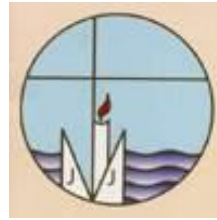
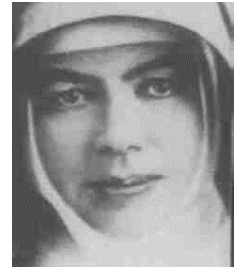


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## Friendship Prayer Service



*'May the Sacred Heart  
shield you and uphold  
you in every trouble.'*  
**MMK 1873**

## Winter 2017

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### April Conference

by Helen Dougherty, NZ Associate



Thirty six Josephite Associate leaders from throughout Australia and New Zealand gathered at Baulkham Hills (north-west of Sydney) over the

weekend of April 7 – 9 to consider the theme:

*The Future is One we are Creating.*

The Josephite spirit was obvious from the very first gathering with a buzz of friendly conversation. Srs Katrina Brill rsj and Christina Neunzerling rsj were the conference facilitators. They were wonderfully inspiring; challenging us in a gentle, good humoured manner.

We began by looking more deeply at the Josephite vision from the Sisters' previous Chapter, focusing on living into mystery and a new consciousness of communion. We

reflected on where we find mystery in our lives and contemplated the meaning of communion with all creation. For many of us this involved seeing things in a completely different way.

We then looked at friendship, prayer and service from this new perspective, contemplating what these might look like and how they may be experienced differently. Gathering in regional groups, we planned some practical steps forward to take this new way of living the vision within our Associate groups. IJALT (International Josephite Associate Leadership Team) also shared with us their strategic planning and asked for feedback.

Having been nurtured and empowered, the gathering ended with a Missioning liturgy where we were sent out to participate in God's flow of love, transformed to create the future within our local areas.



# Mary MacKillop Museum Adelaide by Mary Hemmings

Mary MacKillop's story is one that has captured the hearts of many over the last 150 years, including ours as Josephite Associates. As we have come to know her, especially in these years since her Beatification (1995) and Canonisation (2010), we have recognised how God used Mary to touch the lives of so many. Both she and the women who joined her did much to keep alight the flame of God's mission in challenging times and with little resources.

This great story, which includes Fr Julian Tenison Woods, has left an incredible legacy not only here in South Australia where it all began but across Australia, New Zealand and beyond. So many women have taken up the challenge to follow in Mary's footsteps and as Associates today we are intricately woven into this story as we too help to continue God's mission in the many different places where we live and work.

As a means to enable many others to come to

know this story and to be inspired, the Mary MacKillop Museum at Kensington is being redeveloped. This is a considerable project that has the potential to impact on many. Hopefully, it will be a place where people, young and old, of many cultures and faiths, will be able to learn about the work of Mary and the early Sisters and about how Mary and Julian's dream lives on today in a myriad of ways.

On page 7 of this newsletter is a letter from Sr Margaret Cleary rsj (Regional Leader) and Mr Greg Crafter (Chair of the Mary MacKillop Museum Fundraising Committee). In it, Associates are invited to consider if we may be able to support this exciting project to keep Mary's story and spirit alive. As the Associate committee we have also decided that in our new financial year some of our fundraising, such as raffles, will be used to support this work.

We hope you will join in supporting the work of the Museum, using the information provided.



## Date Claimer – Fundraising Event presented by the Mary MacKillop Museum Adelaide

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



We are organising a **GARDEN PARTY** to raise funds for the Mary MacKillop Museum redevelopment project.

**When?** Sunday, 29 October 2017, 2.00-4.00p.m.

**Where?** St Joseph's Convent, Kensington - front garden.

*(The gym of MMK College next door has been booked as a back-up in case of inclement weather)*

**Who's invited?** EVERYONE! Please invite your other Associates, families, friends, colleagues, neighbours, parishioners etc.

Afternoon tea, coffee, tea, wine, soft-drinks will be served.

There will be entertainment and also fund-raising activities throughout the afternoon.

*Please note this date in your diaries. Watch this space for more details!*



## The Mary MacKillop Team – TMMT

The next article on TMMT from Mt Carmel College will appear in our Spring newsletter. However, here are the answers to the puzzle from the Autumn newsletter:

1 MACDONALD    2 CANONISATION    3 ROME    4 FITZROY    5 MAGGIE    6 TAPPEINER  
7 COLONY    8 MONSIGNOR KIRBY    9 JULIAN TENISON WOODS    10 LOCHABER  
11 NEW ZEALAND    12 CAMERON    13 BISHOP SHEIL

## RIP Josephite

*We remember with love and gratitude:*

Sr Marcella Myers who entered eternal life on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Sr Marcella was in her 80<sup>th</sup> year of her age and in her 63<sup>rd</sup> year of her religious life.





