

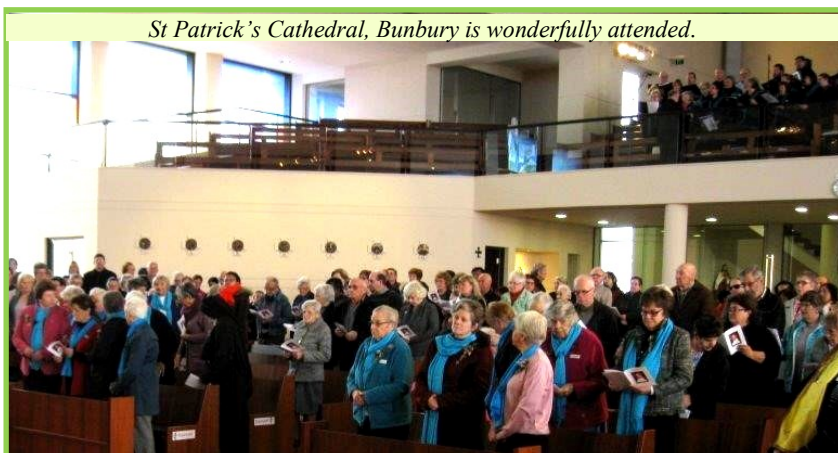


WA JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES' Newsletter



Dear Sisters, Associates and Friends

We joyfully continue to celebrate the Sisters of St Joseph's Sesquicentenary, 150 years of journeying with Mary and Julian. Most recently, on the 7th and 13th August we celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury and at La Salle College, Midland respectively.



St Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury is wonderfully attended.



The 'South West Sisters'!



Sr Joan Luff rsj and Associate, Annette Morellini share a cuppa

At La Salle College (pictured below) over 200 Associates, families, friends and many who have shared our journey reflected on 'The Mission of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark', expertly presented by Dr Michelle Connolly rsj. We were privileged to have our Congregational Leader, Sr Monica Cavanagh and our CentreWest Regional Leader, Sr Margaret Cleary, present among us. I thank each one for your interest and involvement. My prayers and thanks to each one on this wonderful journey. The year seems to be moving along very quickly. Let us pray for all those who have gone before us. - from Sisters Denise Casey and Joan Luff rsj.

Special Sesquicentenary Blessings from Sister Denise on behalf of the Central Committee - Meg, Fay, Dot, Margaret, Maureen, Mary and all Associates Committee members in the other areas ... special thanks to Annette and Helen

Members of the La Salle working committee proudly display pictures of Mary and Julian, which were the focus for the day



Speaker Dr Michelle Connolly rsj with Sr Margaret Cleary rsj



Vietnamese Community members with Congregational Leader Sr Monica Cavanagh rsj and Regional Leader Sr Margaret Cleary rsj





Annual Outreach Gathering, Esperance

On Wednesday 16th June, Josephite Associates; Robyn Thomas, Gloria Maslin, Jan Hynes, Annette Morellini, Peter and Johanna Hynes, along with Srs Pauline Dundon, Bernadette Hynes and Roberta Dillon rsm, travelled to Esperance to attend our Annual Outreach Gathering day with Josephite Associates and others from that area.

The Day began with P.P. Fr Adam Babinski SDS welcoming us to the Parish and celebrating Eucharist with us. A beautiful morning tea



followed, with Esperance Josephite Associate leader, Helen Johnston, welcoming and thanking the group of forty plus people in attendance, for coming along.

Some of the input included:

✝ A beautiful poem written by Sr Mary Jo Wells rsj on the life and death of Sr Irene McCormack rsj.

✝ A Eulogy written by Sr Irene's brother, Brian, and presented by him at the 25th Anniversary Mass of Sr Irene's death, at St Columba's Church South Perth on 1st May was read and greatly appreciated.

✝ Sr Pauline Dundon spoke of her role as trainer of catechists in Bunbury Diocese, and shared the experiences and insights of her recent private Pilgrimage from Portland to Penola, to mark the 150th Year Anniversary of the Sisters of St Joseph. Pauline said that "this year's celebration is a time of giving back, a sharing with the people who since the beginning have helped the Congregation to do what they have done and are still doing today."

In Harvey on 11 June, Sr Pauline also spoke of a day held on Grief and Loss, which she initiated in response to the Yarloop/Waroona district bushfires and sponsored by the SOSJ of the Sacred Heart. Presenters being Una Glennon, Margaret Turner and Michelle Boylan. This event was well attended and appreciated by all those present.



