



# Josephite Associates, Victoria-Tasmania Spring 2014



## SPRING IS HERE, THE GRASS IS RIS'...

My dear Associates,

The year is fast slipping away as we step into September Spring weather which brings such a promise of new life and warmth.

The last few months have been busy ones with a trip to Beechworth and Penola, about which you will find reports in the newsletter.

A most enjoyable lunch was spent with about thirty past students from the sixties years at Mount St Joseph's Altona West, this year celebrating 50 years of education. I felt so proud of these lovely women that I was part of their education in their years before leaving for the workforce and hearing about how they appreciated the teaching they received. Some of them had been there the first year when one had to

'take up your chair and walk!'. Of mopping the big hall each Friday so that visitors would not see any dust over the weekend as the school was a show piece in the Melbourne Archdiocese at that time.

During the days at Beechworth Chris and I had dinner with the Associates, 4 women and 3 men—quite an achievement. Irene and Brendan were doing prison visitation. Brendan has now accepted a position as teacher at Christmas Island. Keep him in your prayer.

As I have now finished the stories of Mary MacKillop's family, I thought I would start two more series—accounts of the opening of schools/convents in the early years of Victoria and profiles of our Associates who are doing such interesting and worthwhile ministry where they live. Maybe you know of an Associate whose profile would be well worth doing and could send me some information. With their permission of course!

Some Associates are posting their used stamps to me. It would be wiser to post them direct to the address on the back page rather than pay two lots of postage when I forward them on.

You will see on page 5 that we have commenced the 15th prayer days again at the Heritage Centre. Those of you who came to Brunswick St will have happy memories of those times. Please pass the word on to anyone who may like to spend some time praying with and reflecting on the

life of our Australian Saint. Trams bring you up Collins St to the Cathedral. There is also parking in Albert St and in the Heritage centre Car park, entry via Providence Lane. Please make sure you let us know if you are coming, so we have sufficient lunch.

At Eaglehawk I received a huge bag filled with face washers from the Craft group, now disbanded. Mim Caruso also collected enough at her work place to buy a large supply of goods with money left over to purchase material. All helping young girls overseas. Maybe a letter to your local Target or Spotlight store might bring forth a donation. Copies of brochures are available from me or Robyn.

We have been looking at What does it mean for me to be an Associate at the Regional days. We have been very impressed with your responses. So why not share your Good News with others and all make an effort to invite one person to join your group or start a group with you. Let us share the goodness of the Charism we have. Every blessing. Enjoy the Spring sunshine.

*Mary Fermio RST*



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# SPRING REFLECTION

At this time of the year we sense an air of joy as the days become longer and warmer, the trees begin to clothe themselves in blossom and green leaves and we find some blooms in our garden to pick for the house.

Pope Francis has written a beautiful document entitled THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL and words of joy spring from the pages. When reflecting on the forward during my retreat this year, it was brought home to me what a happy person Jesus was, and how joy was so much part of his life. When one reads John's Gospel Chapters 14-17 you can count the word 'joy' over forty times.

We can imagine how happy the people were to see Jesus, so much so that they travelled from their homes to hear him, to be healed, to just be with him. So he must have radiated a spirit of joy, much the same as our beloved Pope does. Jesus was not a person who looked like someone 'just come back from a funeral' (P 10) He attracted people by his very nature. His message brings us joy "I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete" (Jn 15:11)

Mary MacKillop would have been a person of joy, not overwhelmed by the difficulties she faced or the people she had to deal with and live with. Otherwise how would she have attracted such a band of generous, like-minded women to help her, and why would a dying child beg her to come to him on a wild and stormy night. Her smile and manner of greeting would have been cheerful and welcoming, her invitation to come in and have a cuppa would have been done with a friendly smile. This can be difficult when one is in the midst of an important task or letter to write, or in the middle of a meal.

Mary's joy would have come, as the joy of Jesus did, from a deep peace and a strong and loving relationship with God based on prayer and connectedness. A peace in knowing one is doing what God wants, that what you are doing is worthwhile and is affirmed by others.

