

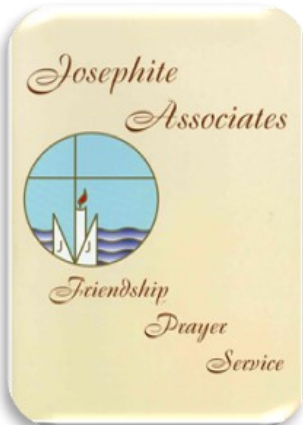


WA Josephite Associates' Newsletter



Dear Sisters, Associates and Friends ...

I hope and pray that all had a wonderful Christmas break. A lot has gone on and we are looking forward to a great year. It has begun with our Jubilees celebration of the 25years, 50 years and 60 years in this year of the Consecrated Religious.



Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter and may each one have a wonderful year. Many thanks to all who have sent donations in the last year, we have received them from far and near. Once again we thank each one for their friendship and service in the last year.

“Be good and patient and full of charity which thinks no evil of anyone.”

Mary MacKillop 1884



Bigness of Spirit

The whole universe cannot contain itself when we rejoice in another's good fortune.

Noel Davis

**Best wishes for all the blessings of Autumn ...
from Sr Denise, and the Central Committee -**

**Dot, Meg, Fay, Margaret, Maureen and Mary and all the Associate Committee members -
Annette, Dardanup and Helen, Esperance**

Jubilees Celebrated in Western Australia



Western Australia celebrated the Jubilees of four Josephite Sisters in January.

On January 24th, the sisters at Western Australia, and many family and friends, gathered in the convent chapel to celebrate Mass for the 2015 Jubilarians who together marked 185 years of service as Sisters of St Joseph. Bishop Justin Bianchini was the main celebrant and Fr Pat Rooney assisted.

The sisters attest to Mary MacKillop's words, "There where you are, you will find God"

- ✠ Sr. Catherine Ross returned from Ireland to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee. She had formerly ministered in WA for 47 of those 60 years.
- ✠ Sr Mary McNamara, a Golden Jubilarian from South Australia, is currently caring for the community of South Perth and Sr Angela Hynes, another Golden Jubilarian, is currently working in Esperance.
- ✠ The youngest of the group was a Silver Jubilarian, Sr Julianne Murphy, a South Australian who is currently part of the Josephite Mission in the East Kimberley.

The celebration of mass and afternoon tea, was enriched with the gifts of many sisters

The chapel was beautifully decorated by Vietnamese sisters Anna and Lucia, currently

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studying in Western Australia and living with the South Perth Sisters.

The liturgy was co-ordinated by Sr Dora McGuire and Sr Lyn Sparling, who also played the organ.

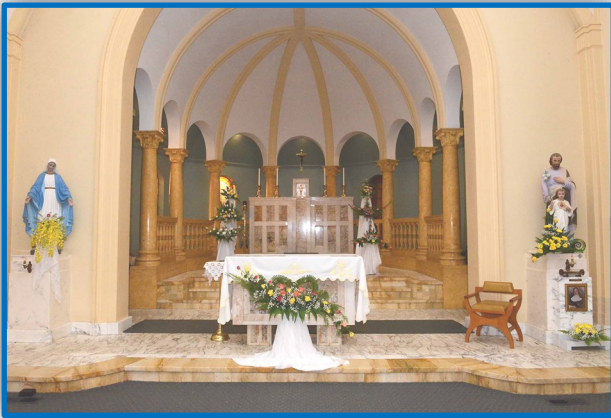
Sr Majella O'Sullivan came over from South Australia and beautifully sang "I will celebrate your love, forever, O God." As part of the liturgy

Sr Nola Goodwin, enriched the communion reflection of "I found a treasure in a field" with a liturgical dance.

Magnificent cakes enjoyed at the afternoon tea in the Convent Garden, were decorated by Sr Margaret Culhane.

Let us turn our faces and look into the heart of God. Julian Tension Woods 1889.