# Celebrate 30 Years of Associates in SA

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Bethany Centre  
4 High St, Kensington

following 10.30am Mass  
in St Joseph's Chapel

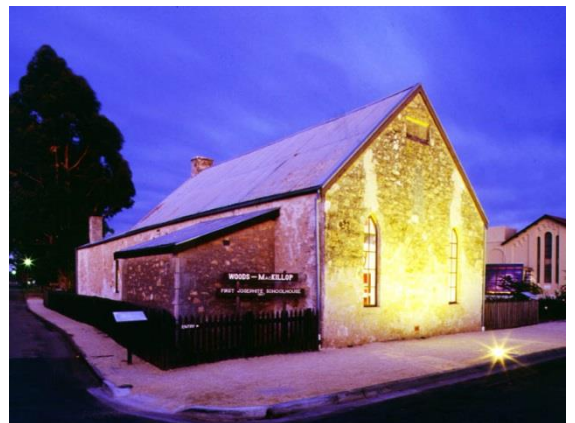
Come and celebrate the 8<sup>th</sup> of the month Mass followed by morning tea and a conversation about:  
***The Story of the Josephite Associates in South Australia***

Over 30 years ago the Josephite Associate Movement came into being. For the previous 120 years lay women and men had worked side by side with the Sisters of St Joseph, in city and country areas, building communities and supporting one another. Come, listen and share your part in the story, as we spend time exploring how the Associates came to be where, and who, we are today.

***"Near the Sacred Heart we are  
strong and without fear."  
MMK 1870***

## *Penola Weekend Trip*

*November 2017  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>*



Come and spend a weekend in Penola, the home of the Josephite story. Travel by minibus and visit:

- Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre
- Old School House
- Stable Park
- Historic Petticoat Lane

Due to circumstances beyond our control this weekend has had to be moved to November. Apologies for this change but hope you can still join in.

Transport will be provided. The costs each participant will need to cover include accommodation, food and entrance fees. Places are limited. If you are interested and/or for further details please contact Carla on 8351 1575 by 15<sup>th</sup> August.



## *Stations of the Cross* by Carla Mastrangelo



Overcast, warm and humid with little breeze complemented the occasion for which we gathered at Kensington on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Lucia Ciocca (at left) and Sr Majella O'Sullivan rsj prepared the Bethany Centre with large posters of paintings around the walls painted by German artist Siegrid Loder. His depictions of the Stations of the

Cross were influenced by his experiences during World War II.

In his paintings, each Station has some part of the Cross depicted or implied. Although the paintings are mostly dark, his use of colour enhanced the gravity of what we were seeing and hearing. They each had an ethereal quality about them. You needed to look carefully and for some time at each of the pictures to appreciate some of what the artist intended. There is more to each painting than a quick glance can decipher.

At each Station Lucia, assisted by Mary Hemmings, read a short introduction connected with the scene we were viewing followed by a prayer, in which we all participated, which was different for each Station. Before the last Station, we were given an opportunity to wander around at leisure and view the Stations again or stay with one which affected us the most.

It was unusual, but enlightening, that the artist gave his own unique title to each of his paintings. The last Station, where Jesus is buried in the tomb, he called *Chrysalis* and it was here that we finished our journey. Speaking at the end of this journey, Sr Majella mentioned something that she discovered in that last painting. This was that the white cloth in which Jesus was wrapped was leading to a point in the back of the painting through which light shone in a crack in the rock. Indeed a 'chrysalis' and the hope which Easter brings! The imagery was amazing in all the paintings.

As usual, afternoon tea followed where we were able to catch up and chat about our recent experience. Thank you Lucia for helping us in our Lenten journey towards Easter.



## Annual Subscription for 2017 – 2018

The Leadership Team sincerely thanks you for paying your annual subscription, which enables us to remain in contact with you. Should you wish to make a direct payment to BankSA or over the internet these are the details you will need:

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# *A Visit to the Mitcham Cemetery* by Colleen Stewart

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May this year, my husband Robert and I travelled to the cemetery at Mitcham all the way from Georgetown in the Mid North of South Australia. Here we met with other Josephite Associates and Sisters to hear Sr Catherine Clark rsj give a talk about the cemetery.

It is this cemetery that many of the Sisters of St Joseph have their final resting place. Those who are interred in other places around SA are acknowledged on a memorial near the front gate.

The afternoon started with prayers read by Mary Hemmings and we all joined in the acknowledgment of country. Sr Catherine used the theme *Listen, Walk, Talk, Write* and spoke to us about the history of the area and the reason why the cemetery is in this location with the first burial taking place in 1881.

The Sisters had a Convent, School, Refuge and Laundry in the area for a number of years in the early days of the Congregation. We sang a hymn and then had time to walk among the graves where we placed flowers on those whom we knew or with whom we felt a connection. As we did this, we talked with

each other. We were then encouraged to write any memories of the deceased Sisters and forward these to Sr Catherine – no getting away from homework!