Often I get letters and spoken comments from Sisters and Associates saying how they love the Associates Newsletter and read it from cover to cover. This gives me great joy and affirms what I do and also gives me the encouragement to continue. I often wonder how often Parish Priests are given joy by the affirmation of their parishioners, a thank you for what is done, a friendly greeting before or after Mass, a word of praise for a good homily, for something learned.

So this document of Pope Francis made me think deeply about how I approach others, communicate with others, speak to others and make them feel better for having met me. As Josephites we need to live the joy of the Gospel which "fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus" (Par 1) And that is the secret—to encounter Jesus.

So in this time of spring we may be able to read this document, to think about how I give joy to others—in my manner, my smile, my greeting, my attitude and respect for others especially those who may be rejected by society. Mary MacKillop once wrote: "Find happiness (joy) in making others happy" 1889

Pope Francis quotes the book of Sirach 14

"My child, treat yourself well, according to your means...  
do not deprive yourself of the day's enjoyment".

So celebrate this Spring by sharing a coffee, lunch with friends, a walk in the sun, reading a book. Go for a ride down the Yarra or the Maribyrnong River on the Tramboat which leaves from docklands. (Google Tramboat) do something special to bring joy to yourself and others. All the time thanking God for your life and the means to do so.

*Mary Fermio rsj*



## MARY'S BROTHER—PETER

Peter the youngest of the MacKillop family, was born on October 27 1857, when the population of Melbourne was over 410,000. The family was again in financial difficulties, having not long returned from Sydney where Alexander had unsuccessfully tried to find employment.

Flora, pregnant with Peter, had returned with the other children to Port Melbourne and found herself and the children stranded. Mary and John walked the 12 miles to Somerton to get transport from relatives.

Peter was baptized at St Paul's Church, Coburg, on November 20. 1887.

During his childhood the family moved from Somerton to Collingwood, to Richmond and then when he was about six to Portland where he attended school with Donald, who was then 10 years old.

In the new year of 1866 the family was again dispersed and Donald and Peter remained with their mother in a small cottage in Hurd St., Portland, where Flora took in Lodgers.

Peter also spent some time at Penola with his uncle Donald MacDonald where his "nice open manner" impressed Fr Woods, who declared Peter could become a bishop, after he showed some determination to be a priest.

When he was 16 years old Mary arranged for Peter to go to the Jesuit College at Sevenhill in South Australia. Here he was universally loved and in danger of being spoiled, according to Mary. But Peter was not a keen student and tried to avoid studies when he could.

In 1875 he wrote to Mary and pleaded with her to allow him to leave school and go to work, as he had by then decided the priesthood was not for him.

After leaving school he was diagnosed with a heart disease, but Peter hoped that by following the doctor's treatment and getting employment, he would recover his health.

At this time he became engaged to Miss Lucy Marshall but his hopes of a full recovery were futile. His illness was named as cancer—a kind that had the doctor baffled. From Norwood, where he had been living, he

moved to uncle Peter MacKillop's home at Lara, near Geelong. His mother and sister Annie cared for him and Mary was with him when he died on July 23, 1878.

Peter is buried with his sister Maggie, his MacKillop grandparents and four other relatives at the Melbourne General Cemetery. Annie relates that Lucy Marshall died only a few days later.

Flora had now lost her husband and four of her children. She stayed on with her brother-in-law Peter at Lara. In 1883 when her daughter Lexie died, Flora was able to write to Donald, her Jesuit son, 'I consider myself one of the truly blessed mothers, being the instrument in God's hands of rearing all my children, and that under great difficulties, for God's glory'.

Flora lived the life of a saintly woman, who never had the joy of grandchildren, as not one of her eight children married. She spent the rest of her life going from relative to relative caring for the sick or those in need of help. She also spent many hours caring for the Sisters, meeting them in Melbourne and seeing them off to Sydney or elsewhere.

