



WA JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES' Newsletter



Dear Sisters, Associates and Friends

Thank you to each one for prayers and your contributions which are a wonderful help to the Josephite Associates. We are now in our Winter Season and fast approaching Spring which will bring many blessings. We ask Mary MacKillop to help all those who are suffering. Thanks to Faye for all she gave to the team.



God of Love

You have given us Saint Mary MacKillop to encourage and inspire us.

Mary, your faith was tried like gold in fire

You were confident in God's providence

You lived the gospel bravely

You reached out to those in most need

Pray with us

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We make our prayer through Jesus Christ and the Spirit of Communion.

From Sister Denise, and the Central Committee – Louisa, Dot, Meg, Margaret, Maureen and Mary and all Associate Committee members, Annette from Dardanup and Helen from Esperance.

FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Annual General Meeting Our AGM will be held at 1.00pm on Sunday the 10th of September, which is an hour before our gathering at 2.00pm.

Please remind all your Josephite friends and invite any new ones that you think would love to join us.

We are conducting a review of our members' list of names, addresses, phone numbers and **EMAIL ADDRESS**.

A Request - Go Green - Do we have your email address?!



Please consider supplying us with your **EMAIL ADDRESS** if you have one so we can email your newsletter and this will help us to greatly cut the cost of postage, printing and time!

Thank you for your help in reducing our carbon footprint!

Please forward any changes you have and your **EMAIL ADDRESS** to laura.mccathy@sosj.org.au

A note from Secretary - Louisa Moore

So much has happened over the last couple of months with discussions between the committee, and during Mary Hemmings' visit, about how we are running at the moment - and what we could do looking forward. During our meeting some good ideas were contributed from everyone ... George had a great one.

I will give a full report of the meeting at the AGM. But we really all do need to try harder and perhaps keep inviting people from our Parishes to come as our guests to our prayer afternoons etc; not just tell and explain to people about us, why not invite them as your guest! This might help us to get some new members. The outlying Associates can try to do the same and attract some new people. We are needing a new President as Meg Phelan will be stepping down at the AGM. Please all think about this and ask as many questions as to what it involves and do ring me at any time for information.

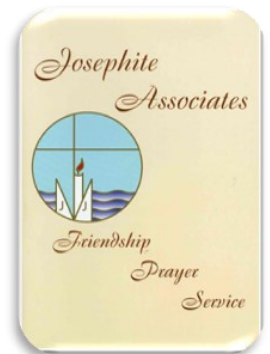
After listening to all the ladies at the meeting, as well as at the Dardanup day I attended with Meg, Maureen, Margaret and Sr Denise - it is obvious that there is so much love and prayer amongst our wonderful members. It was a pleasure to attend and meet everyone. God's Blessing from our much loved St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

- *Louisa Moore* (WA Associate Secretary: 0438 616 228 louisa.moore1@bigpond.com)

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Sharing in the Hospitality of WA Josephite Associates



In July I had the privilege to spend time with some of the Associates in Western Australia. Being from South Australia I, together with those of you in the West, am a part of the CentreWest Region of Josephite Associates.

My first port of call was to meet with the Leadership team in Perth. This enabled me to gain some insights into the history of these faithful Associates who have worked with their fellow Associates over many years. The challenge that faces them, and indeed most of our groups, is how to 'grow', to bring others into this great story of Mary MacKillop and those who have followed in her footsteps.

From Perth I travelled south to Pinjarra. Here the Josephites have lived and worked for many years, in both the school and the parish. Presently there isn't an Associate group there. I was invited to share with parishioners a little about the Associates and I enjoyed hearing about people's connections with the

Josephites. This was an opportunity for them to think about whether they would like to continue to gather further as people touched by the spirit of Mary MacKillop.

Dardanup was my next destination. Here, following Mass and morning tea, I had the opportunity to share a little about the story of Josephite Sisters and Associates in Peru. I had been fortunate enough to be invited last year to attend their first Associates' Congress (Conference). This was preceded by me visiting several different places, in the Andes, along the Amazon and in Lima itself, where I was able to meet up with Associates before many of them travelled to Lima for the weekend gathering. I was very blessed to meet up with men and women who have accompanied the Sisters for the last 35 years in Peru. In one place, Cajamarca, it is an Associate from Lima who has taken Mary's story to this town and enabled people to get to know how to live their faith following in her footsteps.

