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*'Always remember
to love one another.'*
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A Co-ordinated Approach

by Mary Hemmings



Sr Moya Campbell rsj has been appointed by the Sisters of St Joseph to 'walk' with the Josephite Associates over the next three years. She is working especially with IJALT (International Josephite Associate Leadership Team)

to support us to develop our Associates to become a sustainable and autonomous organisation.

As part of this role Sr Moya is presently visiting Associates across Australia and New Zealand as a means of gaining a 'big picture' view of what is happening in our different regions/states. In early May she visited South Australia. Here Sr Moya met with the Josephite Leadership Team, namely Srs Margaret Cleary, Brigitte Sipa and Chris Schwerdt. She had a gathering with many of the Sisters to gain their perspectives on the Associates and to share with them about her role and our future.

On the afternoon of the 2nd May about 12 Associates met with Sr Moya. This was a time for her to listen to our story of what is happening here in South Australia. We shared the activities that occur in Adelaide and acknowledged the presence of our many Associates in country areas, many who are very involved in their communities, and those who are no longer able to be present at gatherings due to illness or age. Sr Moya listened as Associates shared their thoughts of the value of being Associates and possibilities for the future of our movement. Sr Moya also outlined the different pathways which people are choosing to be connected in with the Josephite story: as Sisters or Associates, or as Covenant Josephites or Privately Vowed. Following this gathering, Sr Moya met with our Leadership Team over an evening meal at the Kingswood Convent. This was a valuable time for us to share our hopes for the future.

We look forward to Sr Moya's sharing with us later in the year about what emerges from her visits to the different regions.

Our Associate Focus in 2018/2019

A reminder that our current focus centres around the issue of social justice. As such we are directing our efforts towards Catherine House and the Mercy House of Welcome at Kilburn. At all of our gatherings during the year, Associates (and others who may like to help) are invited to bring along an item or two that the Associates' Leadership Team will ensure is delivered to Catherine House to support the women. These items may include toiletries, women's pyjamas and underwear (all new please). Other practical suggestions are available on their website at <https://catherinehouse.org.au>.

Thank you for all contributions so far.

Queensland Josephite Associate Conference by Mary Hemmings

In May this year I was privileged to be invited to speak at the Queensland Associate Conference in Brisbane. About 45 Associates and Sisters gathered, with people coming from as far away as Rockhampton and Townsville, together with staff from some schools.

The theme of the Conference was **Step Forward with Mary MacKillop – Find our Path in the World Today**. Sr Monica Cavanagh, the Josephite Congregational Leader, delivered an inspiring opening address on the Friday evening, reflecting on some of the qualities that Mary MacKillop showed as she stepped forward in her time. She spoke of Mary MacKillop as:

- a woman of presence and passion,
- a woman of courage and compassion,
- a woman of hospitality and humility.

Sr Monica helped us to see that Mary's story invites us to be, like Mary, courageous risk-takers moving beyond the familiar to embrace new hopes and new dreams. **Just as Mary stepped forward with dignity, we too can do the same, taking the honourable action no matter what others think.**

I was asked to speak on **Josephite Associates: Our Mission into the Future**. For this I used Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for the month of May as my focus: **"That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today."**

In light of this, I reflected that we are all on about God's Mission. **"By virtue of our baptism, all the**

members of the People of God have become missionary disciples. All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization." (Vatican 11)

Joan Chittester, a Benedictine Sister says: **"A charism is a continuing force which compels us to participate in the mission of Jesus by addressing contemporary issues."** As Josephite Associates who share in the charism of Mary MacKillop, we therefore are invited to support one another in being aware of how we can make a difference in our sphere of influence so that in our everyday lives we can **"respond with creativity to the challenges that face the world today."**

Pam Betts, Executive Director of Brisbane Catholic Education, presented on our last day. She looked at Mary's story and ours today through the lens of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. In her words: **"We live in a world which demands much from us but so did Mary of the Cross MacKillop. ...the attributes she possessed are needed now and into the future."**

The Conference was a time of great energy and enthusiasm and those present were certainly committed to continuing to 'grow' our Associate movement as a way of continuing God's mission. I delighted in being part of an enthusiastic and committed group of people so willing to follow in the footsteps of Mary MacKillop.