*Sources: Archive Resource Material Book 2.*

*Mary MacKillop's Family, Sr  
Philomena McGuigan rsj*



# REGIONAL DAYS 2014

## EAST MELBOURNE

A grand group of thirteen Associates attended the day at East Melbourne, the most we have had for a day there. They came from far and wide—Doncaster, Eaglehawk, Broadmeadows, Richmond, Pakenham, Wonthaggi, Doreen, Woodend, Sunbury, Ashwood and Brighton.

Having the Chapel and reflection room as space to reflect in is a real advantage when at the Heritage Centre, with the opportunity to purchase from the shop.



We are always grateful for the staff of the Centre who generously give of their time on a Saturday to look after the cuppas and the shop for us. Thank you Srs Anne Tuck and Bernardine Guinane.

We have two more days to enjoy sharing with you –Bacchus Marsh in September and Orbost in October. You are welcome to attend either day if you have missed out on the previous ones.



## Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop.

A magnificent sun rise began the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> August and a large number children and adults, including our sisters of St Joseph Srs

Madeleine White and Maureen Philp gathered in Mackillop Centre Lakes Entrance to celebrate St Mary's feast day. St Joseph's school students along with Sr Madeleine and Josephite Associates, travelled 58.5km from Orbost to Lakes Entrance to join St Brendan's students as well as Lakes Entrance Associates in celebrating this special feast day, commencing with Mass. The school prepared the Mass which encapsulated aspects of Mary Mackillop's life with the various gifts brought to the prayer table, during the \ liturgy.



All the school children were treated to a B.B.Q lunch at the school. Sr Maureen was fortunate to guess the correct number of 'jaffas in a jar competition' at a local shop ...enough to share two jaffas with each student and more. Interested people were shown the newly purchased commercial dishwasher and alterations to the hall kitchen whilst enjoying morning tea, prepared and served by teachers,

staff and school parents. Our resident Priest, Fr Janeesh was able to share a luncheon with the Sisters and Josephite Associates at Louise and Michael Anketell's home which was a wonderful way to spend this special day. Michael waited on us with tea and coffee, then put into practice Mary Mackillop's message "if you see a need, try to do something about it" by cleaning away all the dishes. *Louise Anketell*

# MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE 2014

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** Mon to Fri 9 am-5 p.m. Closed public holidays  
**MUSEUM AND GALLERY** Mon to Fri 10 a.m.—4 p.m. By appointment phone 03 9926 9300  
**SPECIAL WEEKEND OPENINGS 2014:** 18th October 29th November

**ACCOMMODATION:** 1 Bedroom Max 2 persons  
2 Bedroom Apartments Max 4 persons B&B. Phone 03 9926 9300

## RETREATS

**DIRECTED:** Mon 22nd Sept –Sun 28th Sept: Srs Moya Unthank rsj and Eileen O’Loughlin rsj

**GUIDED:** Listening with the Ear of the Heart: Mon 29th Sept – Sun 5th Oct Sr Yvonne Harte rsj  
Art as Prayer: Mon 13th October – Sun 19th Oct – Sr Therese Quinn rsj

**PRIVATE:** Individuals wishing to utilize the accommodation should contact 03 9926 9300

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** Offered at the Heritage Centre and other locations Contact: 03 9926 9300

**Directors:** Srs Yvonne Harte rsj; Eileen O’Loughlin rsj; Therese Quinn rsj;  
Jennifer Sanders rsj Moya Unthank rsj

## PILGRIMAGES

**Melbourne Walking Pilgrimage:** to historic sites in the city. Brochure is available from reception

**Victorian Pilgrimage:** Hamilton, Portland, Penola TBA Suitable for a Parish/s group

**National Pilgrimage:** 22nd October – 1st November: Melb, Penola, Adelaide, Sydney

**Birth Site:** 7 Brunswick St Fitzroy: open to public Mon-Fri 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**St Mary of the Cross Square:** Brunswick St Fitzroy (opp Birth Site)

Statue of the youthful Mary and a series of bronze plaques depicting aspects of Mary’s life.

