



Josephite Companions Aotearoa
Nga hoa pumau o Hato Hohepa ki Aotearoa
Friendship ♦ Prayer ♦ Service

March 2016

Greetings to you all and best wishes that this year 2016 will be a great one for you all.

For the Sisters this year is of special significance being the sesquicentenary of the founding of the order. On St Joseph's day it will be 150 years since Mary Mackillop put on the black dress and began with Father Julian Tenison Woods to educate poor children in a disused stable in Penola. They were quickly joined by 10 other women and so the Sisters of St Joseph began.

As you will have heard there are big celebrations in Penola but in New Zealand the celebrations will be spread right through the year. We invite you to celebrate in your parishes and groups in any way you think fit. There are many dates of significance for example 19th March St Joseph's day; 8th August Mary MacKillop's feast day; June 3rd feast of the Sacred Heart; 7th October anniversary of Julian's death. Any of these could be chosen to suit your parish or group.

There will be a Mass on St Joseph's day Saturday 19th March at 2pm at St Mary Mackillop Centre Mission Bay. All Companions and friends are invited to attend and after the Mass there will be a celebration afternoon tea. Schools that the Josephite Sisters founded in Auckland have been invited to come and bring their student leaders as well.

SESQUICENTENARY

The theme for this important year is "Listening to the heartbeat of the world" as shown in the logo.

The red line is a heartbeat which ultimately forms a heart. The heart wraps around the world signifying love and care for humanity and for the earth.

The heartbeat is woven through the Josephite emblem to show that the Josephites have an attachment to life, sustainability of life, love and care for our earth. By referring to Josephite in this instance we are including all those who are following the legacy of Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods not only vowed Josephites.

The tag-line 'Listening to the Heartbeat of the World' is an invitation to listen and to respond.



YOU ARE ALL INVITED
to Mass on St Joseph's day
Saturday 19th March at 2pm
at St Mary Mackillop Centre Mission Bay
Followed by afternoon tea
RSVP to Sister Jill Mcloughlin by 4th March.
09 528 9259 ext. 233.... Leave a message



IJALT International Josephite Associates Leadership Team NEWSFLASH!

Recently, the IJLAT members gathered in Sydney to further discuss and develop a 3-5 year strategic plan for the Associate Movement. This also included planning for the International Josephite Associates Leaders Conference to be held in April 2017.

The 3 days were busy and very rewarding as we mapped out a practical vision for the Associate Movement through to 2020! Some of the key areas for development were aspects of vision, governance, communication, formation, leadership, resources and service which all encompass the Associates/Companions call to live the Josephite charism in friendship, prayer and service. Further information on the progress of the strategic plan will be shared with NZ Companions over the next few months.

As we begin to shape the future of the Associate Movement, we acknowledge and appreciate that there will be many challenges for us all as we move through this period of change. It is also such an exciting time and we are buoyed by the dreams and aspirations of what we hope for the Associate Movement to be in years to come.

IJALT comprises of Mary Hemmings from Adelaide representing the Centre West Region of South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territories and East Timor, Beverley Badcock from Sydney representing New South Wales, Anne Marie Wilkinson from Melbourne representing Victoria and Tasmania, Peta Lindstrom from New Zealand representing the Transpacífico Region of New Zealand, Queensland and Peru and Sister Maryellen Thomas representing the Congregational Leadership Team. A formidable team that is committed to working alongside Associates/Companions and Sisters to support the growth and sustainment of the Associate Movement into the future!

Peta Lindstrom

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Congratulations

to all these Sisters who have celebrated significant Jubilees this year.

Sister Eileen Mary Atkins 75 years professed as a Sister

Sisters Lorraine Gaines, Leah Wright, Chanel McNamara, Therese Devon and Josepha O'Connor - all 60years professed

Sisters Eleanor Capper, Julian Langton and Lucille Taylor - 50 years professed.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING OPENED IN TE AWAMUTU

Remembering and honouring those who have contributed to the history of St Patrick's School has been an important task for the school community as they have opened their new buildings.