- Sisters Julianne Murphy and Angela Hynes



Southwest Annual Retreat



Sister Angela has attended our gatherings: bringing snippets of information regarding changes within the Josephites. Also loves sharing the many photos taken on her holidays. Her involvement towards First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation preparation was huge this year (2014)

On the 20th November, our gathering took the format of a luncheon at the Condingup Traven. Following 9.00 Mass, two cars with eight ladies aboard drove out to Condingup. The prime objective being to make an effort for rural women within the town, and to appreciate the differences endured by a different choice in lifestyle. I take this opportunity to

thank Pauline Bertola for her support in making the day as wonderful as it was. Also the staff were wonderful in preparing a special menu for the Associates. Three ladies from Condingup joined our meeting and really made a day celebrating **PRAYER SERVICE and FRIENDSHIP** - which is also the perfect place for Mary MacKillop's message to be shared.

Helen Johnston Co-ordinator of Associates @ Our Lady Star of the of the Sea Parish - Esperance

Announcing the 2015

“ BREAKFAST IN THE GARDEN ”

Come and join the fun, meet old friends and make new ones ...

When: 8am Saturday 14 March 2015

Where: **GARDEN VENUE** - at the Mary MacKillop Centre
16 York Street, South Perth (St Joseph's Convent)

Bring: \$15 for brekkie, byo chairs, tables, blankets, umbrellas, sun screen, smiles!

RSVP: Before Friday 27th Feb to:

Laurie Mayne, 9271 5649, ljmayne@optusnet.com.au

John McCormack, 9383 2615, johnmccormack@westnet.com.au



- ☺ *Free raffle on entry*
- ☺ *Chrysanthemums for Mother's Day and other pot-plants*
- ☺ *New location - the leafy gardens of St Joseph's Convent*
- ☺ *Same chefs, friendly people, warm weather*
- ☺ *Just smell the food and follow your nose and signs !!!*

Taize Meditative Prayer

Where: St Joseph's Chapel, 16 York St South Perth

When: 7pm to 8pm Sunday (chapel doors open at 6.30pm) 15 March, 17 May, 21 June,
16 August, 20 September, 18 October & 15 November ...

Enquiries: Sr Maree – 0414 683 926

All Welcome . bring a Torch & a Friend!



Prayer Day - Note Change of Venue to Como

Please register!

When: **12th March** (9.30am to 3.30pm)

Theme: Discipleship

Presenter: Sr Wendy Lailey rsj



Where: **COMO/KENSINGTON PARISH HALL** at 45 Thelma Street, Como (same block at the Church

Cost: Donation [Morning tea, served at 9.30am, and a light lunch provided]

Registration: Laura: 9334 0999, lmccarthy@sosjwa.org.au (PLEASE REGISTER to allow for CATERING)

PLEASE CONTACT LAURA REGARDING LOCATION & DATES FOR 2015 PRAYER DAYS!

Gone to God

We pray for these people and ask God to give them eternal rest:



Margaret Hubzry
Denny Lang (husband of Ting)
Marian Smith



May they rest in peace

SOUTH PERTH GATHERINGS FOR 2014 - 2015

All very welcome!

Autumn 2015

Winter 2015

Spring 2015

Christmas 2015

Sun 8th March 2015

Sun 14th June 2015

Sun 13th Sept 2015

Sun 13th Dec 2015

WA ASSOCIATES SOUTH WEST GATHERINGS 2015

2015 Core Group Meetings

May 18th July 20th October 26th

2015 Gathering Dates

- Wednesday 4th March
- Outreach - Thursday 4th June
- MM Feastday - 4th August
- Retreat Day - Thursday 24th September
- Wednesday 4th November.

All very welcome!

Josephite Associates South West

Lenten/Autumn.Gathering

Dardanup House of Prayer
Wednesday 4th March

Mass 9:00am (if available) Morning Tea 9:30am.

Presenter: Dr Michael Jackson.

Please bring a plate for a shared Lunch.

Enquiries:

Annette: 97971156. Nancy: 97281037



2015 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(in the Function Room)

Thurs 21 May 2015

Thurs 20 Aug 2015

Thurs 19 Nov 2015



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9334 0999 or laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au*



Reflection

Gracious God, we praise and thank you for the gift of Mary MacKillop to our world. May her life inspire us to reach out to those who are suffering hardship and injustice. Fill us with joy as we celebrate her genuine Goodness of heroic holiness, We make this prayer through Jesus our Lord. Amen.