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Chapel** in the Daniel Mannix Building of Australian Catholic Uni.  
is open to the public Mon to Fri 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (enter from St Mary of the Cross Square)

## CONVERSATIONS WITH MARY MACKILLOP MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE 362 ALBERT ST EAST MELBOURNE

11 AM–12 NOON IN THE CHAPEL FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT LUNCH  
SR MARY FERMIO RSJ WILL LEAD THE SESSION

FOR MANY YEARS A TALK WITH PRAYER WAS HELD ON 15TH OF EACH MONTH AT 11  
BRUNSWICK ST. WE ARE HOPING TO RECOMMENCE THIS TRADITION—THOUGH SOME  
DATES WILL BE 16TH OR 17TH IF THE 15TH FALLS ON A SATURDAY OR SUNDAY.

THE FOLLOWING ARE DATES FOR

2014: MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER;:	AN AUSTRALIAN HERO
WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER:	A WOMAN OF GOD
MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER:	PRAYING WITH MARY MACKILLOP (HER SPECIAL DEVOTIONS)
MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER:	MARY CHALLENGES US

*IF YOU CAN LET US KNOW BY THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE ,SO THAT CATERING CAN BE ORGAN-  
ISED, WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL. A DONATION WILL BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.*

Phone: 9926 9300 Mon-Fri 9am-5p.m. email: admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au

# REGIONAL DAYS 2014

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

**BYO LUNCH - Host group to provide morning tea DONATION \$5**

*THEME: WALKING IN GOD'S PRESENCE WITH  
ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP  
What does it mean for me to be an Associate?*

20th September **BACCHUS MARSH** Sebastopol, Bacchus Marsh, Woodend, Sunbury and anyone who would like to join us from elsewhere.....  
*Sebastopol will supply morning tea.-*

4th October **ORBOST** Mary Mackillop Room, Browning St - Hall is in School Grounds  
Orbost, Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance  
And anyone else who wants to come!

## PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY DAYS 2014

**Venue: St Joseph's Convent, 63 McBain St ALTONA 3018 Corner of Civic Parade**

**When: Third THURSDAY of each month**

**Afternoon Session: 1.30 p.m.—3 p.m.**

**Evening Repeat Session 7.30 p.m.—9.00 p.m.**

18th September *We live by Hope. Or do we?*

*Patricia Williams rsj*

23rd October *Brigid of Kildare—Woman of Strength and Gentleness*

*Doris Testa csb*

TBA *Healing of our Aboriginal Spiritual Wellbeing  
And our Sacred Land*

*Elizabeth Pike*

13th November TBA

*Carmel Cramer rsj*

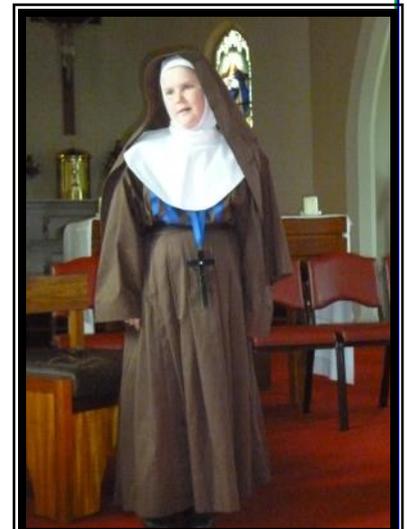
**RSVP Therese Quinn rsj**

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## CELEBRATING MARY MACKILLOP AT CASTERTON



**Sacred Heart School  
Casterton, Gr 3/4  
celebrated  
Mary MacKillop's Feast  
day with a  
*THIS IS YOUR LIFE*  
with visitors Flora and  
Alexander, Fr Julian,  
Lexie, Pope Pius IX and  
the rest of the class were  
the family and  
Pupils from Penola.**



## OPENING OF STAGE 2—STABLE PARK PENOLA

Sunday June 29 dawned cold, but sunny, for the blessing and opening of the Mary MacKillop Stable Park Stage 2 at Penola. The threat of rain kept eyes on the sky, but our good God blessed us with a mainly fine day interspersed with a couple of short showers.