✝ Sr Denise Casey, brought the formal time of our gathering to conclusion with a meditation taken from the book *Act, Love, Walk - Praying in the Josephite Spirit*. She chose 'Life Giving Love' from Genesis 2; scripture coming from the second creation story in the book of Genesis ... this meditation raised enthusiastic discussion in the small groups formed.

Thanks to Sisters Denise, Pauline, Angela and Johanna J.A. for their contribution to a very enjoyable and successful day.

Our Thanks; to Helen Johnston and her helpers, for a welcoming and well organised Gathering, to Fr Adam and all who contributed with beautiful food for morning tea and lunch. Your generosity was gratefully received and enjoyed.

Sincerely, *Annette Morellini, J.A.*



Louisa Moore and St Mary MacKillop

At the Associates' gathering at South Perth in June, Associate Louisa Moore shared her touching and personal experiences of her connectedness between her serious illnesses and St Mary MacKillop.

Life for Louisa began in Boulder where she was born. Her first association with the Josephites was in Boulder during her school years at St Joseph's School where she clearly remembers a photo of Mary MacKillop on the classroom wall. Even at this early age, Louisa suffered from a blood malfunction.

Years went by and after her marriage the Moore family moved to Kambalda. In spite of her ill health Louisa became very involved with the after school scripture lessons and other activities of the then recently established St John Vianney Parish.

Twenty five years in Kambalda were followed by four years in Tasmania where ill health plagued Louisa. She was diagnosed with Chronic Myeloid Leukaemia which she was told was incurable. A woman of great faith she said to the Lord, "What do you want me to do? It is now in your hands."

It was about the time of Mary MacKillop's canonisation that Louisa went to pray at the tomb of



Mary MacKillop in the chapel at Mount Street, North Sydney. It was there that she experienced the 'closeness' of Australia's first saint. Fortified by her deep devotion to the Saint, she returned to Perth, where although ill health issues prevailed her confidence in Mary MacKillop never waned.

Louisa became a Josephite Associate and continued to pray daily to Mary MacKillop and to spread devotion through the use of the 'Little Brown Books', holy pictures, etc. Recently Louisa said she now feels "better than I have been in years". Thanks be to God and Saint Mary MacKillop! - from Louisa & Sr Joan Luff

In the Footsteps of St Mary MacKillop 2016 Australian Pilgrimage

9 - 19 November 2016

National Pilgrimage - Footsteps of Mary MacKillop

The Sisters of St Joseph, in their Sesquicentenary Year, invite you to join them on this Pilgrimage, as together we explore and deepen our own relationship with God, through the story of our Australian Saint, Mary MacKillop. Enjoy ten days of sharing a journey - starting in Melbourne, continuing through Victoria, South Australia including Penola, Adelaide and finishing in Sydney.



Contact Laura for the brochure - laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au or 08 9334 0999
or for further enquiries or an application form, please contact:
Sr Annie Bond rsj: MMP_NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au or 02 8912 4818



GO GREEN! DO YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ?

**PLEASE LET US KNOW AND WE WILL EMAIL THE
NEWSLETTER INSTEAD ... SAVE A STAMP, SAVE INK,
SAVE PAPER ... SAVING THE PLANET!**

Send your email address to laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au



Taizé Meditative Prayer

18 September

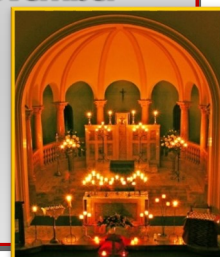
16 October

20 November

Where: St Joseph's Convent Chapel, Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York St, South Perth
Time: 7pm - 8pm, Chapel doors open 6:30pm
Enquiries: Sr Maree Riddler rsj, P: 0414 683 926, E: mriddler@sosjwa.org.au



Bring a small torch, and invite a friend!