To read further about the Conference go to: <https://www.sosj.org.au/get-involved/josephite-associates/conference-2018/>



Social Justice as Compassion of Heart

Wednesday, 8th August 2018

Bethany Centre
4 High St
Kensington

5.30pm – 7.30pm

Presenter: Sr Catherine Clark rsj

On the feast day of Mary MacKillop come, listen and be part of the conversation as Sr Catherine explores issues of social justice which is the focus of the Associates this year.

Sr Catherine will base her presentation on the following questions:

- What was it in Mary MacKillop's own life that made her so committed to social justice?
- What was it in Australian society of the time, especially that of South Australia, that made the need for such a response so great?
- As a consequence of her own experience and the circumstances of her time, how did Mary respond and what did such a response cost her and her early companions personally?
- Is the call to social justice today the same as in Mary's time? What makes it similar or different?
- To what are we called today?

Following Sr Catherine's talk a light meal will be served. A RSVP would be appreciated. Please contact Mary Hemmings on 0417 871 904 or email sa.associates@sosj.org.au by Friday 3rd August.

All are invited and welcome, so please come along and show your support.



Josephite Soup Kitchen

Saturday 8th September 2018

Bethany Centre

Following the 10.30am Mass in the Chapel



Come to Bethany for soup and bread rolls.

Funds raised will support the Mercy House of Welcome at Kilburn in their projects with refugees.
Cost: a donation



Summer Newsletter

The subscription form as well as the AGM and the Treasurer's reports will appear in our next newsletter. Also, if you have any news to share with other Associates please let us know – we can help with this. Do you have an interesting story connected with the Sisters or the Associates? Why not write something for one of our newsletters. All articles will be gladly appreciated.

Making Life Worthwhile

Wednesday 26th September

Bethany Centre
4 High St
Kensington

1.30pm - 3pm or
7.30pm - 9pm (repeated)

Presented by Sr Mary Cresp rsj

This is the third and final instalment in a series of talks given by Sr Mary around the themes of friendship, prayer and service. This one is about discipleship and service.

Cost: \$30 or \$20 (concession)
Refreshments provided

Please register with the Mary MacKillop Precinct by Wednesday 19th September. Telephone 8130 5900 or email infos@sosj.org.au



Saturday 6th October 2018

Sevenhill Conference Centre
in the Clare Valley

10.30am – 3.30pm
Cuppa at 10am

Images of Mary

A day of
Reflection
and
Sharing



Come and spend a day retreating in *God's country* in the pleasant surroundings of the Clare Valley. Various presenters will explore aspects of the life and legacy of Mary MacKillop through images and storytelling.

Morning tea and lunch are provided. Travel by bus from Adelaide or private car. We have access to a 12-seater bus, so we can enjoy each other's company on the way!

Cost: \$40 or \$35 if using your own transport.

All are invited and welcome, especially our country Associates and friends.

To RSVP, or for further information, please telephone Mary Hemmings on 0417 871 904 or email sa.associates@sosj.org.au by Friday 28th September.



Last Associate Gathering for the Year – A Christmas Event

Saturday 8th December
Bethany Centre
Details in the next newsletter

Baking in Bethany – Many Hands Make Light Work

By Bridgette Barrett (with some poetic license)
(2nd June 2018)

We gathered at Bethany in the grounds Mary MacKillop had walked,
We met to chop, prepare and cook as we talked.

The food was all going to feed women at Catherine House,
For women alone with no supportive spouse.

Pauline brought melting moments she had precooked,
And once they were iced tasted as good as they looked.

Julie had us for soup, chopping onions and pumpkin,
That is always good for anytime consumption.

Carla chopped and stirred and stirred and stirred to make fantastica beef,
The tiles behind had tomato sauce splattered and were wiped with relief.

Mary prepared vegetables to mix in the tuna mornay to bake,
Then continued to cut strawberries to place on her cheesecake.

Jan rolled in with a hearty vegetable soup,
And then got to work with the rest of the group.

Josephine and Richard brought bread and spring rolls that were frozen,
They will be used later as the need arises, I'm "suppose'n".

Amanda created a favourite from home – vegetarian pasta,
She's so skilled at this that we all had to chop 'faste'.

Bridgette brought apples, topping and quinces for a crumble,
'Cos the thought of that would make all tummies rumble.

Lucia donated goods to make lemon cakes that were iced,
They were lucky to escape without being sliced.

Julie said, "I have brought some apricots, some balls will we create",
So again we were chopping and mixing coconut with no need to bake.

Majella said, "I've got biscuits for a hedgehog slice,
That can be eaten anytime and is always nice."

We brought all the ingredients we thought we would need,
And then combined some as well as we all agreed.