A Blessing

*May the blessings of Mary MacKillop fire us
Stretching our imaginations
To see new possibilities
May the blessing of our God
Surround us always.
Amen
(Praying in the Josephite spirit)*



WA Josephite Associates

*Mary MacKillop had a strong devotion to St Joseph.
She is inspired by Joseph, a man of faith who acts
with courage and compassion even when he doesn't
fully understand what God is asking of him.*

O God.

St Joseph showed by example

how to listen to and follow the call
of the Spirit, in silent hidden ways.

May his life of quiet service and
commitment to Your will, give me courage.

Let me listen to the call of the Spirit
in my life and try to generously respond.

May I find within my own family
a source of hope and joy
together may we try to live the truth of the Gospel.

Amen

"Mary MacKillop"

*"Prayers and Reflections
for each day of the week"*

Valerie De Brenni



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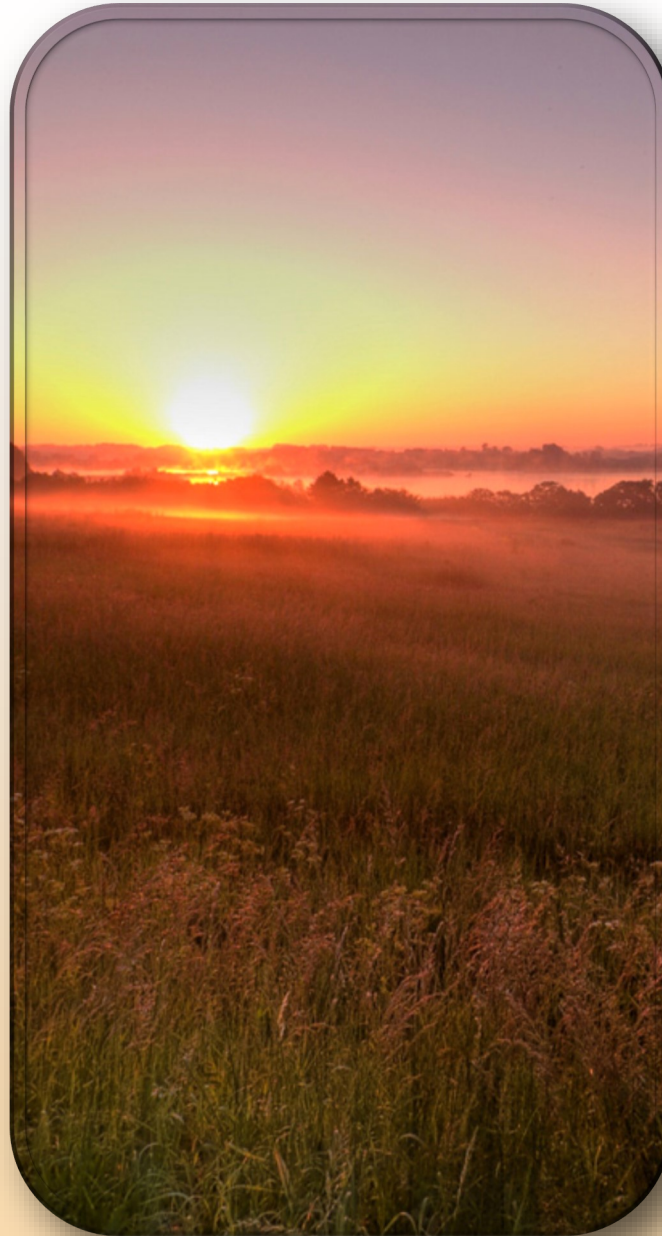
THE "U" IN JESUS

Before U were thought of or time
had begun, God struck U in the
name of His Son.

And each time U pray,
you'll see it's true,
You can't spell out JesUs
and not include U.
You're a pretty big part of
His wonderful name,
For U, He was born;
that's why He came

And His great love for U
is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crUcified
Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead,
with U in His plan?

The stones split away.
the gold trUmpet blew,
and the word resurrection
is spelt with a U.



When JesUs left earth at His
Upward ascension, He felt there was
one thing He just had to mention.

"Go into the world and tell them
Its true
That I love them all -
Just like I love U."
So many great people need him
just like U,
Don't they have a right to know
JesUs too?

It all depends now
on what U will do,
He'd like them to know
But it all starts with U.

Will U pass it on.

*When Jesus died on the cross
he was thinking of you!
If you are one of the 7%
who will stand up for Him,
pass this message on!*