When we gathered again, a litany was said for the Sisters buried there and we listened to another hymn, sung by students of Corpus Christie College. This was about the legacy of St Mary MacKillop.



After the taking of a group photo, Sr Majella O'Sullivan rsj drew the raffle prizes and afternoon tea was enjoyed by all. A good afternoon – thank you Sr Catherine and the organizers.

## **Can You Help?**

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July there will be a gathering to mark the closing of the Tappeiner Court Nursing Home at Kensington. During the past 40 years did you work or volunteer at Tappeiner Court or know anybody who has? If so, all are invited to join this gathering.

Contact Rebecca at the Regional Office on 8130 5900 or at [infos@sosj.org.au](mailto:infos@sosj.org.au) if wanting to attend.

## **DIARY DATES FOR 2017**

### **Celebrating 30 Years of Associates**

Date: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July

For more details turn to page 3.

### **Closing of Tappeiner Court**

Date: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

For more details read above 'Can You Help?'

### **Weekend @ Penola**

Date: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

For more details turn to page 3.

### **Garden Party**

Date: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October

For more details turn to page 2.

### **Christmas Carols**

Date: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Further details to come.



# The Feast of the Sacred Heart



## Introduction

The Feast of the Sacred Heart celebrates the loving compassionate heart of Jesus. Mary MacKillop named her Sisters *The Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart*, because she wanted the compassionate heart of God to guide her Sisters in their lives and in their work.

This special devotion of Mary is forever embodied in Chapter 2 of the Constitutions of the Sisters of St Joseph:

*Mary MacKillop believed that God's compassionate love, symbolised for her by the Sacred Heart, would become a reality for her Sisters and for the people with whom they shared their lives.*

## From the Pen of Mary MacKillop

"May the spirit of the Sacred Heart animate you." 1906



## Gospel Reading Mark 12: 30 – 31

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.

## Reflective Moment

How do I show God's compassionate love to others especially those in need in our community?

## Let Us Pray

We celebrate the compassionate love of God each time we extend our compassion and love to others in the ordinary times and in times of need. And so we pray...

*May the hospitable heart of God be reflected in the welcome we give to each other.*

*May the concerned heart of God be reflected in the generosity we show to others.*

*May the comforting heart of God be reflected in our care of those who are hurting and sad.*

*We ask this in Jesus' name.*

**Amen.**

## Call To Action

Extend a loving and compassionate hand to those in need in our community.



# Mary MacKillop Museum Adelaide

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13 June 2017



Dear South Australian Josephite Associates,

You are, no doubt, aware that 2016 was the Sesquicentenary year of the foundation of the Sisters of St Joseph. As part of that special year, we commissioned a project to update and redevelop the Mary MacKillop Museum. This, of course, is situated on the sacred ground where Mary lived and worked for eleven years during the early and troubled beginnings of the Sisters of St Joseph (1872-1883). As a pioneering woman and Australia's first Canonised Saint, the life and legacy of Mary and her early Sisters are of great historical, spiritual and social significance to us today. As a Josephite Associate, you are a part of Mary's and the Josephite story. We celebrate that the Josephite charism is 'alive in many hearts'!

The purpose of this redevelopment is to create an interactive, reflective and inspirational experience within the museum that will engage visitors of all ages, cultures and beliefs. Integral to this project is the addition of a small café and the creation of a local outdoor Walking Trail through Kensington and Norwood. This will enable visitors to extend their Museum experience by walking in the footsteps of Mary, and deepening their understanding of her sharp intellect and compassionate heart, her passion, her patience and her persistence.

Mary MacKillop Museum is currently closed on account of this redevelopment. When re-opened, our hope is that the Mary MacKillop Museum and Walking Trail will inspire positive action in the spirit of Mary and the early Josephites who, with courage, compassion and resourcefulness, changed the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged children and communities.

One significant aspect of this project will be the development of curriculum and resources and providing support for teachers to enable their students to learn more about the Josephite story, and how Mary's legacy can continue to impact society today.

Obviously the project will require considerable funding! We are asking for support to update Mary MacKillop Museum and create the Pilgrimage/Walking Trail to inspire future generations.

We are very mindful that there are many competing demands on limited financial resources, and that many people are struggling to make ends meet. While we wish to avoid placing further hardship on any individuals, schools or organisations, we would welcome any donations, or suggestions around ways to raise the funds required for this project. Sr Mary Ryan rsj, our Project Coordinator\*, would love to receive any suggestions you may have for fund-raising activities.

Please note that *all financial contributions to this project are Tax Deductible*.

We thank you in anticipation of your support, and will gratefully receive any contribution, financial or otherwise, that you are able to make towards this project.

Wishing you and your loved ones every blessing for the remainder of 2017.

Greg Crafter AO  
Chair – Fund-raising Committee

Margaret Cleary rsj  
Regional Leader, CentreWest Region (SA)

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# Mary MacKillop Museum Adelaide



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