The first gathering was in St Joseph's Church, where Sisters of St Joseph, distinguished by their blue pashminas, were seen greeting old and new friends with joy. Among the Congregation were students and teachers from Penola College Broadmeadows, teachers from New South Wales schools who had contributed to the cost, a couple from Thomastown, Kath and Barry Evans, members of the Congregational Leadership Team, Regional Teams and past Josephite Principals. Mary Fermio and Audrey Thomson represented Sr Kerrie Cusack and the Sisters of Victoria-Tasmania.



On this feast of Sts Peter and Paul, our celebrants were Fr Paul Gardiner and Fr Peter Fountain. The music was superbly led by Pamela Walker with soloist and flautist encouraging all to raise their voices in song.

Fr Gardiner, at the beginning of the Mass, reminded us that it was Mary MacKillop's 'holiness and union with God' which was important. In his homily Fr Paul referred to Pope Paul VI and his example of following God's will and quoted Mary's letter to her brother Donald "it is now seven years since God laid his hand on me...but a thousand welcomes to his holy will". For Mary, the heart of the matter, was her union with Jesus and that she sought and did the will of God.

After Mass everyone gathered in the school Hall for the blessing ritual, enhanced by a collection of photos and images of Mary and Penola on the large screen. Everyone moved to the Stable site where sprinkled holy water completed the blessing prayers and the mantra Holy Ground was sung.

The Stage 2 of the site has made the area a family friendly reflection and picnic area with seating covered by a canvas sail. Prayer stations with the words of

Mary on them lead one on a path of reflection to the prayer centre, where one is again called to reflect in prayer on the words of Mary MacKillop. The Bell Boy relates the history of the land, its original use as a stable site, the establishment of a school, the destruction of the stable and the use of the land for grazing until the Sisters could purchase it and set about setting up a permanent memorial park. In the centre of the park Fr Woods, Mary and several children are depicted in a happy group. Another shows a young girl sitting on the wall reading a book, while an adventurous young man does a handstand near her.



A large fixture has recorded on it the names of the schools across Australia who, when invited, contributed to the establishment of the park. Seventeen Victorian and nine Tasmanian Josephite schools accepted the invitation.

All enjoyed a delicious lunch of great variety back at the hall with hot soup to 'warm the cockles of the heart'. It was a great occasion to catch up on old and new friends as we moved towards the end of a most enjoyable and memorable day.



Sr Monica Cavanagh suggested that on visiting the park we envision Mary, Annie and Lexie welcoming students and recall how, in her letters and in her work, 'Mary respected the dignity of each child, who reflected for her the face of God'.

# 125 YEARS AT ULVERSTONE, TAS

On 14 July 1889, just two years after they had arrived in Tasmania, the Sisters of St Joseph were invited to come to Ulverstone. The 2014 school community marked their 125th anniversary with celebrations towards the end of Term Two.

Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed an Activities Day, participating in multi-age groups to remember the olden days through playing games such as marbles, tic-tac-toe and bobs and statues, writing with nib pens and making woollen thread dolls. Many dressed in clothes from an earlier time.

Remembering the Feast of the Sacred Heart and the Josephite Story were significant moments to pause and reflect on the rich heritage of the school.

A cocktail party was an occasion for sharing many memories. During the evening, Sr Tess Ransom and Mr John Bloomfield were presented with Awards of Recognition for services to the school and the school community. Guests including the Director of Catholic Education Tasmania, Dr Trish Hindmarsh, Members of Parliament, School Board members, clergy, Sisters of St Joseph, current and previous staff members, Parents and Friends Association members and friends of the school.

The Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday brought together many parishioners and members of the school community.

Archbishop Julian Porteous and Fr Mike Delaney were the concelebrants.