In each group I was able to speak a little about **IJALT**, our **I**nternational **J**osephite **A**ssociate **L**eadership **T**eam. This group, formed several years ago, is working to support and connect our Associates across Australia, New Zealand, Peru and Timor Leste. My travels into a few places in WA was one way of trying to do this and I am very grateful for the wonderful hospitality that I experienced over this time.

- Mary Hemmings

Coordinator JA Associates CentreWest Region (WA/SA)



Gathering at South Perth - meeting the coordinator of the Josephite Associates (WA/SA), Mary Hemmings

Back row: Maureen Lanigan, Mary Sheehan, Sr Denise Casey, Mary Hemmings, Margaret Hardingham, Dot Caughey, Meg Phelan; Front Row: Louisa Moore (Secretary WA), Sr Carla Curran, Bernadette McCormack, Lesley & George Howell.



Dardanup Gathering: Some of the Associates present: Nancy Tylor, Irene Rodgers, Lil Scantlebury, Johanna Hynes, Dot Savage, Robyn Thomas, Gloria Maslin, Annette Morellini. (and Sr Pauline Dundon)

SR MAREE'S SABBATICAL, AN UPDATE !

My Sabbatical has been an enriching and amazing journey!

Presently I am participating and enjoying my Celtic Spirit Pilgrimage in Tullow County, Carlow with 26 fellow Pilgrims from USA, UK, Ireland, NZ and Australia. It has been a deeper awakening and understanding of the Celtic Spirituality for me.

We have visited significant ancient Abbeys, The Hill of Slane - the site of St Patrick's Paschal Fire, Ancient Glendalough situated in the Wicklow mountains where St Kevin and his monks lived and passed on the faith. We also visited the first ancient Cistercian Abbey at Jerpoint in County Kilkenny. It dates back to 1180! The carvings on the stone walls around the Cloister are outstanding and so interesting - Google them!

Dear Associates - I have remembered you all and lit many candles in very significant and ancient Cathedrals around Ireland for your intentions.

I look forward to meeting up with you all later in the year.

Mary MacKillop says ...

*Believe in the whisperings of
God to your own heart.*

- Sr Maree Riddler rsj



Catching up with our Irish Sisters in Mallow - Srs Sarah Hogan, Maura Murphy, Bridie O'Sullivan, Eileen Lenihan & Catherine Ross



Maree and Maura visiting the Cistercian Sisters at Glencairn, St Mary's Abbey



Visiting Sr Anne Boland in Ennis with Sr Eileen Lenihan



Clare presenting Maura with her signed book 'Letter under the Pillow'



Afternoon tea with Srs Elizabeth McGoldrick and Mary Korrane in Knock

In the Footsteps of St Mary MacKillop 2017 Australian Pilgrimage

8 - 18 November 2017 National Pilgrimage - Footsteps of Mary MacKillop

This pilgrimage has been prepared by the Sisters of St Joseph to help you enter more deeply into Mary and Julian's stories and spirituality. The opportunity for prayer and reflection is a significant part of the Pilgrimage which is led by a team of Sisters of St Joseph. Participating in ten days of sharing a journey will draw you more deeply into the story of the foundation of the Congregation by Julian Tension Woods and Mary MacKillop in Penola, and how their vision has unfolded.

For more information, prices, brochure and application form please email:

MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au or phone Sr Therese Leydon on 02 8912 4845 Mon/Wed or Sr Annie Bond on 02 8912 4818.



13TH SEPTEMBER - SPRING PRAYER DAY

Come join us and experience a gentle, prayerful day at Safety Bay

Theme: "Finding Healing and Hope in the Miracles of Jesus"

When: Wed 13 September at 10.00am – 1:00pm (9.30am morning tea, and light lunch provided, please rsvp before 7th Sept)

Where: 'Kilmolee at Safety Bay' 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay **Cost:** by Donation

RSVP: (Before Thursday 7 Sept - important for catering), contact Sr Dianne:

(08) 9527 3240 or Safety.Bay@sosj.org.au



WA ASSOCIATES' GATHERINGS 2017



SOUTH PERTH GATHERINGS 2017

ENQUIRIES/RSVP:

Louisa Moore: louisa.moore1@bigpond.com



CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2017

Where: St Joseph's, South Perth

When: 23rd November

Committee to have lunch with Sisters afterwards

Future Meetings: watch this space!



GATHERINGS 2017

(organised by the Central Committee)

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

When: * Sunday 10th September 2017

Bring: A plate of food to share

Future Gatherings: 10th December 2017

* Please note earlier start time of 1pm for AGM

All very welcome!