The St Joseph's Administration Centre commemorates the role the Sisters played in the school and the Colgan Memorial Learning Hub commemorates long-serving Parish Priest Father George Colgan. The original school plaque was also unearthed during the building, and has been relocated with the old school, bell to the new entrance.



Patty Dudson, St Patrick's School Bursar cuts the ribbon as Father Joe Stack and the school pupils look on.



COLLOQUIM

The Josephite Companions Leadership Team who have spearheaded creating a Network of Josephite Schools wanted to provide something for schools to honour the 150 year anniversary. We have decided to offer a Colloquium in the style of those held at North Sydney. Mary MacKillop Centre Mission Bay in Auckland is a great venue for group gatherings so the Colloquium will be presented at this venue. It will be held on July 4 – 6 which is the last week of Term 2.

The Josephite Colloquium provides an opportunity to pause, reflect and get in touch with the Josephite Mission and Spirituality, focusing on the lives and charism of Saint Mary MacKillop and Father Julian Tenison Woods. The word 'Colloquium' means 'Conversation' or 'Conference'

TURANGANUI-A-KIWAGisborne.

We had our final meeting for 2015 on Nov 28th in the Parish Centre. Our prayer was titled "Hope in Promise" with a reading from the prophet Isaiah telling of the coming of Israel's Messiah. We were challenged to consider how we recognise children as the promise of God, there was much discussion as you can imagine! We closed with a lovely blessing "Living God bless us with arms that nurture children, minds in solidarity with women, eyes that recognise signs of You, ears attuned to good news and hearts with the capacity to invite all to our table" We then enjoyed a cuppa and fellowship. Breda Bernstein JCA



Deaths: Our deepest sympathy to the families of those who have died:
Jennifer Cantwell of Mission Bay on Sunday 7 December
Marion Smith of Paeroa. on 9 December
Denis Murphy, husband of Dora Murphy from Wellington.

Sisters' Sesquicentenary Recipe Book

Reprinted from SOSJ Website

A hundred and fifty years ago on 19 March 1866, the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, founded by Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods, came into existence and its first members became involved in ministry in Penola.



Since that time, the members of the Congregation and their supporters have been involved in various ministries where they have focussed especially on the less fortunate in society. In this Sesquicentenary Year, people in Australia, New Zealand, Peru, East Timor, Ireland, Scotland and Brazil will have many opportunities to celebrate the Sisters and the many works that they have established according to the spirit of their founders.

As part of their celebrations, the Sisters intend to produce a coffee table style book entitled '**A Snapshot of Who We are in 2016. Our Connections with Julian and Mary**'.

This book will include stories and recipes submitted by Sisters, Covenant Josephites, Associates, old scholars, staff members and any others with whom the Sisters share their ministries. It will be available for purchase towards the end of 2016.

What is special about this venture is that the Sisters are inviting you, the people most closely associated with them, to take part by contributing your stories along with your recipes, thus letting others know how you are connected with them. Your story will give the readers a glimpse of the person behind the recipe and tell how you are connected with the Josephite story.

The Sisters expect that they will receive many contributions and it may not be possible to publish them all in the one book. A panel will make the final selections for the book. Do not despair, however, for throughout the year other contributions will be uploaded on to the 'Sisters of St Joseph Sesquicentenary Web Page', which will be launched on 19 March 2016.

Each person who contributes to the recipe book is asked to include:

- A short statement about their association with works inspired by Mary Mackillop and Julian Woods and still carried on today. (No more than 200 words.)
- A story that connects them to the recipe. (No more than 500 words.)
- One or two high resolution photographs - one of the person submitting the story/recipe and one of the final product.

RECIPE ITSELF:

- NAME
- List of ingredients
- Method of cooking/making the product.
- Yield - number of servings
- Total time: Prep and cook time

SPECIAL DIET INFORMATION:

Is the product:

- Gluten free?
 - Diabetic appropriate? etc.
- Please also add any additional dietary information at this point.

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[Send contribution to heartbeat@sosj.org.au](mailto:heartbeat@sosj.org.au). Entries close 30 September 2016.