A lecture by Sr. Josephine Brady provided a detailed insight into the story of the Sisters of St Joseph in North West Tasmania. Mass was followed by an Open Day at the school. This included a BBQ lunch, hosted by the P & F, a circus display from talented past pupils, balloons, face painting, guided tours, open classrooms, anniversary artwork and a birthday cake. Beautifully presented displays told the history of the school.

Sacred Heart School has a number of 'famous' past students, including Joseph Lyons, Premier of Tasmania (1923-1928) and Prime Minister of Australia (1932-1939) and Roland Wilson, Secretary of the Commonwealth Treasury whose signature was on all our Australian bank notes from 1951-1966.

A fundraiser was launched during the festivities for the refurbishment of the school chapel. The Junior Joeys group has offered to coordinate some fun activities towards this project.

In 2014, 125 years after the Sisters of St Joseph came to Ulverstone, Sacred Heart Catholic School is a modern, attractive school with an up-to-date curriculum. Dedicated staff encourage the students to continue to live in the Josephite spirit and to **Grow in Love**



Well done, Sacred Heart School community!

Prepared by Sr Carmel Jones Taken from sosj website

***How truly wonderful are  
God's ways and how little  
we understand them.***

**Mary MacKillop 1874**

# AROUND THE TRAPS

## BROADMEADOWS

On June 11, Sr Catherine Quirk rsj, and Josephite Associates joined the Hume Mayor, Casey Nunn, staff from the Council and Friends of the Will Will Rook Pioneer Cemetery to unveil the noticeboard at Broadmeadows.

Over some time, short histories of some of those interred here were written for the noticeboard and the photo and plaque on the stone, which commemorates the lives of some four hundred babies from the St Joseph's Babies' Home, Broadmeadows from 1901 until 1975. Sr Catherine has worked for many years to have recognition of these children recorded where they were buried.



## BEECHWORTH

Sr Mary Fermio and Chris Van Order (Core-Team) travelled to Beechworth via Eaglehawk during June to enrol students as members of the Mary-Brigid Group at St Joseph's School.

The enrolment took place at an assembly of the school with Sr Alexia, the resident Brigidine sister sharing the enrolment. The children made a commitment to follow Mary MacKillop in her work and attitude to others and to live a prayerful life as Brigid did. Each student received a badge of Mary MacKillop and a picture of St Brigid.

Prior to the ceremony Sr Mary spoke to students, staff and parents present about the work of the Sisters of St Joseph in Peru, using a power point of photos put together by Sr Margaret Malady rsj. Before lunch there was opportunity to buy handcrafts from Peru and goods from the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre.



A total of \$1000 was banked for the day. Congratulations to the generous people at Beechworth!

Chris and I were very impressed with the spirit in the school, the politeness of the children as they held out 50c and asked what they could buy. We enjoyed our day immensely.

During the afternoon we toured the shops and made our small contribution to the Beechworth economy.

New members of the Mary-Brigid group with Sr Mary and Chris Nicholls-van Order at Beechworth.