SOUTH WEST GATHERINGS 2017

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES - ALL VERY WELCOME !

SEPTEMBER - Wed 13th Sept - **Annual Retreat Day** at Dardanup Prayer House starting with 9.30am morning tea. Presenter: Glenys Yeoman. Theme: *What a wonderful World ... and You.*

Lunch to follow, **PLEASE BRING** a plate of finger food to share, and a pen and paper for notes - and a **donation of a toiletry item for the homeless, very much appreciated!** "NEVER SEE A NEED..." (MMK)

NOVEMBER - Wed 8th Nov - **Advent / Summer Gathering, Dardanup** on Eucharist at 9am followed by morning tea at prayer house. Elections to follow. Sr Kathleen Hitchcock rsj will be with us for this Gathering. **PLEASE BRING** a plate of finger food for a shared lunch and a **donation of a toiletry item for the homeless, very much appreciated!** "NEVER SEE A NEED..." (MMK)

CORE GROUP MEETING

When: Monday October 16th

Where: Annette's House

Celebrating St Mary of the Cross Feastday in the South West



Dardanup: On 9th August we commenced with Mass celebrated by Fr Wayne Bendotti pp. Sisters Denise Casey and Kathleen Hitchcock were welcomed and the principal, staff and students of Our Lady of Lourdes school thanked for their presence and support again this year.

Fr Wayne lit a candle on Mary's picture display for Annette who was in hospital after a fall the day before while setting up for this day.

Mass was followed by Morning tea, as this day was the 21st Anniversary of J A in Dardanup a cake was cut by Sr Denise.

Johanna Hynes read the history of our J A Group (which Annette had prepared for the celebration) which began in Dardanup on the Feast Day 1996.

We remembered and pay tribute to our first members - Nancy Tylor, Gloria Maslin, Marie Wright (dec.), Annette Morellini and Sr Carla Curran, our first coordinator, followed by Sr Denise Casey.

- Jan Hynes J.A.

GONE
TO
GOD

Marie O'Leary - 'Whatever trouble may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can.' MMK



90 YEAR REUNION CELEBRATION AT MERREDIN

St Mary's School Merredin will be holding a 90 year reunion celebration of the school's opening - back in 1927! **When: Saturday 14th October, 2017** For any enquiries, contact Dot Caughey 9332 0118 or Mrs Teresa Cutri on 9041 2315 (both past pupils)

WA Josephite



Associates

God of Vision May Your Presence Bring Hope

Just as Joseph's willing response to God brought Jesus among us, we pray that we too commit ourselves to relieving suffering and bringing hope.

Just as Joseph was troubled at first by Mary's pregnancy, we pray for all parents, especially those bringing up children alone. May they find support, companionship and wisdom.

Just as Joseph had to flee to Egypt, we pray for all those families made refugees by riots, wars and natural disasters in their home places. May they find compassion, safety and security.

(Josephite Prayer Book - Volume 1)

Spring 2017 Prayer Booklet



The message of **Mary of the Cross MacKillop** is just as necessary today as it was in her time. Australia and **the world need a model of holiness** and a powerful message of the saving love of God in the present social context. Australia at this time in its history has, as in Mary's day, an influx of migrants from many nations, religions and cultures, seeking a better way of life for themselves and their families. There are thousands of refugees from war-torn and ravaged countries all seeking peace. There is high unemployment, there is an economic recession, there are many broken families, there is sexual abuse by members of the Church and others, there are ethical questions not faced before. **The legacy of Mary MacKillop** has something to say to those who live in such circumstances. She is a **sign of hope** for them, a powerful image of what one person can do to make a difference.

*"Let us ever remember that we have
been called by God and God has
a right to our perfect service." (12 03 1899)*

Mary is revered in the Church as well as in secular society having been named one of the extraordinary women pioneers of the country. As a woman, she can give courage to women from cultures where women are not valued and also to women striving to find a genuine role in the mission of the Church.

**“St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop”**

Editions du Signe Maria Casey rsj



God of all blessings,

you revealed in

Mary MacKillop a sensitivity to the rights

and dignity of every person,

regardless of race or creed.

May we learn from her

to overcome fear and prejudice.

Help us to value the goodness of each person

and all the blessings of unity in diversity.

We ask this through the depth and unity of you,

our bountiful God,

who hold all things in being.

Amen

Mary MacKillop: A Window of Hope

Monica Cavanagh rsj