So Pauline and Amanda packed the car,
Fortunately, they didn't have to drive very far.

To add to the food there were lotions and potions,
Whatever we had to spare.

They could be used by the ladies for skin repair,
And also some products best worn with underwear.

All in all, we had a great day,
Jumping into Justice to give it all away.

Catherine House accepted everything warmly,
And couldn't have been more pleased.
As some of their funding and cooking need concerns
Had truly been eased.



Other Josephite News

• St Joseph's Old Scholars Association

An Old Scholar is anyone (female or male) who has ever been connected to a Josephite school or college in Australia, as a student or teacher.

Our Association has been in existence for over 100 years. Our last function for 2018 is:

The Spring Old Scholars Luncheon

Wednesday 3rd October

Lockleys Hotel, 493 Henley Beach Rd, Lockleys

11.45am for a 12noon start

Seniors Menu: \$16.90 which includes complimentary salad bar and a drink

Bookings by Friday 28th September. Contact Josie 8295 3667 or Margaret 8264 0780

• Mary MacKillop Old Scholars Association

The Association continues the friendships and encourages the building of life-long networks amongst past students and staff after high school. It also fosters justice and compassion, hospitality and concern for those in need and has a special relationship with the Sisters of St Joseph.

The Annual Reunion is coming up in October. Everyone is very welcome.

Friday 26th October

Bethany Centre, 4 High St, Kensington

6.30pm – 10.30pm

\$35 inclusive of food and drink

Bookings through Trybooking. For information contact Trish 8342 0785

Newsletters and our popular Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/179768134304>) keep people in touch with each other. Make contact and share your news.

• Mary MacKillop Precinct

1. Our 3 Venues

Comprising Bethany Centre, Mary MacKillop Museum Adelaide and St Joseph's Chapel. The Chapel is open every day whereas the Museum is still closed until renovations are complete. To contact the office please telephone 8130 5900.

2. Monthly Mass (10.30am) & Reflection (5.45pm)

Venue: St Joseph's Chapel

September	Saturday, 8/9/2018	Mass & Reflection
October	Monday, 8/10/2018	Mass & Reflection
November	Thursday, 8/11/2018	Mass & Reflection
December	Saturday, 8/12/2018	Mass & Reflection

3. Fundraising Fashion Parade – Swish into Spring

Help support the Mary MacKillop Museum Redevelopment Project. See the flyer on page 8 of this newsletter for details to this upcoming event. Limited tickets so get yours soon!

**“God wants us by every means in
our power to lead others to life.”**

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Mary MacKillop and the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Introduction

God's abiding and provident love was always at the centre of the life of Mary MacKillop and this was included in the name of the Congregation, the *Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart*.

The Sisters have always rejoiced in this gift and have tried to live ever more fully into the name, 'of the Sacred Heart' and all that it implies.

Scripture

Thus says God, "When Israel was a child I loved her, out of Egypt I called my child. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, who took them in my arms; I drew them with human cords, with bands of love; I fostered them like one who raises an infant to her cheeks. Yet, though I stooped to feed my child, they did not know that I was their healer. My heart is overwhelmed, my pity is stirred. I will not give vent to my blazing anger, I will not destroy Ephraim again, for I am God and not a person, the Holy One present among you; I will not let the flames consume you." Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9

Reflection

When do I recognise that others love me?

When do I recognise God's love of me?

From the Pen of Mary MacKillop

"May the Sacred Heart shield you and uphold you in every trouble." (1873)

Blessing

May God bless us with listening ears
and open hearts to the world's needs.

May God bless us with responding
hearts that care for those in need.

May God bless us with hearts that
create communities wherever we are.

May God bless us with the fire of love on
our journey.

Amen

Action

Listen to the needs of our community and
respond with love, especially towards
refugees and women escaping abuse.



You're invited to
Swish into Spring!

FUNDRAISING FASHION PARADE

supporting the
Mary MacKillop Museum
Redevelopment Project

- ✿ Saturday, September 1, 2.00pm - 5.00pm
- ✿ Bethany Centre: 4 High Street, Kensington
- ✿ Devonshire Tea served
- ✿ Admission \$25: early booking recommended to avoid disappointment

Fashion for Women of All Ages

Swish Boutique

368B Kensington Road
Erindale SA 5006



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Mary MacKillop



Mary MacKillop Precinct

Incorporating
Mary MacKillop Museum Adelaide
St Joseph's Chapel
Bethany Centre