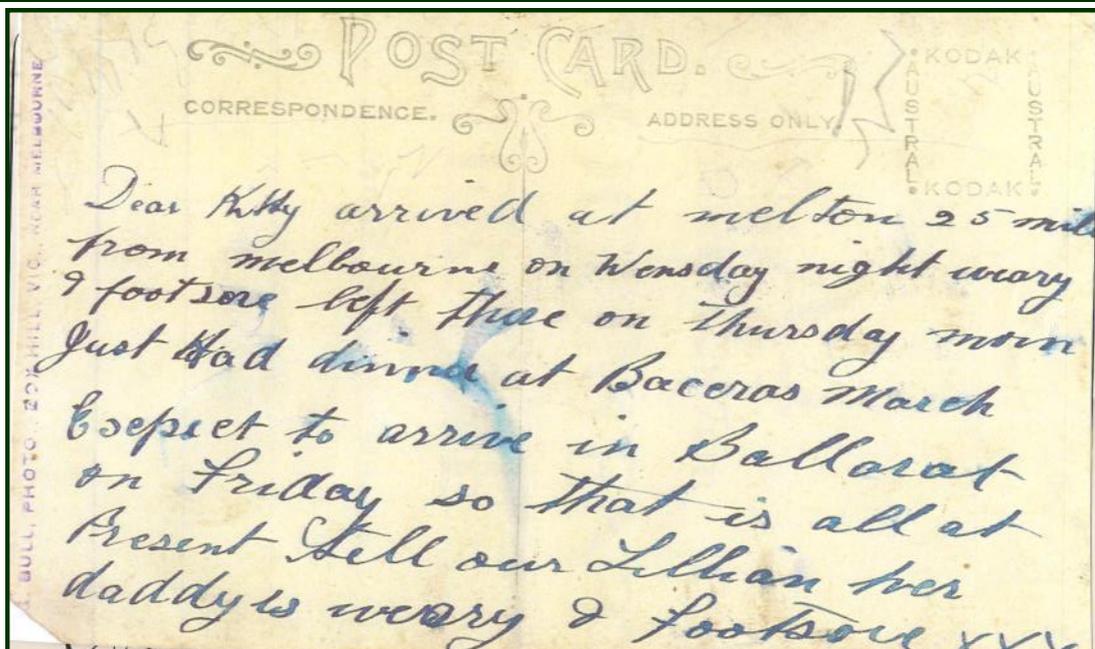
# BACCHUS MARSH HISTORY

The photo below is taken from a postcard which one of our parishioners found on E-Bay. We believe it was taken between 1905 and 1908 as in the latter year the two timber classrooms on the right were moved to Comadai school between Bacchus Marsh and Gisborne.

On the left is the original convent bought by Archbishop Carr in 1890 where the Sisters lived for 10 years. In 1900 the double storey building was erected and provided accommodation for the Sisters and Boarders with rooms for classes on the ground floor. In 1905 the Chapel was built, the tower of which can be seen above the original convent. On the back of the postcard was a letter to Kitty telling her:

***Dear Kitty arrived at Melton 25 miles from Melbourne on Wednesday night weary and footsore left there on Thursday morn. Just had dinner at Bacchus Marsh. Expect to arrive in Ballarat on Friday so that is all at present. Tell our Lillian her daddy is weary and footsore. XXX***

We found this note fascinating and also the fact that a postcard depicting these buildings would be on sale. I have wondered often how the MacKillop family got to the Clunes area where Alexander had a job. They probably walked too. Do you have some history to share?



# BOOK/DVD REVIEWS



## **AFTER AUSCHWITZ** By Eva Schloss

Eva Schloss is the step-sister of Anne Frank. Her family were arrested and sent to Auschwitz, her beloved father and brother dying before the war ended. Eva's mother and herself survived the months only by sheer determination.

Her book tells the story of the family who moved from Austria to Amsterdam and got caught up in the German invasion being informed on by the person who was hiding them. It is a moving account of her life and the years following when her mother married Anne Frank's father, who had lost all his family, and of their work to promote the Anne Frank Foundation.

## **PHILOMENA** by Martin Sixsmith

Many of you would have seen the film about Philomena's search for her son. The book is very different from the film as it follows Michael's (Anthony Lee) life from Ireland to America and his struggle with the feeling he is rejected and his search for happiness as a gay person.

Thorough research enabled the author to speak to those who lived with Michael and to learn so much about his life and his search for his birth mother.

## **9/11 AND THE ART OF HAPPINESS**

By Simon Kennedy

Simon is a stand-up comic from Sydney whose mother was killed in the plane that crashed into the Pentagon. In his book he tells how he and his brother journeyed through the years following, their grief and the opportunities of remembering his mother. Their ability to forgive and to finally be able to share their grief is exemplary.