WA ASSOCIATES' GATHERINGS IN THIS SESQUICENTENARY YEAR



SOUTH PERTH GATHERINGS 2016

ENQUIRIES/RSVP:

Dot Caughey: 9332 0118 , dotlinc1@bigpond.com



CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2016

Where: South Perth Convent
When: 10am Thursday 24th November

*Committee to have lunch
with Sisters afterwards*



GATHERINGS 2016

(organised by the Central Committee)

Where: Convent, 16 York Street, South Perth
When: 2.30pm Sunday 11 September
Bring: A plate of food to share

Future Gatherings:
11th December

**All very
welcome !**

SOUTH WEST GATHERINGS 2016

ALL SOUTH WEST ENQUIRIES/RSVP:

Annette: 9797 1156, aroveta39@gmail.com
or **Nancy:** 9728 1037

SUMMER/ADVENT GATHERING

When: November, Wednesday 9th
Mass: 9:00am Dardanup Church
9:30am Morning Tea

Presenter: Sr Wendy Lailey rsj
Followed by a Shared Lunch

Bring: a plate of finger food to share please.
Everyone very welcome.

CORE GROUP MEETINGS

When: August, Monday 29th at 1:00pm
Where: Annette's House

Please bring your copy from the International
Josephite Associates Leadership Team (IJALT) for
discussion on the day.

Future Meeting:
October, Monday 24th at 1:00pm (Annette's house)

RSVP: details above

12TH NATIONAL ECONFERENCE MERCY - A WAY OF BEING IN THE WORD

The Centre for Faith Enrichment Presents...

*This eConference will celebrate the Jubilee Year of
Mercy and take up Pope Francis' invitation to
explore mercy, a central element of our faith.
All are welcome!*

Speakers Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archbishop of
Brisbane), **Dr Veronica Lawson RSM**
(Scripture scholar and author), **Mr Phil
Glendenning** (Director of the Edmund Rice
Centre and President of the Refugee Council
of Australia).

Where Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth
When Saturday 24th September, 10am-2pm.

Cost No cost. Morning Tea provided. BYO lunch.

Register To register, or for more information, call the
Centre for Faith Enrichment on 9241 5221,
or email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or visit
www.cfe.org.au



The Centre for Faith Enrichment is
the adult faith formation agency of
the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth



Gone to God

Our prayers are with each family member and Associates

Ruth Jeffreys John Hynes Eileen Scanlon Harlan Mullins Joe Kirby Bill Tienay



Reflection "Let St Joseph's true children remember their mission to seek first the poorest, most
neglected parts of God's vineyard." *MM 1900*



Loving God we thank you for the example of Mary MacKillop who in her living of the Gospel witnessed to the human dignity of each person. She faced life's challenges with faith and courage. We pray through her intercession for our needs. May her holiness inspire us to be people of hope, love and forgiveness. We make this prayer through Jesus the Lord. Amen

(Mary MacKillop – A Window of Hope by Monica Cavanagh rsj)



WA Josephite Associates

Offer Thanks and Praise

“Gracious God, here present, listen as we pray”

Psalm 44:8

Living God, we praise you with all our heart.

“In you, God, have we gloried all day long,
and we will praise your name forever.”

All that is good comes from you, gracious God,
as a gift to us. To praise you is the only fitting response.

May we never forget that we live and move
and have our being because of your creative, loving grace.

Praised be your name forever.

(As We Gather As Part – Carl Koch)



SPRING 2016

COMPANIONSHIP

Doing Things Together

We often think that service is doing things for others. That sometimes needs to be. But service takes on its true character when we do things with others. This is never an easy road to travel. It is the slow road requiring much patience and care. It gives credit to what another may contribute. It takes on the pace of another.

We find it easier to do things for others. We can then be our quick and efficient selves. We can then set terms and conditions. We can then be available or withdraw when it suits us. Such service may make us feel good, but it frequently disempowers the other person.

Nouwen from his experience of working with mentally and physically disabled persons at L'Arche, came to realize that true service "asks for deep inner conviction that a slow job done together is better than a fast job done alone," such service does not have a quick end result in view. It has a process in view. It sees service as a joining with the other. It sees service as a companionship and walking a common road for a period of time.

"Dare To Journey" – with Henry Nouwen - Charles Ringma

Who are Associates?

People of any age, married or single who are drawn to the spirit of the Josephite charism.

Our Mission -

As Josephite Associates we respond to the call to live the charism of

ST MARY MACKILLOP

in our daily lives in our own unique way.

We support one another by

FRIENDSHIP, PRAYER AND SERVICE

to make a difference in our local area

and so further the

Reign of God in our World.

Associates gather for friendship, for prayer, and to deepen their understanding of St Mary of the Cross's life and spirituality, reflecting on how they can daily live this spirit so as to make a difference in our world.

Taken from the
WA Associates brochure

