ We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this
 - ◆ We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter, milk from the cow and drank soft drinks with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because.. WE ALWAYS PLAYED OUTSIDE ALL DAY
- CONGRATULATIONS! YOU SURVIVED.**

LEADERS' GATHERING

A wonderful gathering of thirty –two Associates and four Sisters met in the Conference room at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre on Saturday 16th Feb.

Associates gathered from Beechworth, Rushworth, Morwell. Wonthaggi, Koo Wee Rup, Eaglehawk, Woodend, Ballarat and Hamilton plus many from Melbourne Suburbs.

The day began with a prayerful reflection on the Rublev Trinity Icon on the theme of Hospitality by Therese Quinn rsj. Each Associate was presented with a postcard copy of the Icon. Sr Rita Malavisi informed us on what was happening with Asylum Seekers and her visits to detention Centres. Sr Margaret Malady rsj presented to us photos of the areas in which the Sisters work in Peru.

A short section of the DVD *East Timor Leste We Forget* showed the work of the Sisters producing literacy books for the Teachers and children in East Timor. These three presentations gave food for thought and opened our eyes to each situation and to ways in which we could help as Josephites.

After a delicious lunch when Sr Josephine Dubiel, Province Leader, joined the group, Noreen McLeish led a reporting session by each group. It is amazing all the ways in which Josephite Associates serve the people of their parishes and communities. Some very creative ways were explained.

Sr Josephine spoke on the changes in the Congregation when on 19th March 2013 our Provinces will become Regions, explaining how this will mainly mean change in Governance. But will change the sizes and connections of States and Countries across the world.

Sr Mary Fermio then spoke on the cessation of the Mobile Library and encouraged groups, where desired, set up their own library as a group or in the Parish Church. On advice of them doing so, she would provide some books to help stock it.

AnneMarie Wilkiinson led us in a final prayer on Hospitality. Several quotes of Joan Chittester osb were given to us.. Two are given for your reflection below:

HOSPITALITY is not merely a matter of opening the door; it's a matter of opening the heart.

....is the ability to make another person comfortable in a strange space: ours

Mary Fermio rsj



Sr Therese and Maureen Maartenz of Wonthaggi



Colleen Nazareth and Sr Rita Malavisi rsj



Sr Margaret Malady with Noreen McLeish



Norah Gribble of Dallas giving her report

BOOK REVIEWS



GOOD GRIEF

LOOKING FOR A GOOD BOOK TO READ, ONE THAT COULD BE GIVEN TO YOUR MOTHER!!

This was one of my sayings when I found a book that I didn't have to keep skipping words.....

Sometimes it is hard to know a good author so I am listing a few books below you may enjoy and be able to find in your local library:

Monica McInerney:

At Home with the Templetons

Story of a family who came to Castlemaine from England, their successes and failures.

Miss Read: **Village School Village Library and others**

Very entertaining stories of a little school in an English Village.

Maeve Binchy: **A Week in Winter**

Her usual entertaining story

Jennifer Chiarerini:

An Elm Creek Quilts Sampler

The first three novels in the series

A series of stories about Quilt Makers set in Pennsylvania, their histories, their families and the way they support each other. Those of you who enjoy quilting will enjoy the descriptions.

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LENTEN REFLECTION

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
362 Albert St EAST MELBOURNE
Wednesdays 2013:

Time: 12.30—1.00 p.m.

6th March; 13th March

20th March; 27th March.

Make a day of it in the city and pop up to the Heritage Centre. Cuppa always available.



Good Grief is a ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph that provides support for people in times of change, loss and grief through its programs and resources.

The main program, Seasons for Growth, is a small group withdrawal program which supports people experiencing emotional difficulty following family break-up, death or other losses. Over time it has proved to be very effective as people discover that 'they are not the only one' having problems.

Seasons for Growth uses the imagery of the seasons and Worden's tasks of grief to enable participants to address their own grief issues.

Good Grief services include:

- ◆ Training to run the Seasons for Growth program
- ◆ Professional development sessions
- ◆ Adult or children's personal change, loss, grief programs
- ◆ Information sessions
- ◆ Provision of support resources

For further information or bookings contact:

Sr Patricia Williams rsj
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Phone: 03 9926 9316
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Website: www.goodgrief.org.au

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SPIRITUALITY DAYS

ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT,
16 ESPLANADE WILLIAMSTOWN

From 11th April 2013
Prayer and
Spirituality Days

will be held
every second
Thursday of the month—
afternoon 1.30 p.m. and
evening 7.30 p.m.



ASSOCIATES' BULLETIN BOARD - AUTUMN 2013

THANK YOU

December 2012

On behalf of Mary MacKillop International Mission Fund Australia, I thank you for your generous support in supplying and assisting with used stamps.

During 2012 we raised approximately \$9,200. Our best effort so far!

From 2001 till now our total is almost \$40,000!

May God's blessings through the Intercession of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, be yours in abundance.

Sr Helen Saunders rsj
For Sisters of St Joseph

USED STAMPS

Used postage stamps have raised thousands of dollars for the Peruvian Mission. Please leave a border of about 1cm around the stamps.

Forward stamps to:

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

Thank you.



Death is the completion of our journey to God

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

Sisters Loretto Quinn, Joan Murphy, and
Lucia Capicchiano

Dorothea Camilleri, Associate, Bunyip group

Elaine Smith, Associate, Orbost

Graham Kelly, brother of Eileen Tuohey, Eaglehawk

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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NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

With this newsletter you will receive a Newsletter Subscription form for this year's contribution.

We are most grateful for your generous contributions which support the Josephite Associates expenses.

Please return the form with your contribution - this makes recording easier.

If you do not wish to receive the newsletter please let Sr Mary know.

DEATH OF ASSOCIATES ...

We would appreciate being advised of the death of an Associate or a close family member.

Please notify Sr Mary Fermio at the Associates' Office (see above)