## **IRENA SENDLER Mother of the Children of the Holocaust** by Anna Mieszkowska

At great risk to her own life, this tiny woman and her many collaborators, rescued over 2000 children from the Warsaw Ghetto, finding many ways to smuggle out these small children to save their lives. Despite being captured and tortured by the Gestapo she lived into her nineties and shared her story with four young students from America. A remarkable and heart-warming story which can strengthen our trust in human nature.

**ALL THESE BOOKS I HAVE OBTAINED FROM OUR LOCAL LIBRARY—AS WELL AS DVD's** . Thank you to Alice Larkins who is grateful for the recommendations and makes sure she reads them.

## **POPE FRANCIS—Untying the Knots**

By Paul Valley

"Read this book, forget the rest" The Tablet  
So I bought it and read it. A fascinating story of the struggle of a young Jesuit, given responsibility at an early age in Argentina. A very candid account of how Jorge Bergoglio exercised authority in his Order and how over the years he changed. Set in a country where people disappeared and were tortured it is a fascinating story of those years.

Ask your library to get it. Well worth reading.

## **DAYS FOR GIRLS-AUSTRALIA**

There has been a wonderful response from Associates who now have patterns to use for sewing or have given me donations. I still have patterns that can be used. There are cultural aspects which determine the kind of material that can be used. Florals and Geometric designs are best. . There are special regulations re materials, waterproof lining etc that need to be followed. If you are not sure please contact me or Robyn

The Broadmeadows group are seeing it as a project they can be involved in. One Associate I know has sent her donation to Robyn. Thank you—I am sure all women can imagine how helpful these kits will be for young women in Africa, Cambodia and Phillipines. I am sure Mary MacKillop would fully endorse this endeavor considering her own personal struggle and difficulties.

Or contact: *Robyn Suttie (Victoria)*  
03 5335 6761

Email: *robynsuttie@gmail.com*

Items needed are:

Knickers sizes 10-12; 12-14; Face washers  
Zip lock Bags—Large 27cmx32cm about  
"Motel" size soap samples

If you collect items, I could collect them and deliver them to Robyn to save postage.

These and donations could be sent to  
Robyn Suttie, 7 Banyule Drive  
Delacombe Vic 3356

Or brought to the Regional Days or Heritage Centre and I will deliver them to Ballarat.

*"Because no woman should go without"*

## 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](http://sosj.org.au) website, under news and events/newsletters.

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## USED STAMPS

Used postage stamps have raised thousands of dollars for the Peruvian Miss Ple. Please leave a border of about 1cm around the stamps. Please forward stamps to:

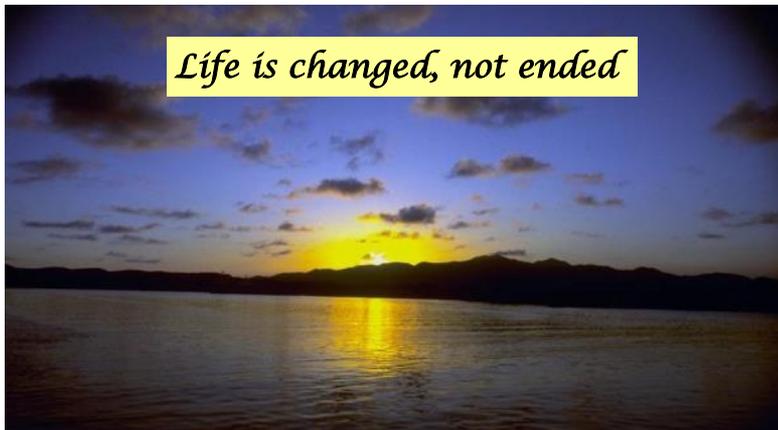
### STAMPS

St Joseph's Province Centre  
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Thank you  
As postage has increased members of the group may like to contribute to the cost as part of their service.



*Life is changed, not ended*



Let us pray for the following deceased and their families who grieve their loss

*Sr Bernadette Heath rsj*

*Mary McCormack, Bunyip*

*Florence Cahill, Bendigo*

*Colin Wright, Maryborough*

*(Bus driver with Maffesconi Buses)*

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