



WA JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES Newsletter



Dear Sisters, Associates and Friends

St Joseph (One of the J's in the Josephite's emblem)

We see in **St Joseph** a perfect mirror of confidence in God - A wonderful unbounded confidence in our God. *MMK 1893*

Stories from "The Little Brown Book" it provide you with so much love for Mary and her work through the years and the deep love she had for her sisters.

"Listen" Our Lord tells us! To look after each other as St Joseph looked after Mary and Baby Jesus. We need to Listen! Stop, be still and think about what God telling us and listen to his "WILL not our Will"

Having done what we can, we leave the rest to God, knowing that "We are in his Hands" *MMK 1866*

Mary MacKillop told us, "Don't think you must do everything; allow our God to do a little" (1872)

This advice comes through to us time and time again, life moves on but we must deal with everyday life as Josephites spreading Mary's charism. Getting ready for our Lenten season we must be ready, awake and willing to live

like Mary did with her loved sisters doing work, 'Never seeing a need without doing something about it'!

BLESSING

Living God bless us with



**PROTECTION
INTUITION
COMPANIONSHIP
DISCERNMENT
PRACTICALITY**

**AND THE ABILITY TO BE READY FOR THE
NEXT MOMENT.**

AMEN (P. II Act Love Walk)

From Louisa Moore on behalf of the Metro Coordinating Group and sending blessings to the Sisters, Dot Savage and the South West Group, Helen Johnston the Esperance group and all Josephite Associates. All the best for the coming year may we work and pray together. Amen.



New Year Greetings from the Metro Coordinating Group

I am so enriched in faith, love and charism after my visits to our other groups in Dardanup and Esperance during this last year ... the Masses, meetings and lunches including those shared with the sisters at the South Perth Convent. I would like to share in the many blessings I/we have experienced throughout all of this.

Following on from last year, we especially need to focus on bringing in new members to our groups. We have prayed Novenas to our much loved Mary MacKillop and spoke about it at our meetings. We continue to pray harder, to try harder to share what we have. As with our blessings, it will be God's will, but we must keep the light shining and help the associates

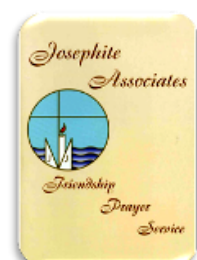
movement to carry on. We would love more associates to try and come and join us at least one time through the year and not only through the newsletter.

I received such wonderful letters and cards from you all out there for the Christmas season, for me to pass onto the Sisters and Associate groups, **thank you all!**

We all struggle, at times, to focus on the vision that keeps us going, especially when those 'grains of sand' bring us down to earth. But really, that can be a good thing! Because they can help to dispel unreal expectations we may have of ourselves.

Wouldn't the 'music of life' be very bland without an underlying bass beat? When we try to befriend our dark moments we can start to recognise "God's whisperings" within them. 'I am weary, but I love his dear will.' (1874)

*~ Louisa Moore JA
Metro Coordinating Group Leader*



Notes, Messages and Requests from the MCG



- ◆ **IMPORTANT REMINDER - CHANGE OF GATHERING DATE IN MARCH 2019**
- Please note that our March Gathering will be on **SUNDAY 17TH MARCH** (not 10th March due to a date clash)
- ◆ The Metro Coordinating Group's next general meeting is on **Thursday 16th May**. This is also when we fold and envelope our newsletter so it can be posted and shared by all. **If there is anyone that may be thinking about joining the 'MCG'**, please do come along to experience the morning and then enjoy sharing lunch with the sisters. **We would be very grateful to welcome three new people! Please contact Louisa on 0438 616 228.**
- ◆ If anyone knows of anyone that would need transport to come to the gathering, please contact me (Louisa) on 0438 616 228 and I will try and help.
- ◆ Our **raffle prize supply** has completely dried up. If anyone has any items to donate please call one of the MCG members and it will be picked up. Beautiful completed craft items are very welcome.
- ◆ Please continue to get in touch regarding anyone needing our prayers - we can get them put into the prayer book at the South Perth Chapel.
- ◆ **THANK YOU** for the generous donations that have come in. Please keep them coming. It is our policy to try and keep enough money to cover the cost of two newsletters at any one time to ensure we can continue to keep the newsletter coming out.
- ◆ If anyone would like to be enrolled as an associate please get in touch with Meg Phelan or Louisa Moore.

SNAPSHOTS



Enjoying our Christmas gathering. A wonderful time was had by all approx. 40 associates who attended with a lovely group of ladies coming up from Bunbury. It is always a great pleasure having the South West ladies here to join with us in prayer and Christmas fun.



Two of our guest speakers last year; Sr Dora gave the first presentation on our loved St Mary MacKillop and Sr Kath followed up with a presentation on Father Julian Tennyson Woods. Having the stories tie together gave the associates a great new understanding of these two much loved people who gave us so much in their lifetimes.



Louisa Moore with Esperance Associates ~ Frances Luberta, Maureen Weckert, Helen Johnston, Lesley Bayly, Lara Jeffries



A LETTER FROM IJALT

Excerpt from a letter from Mary Hemmings, Chairperson - International Josephite Associate Leadership Team

Enclosed with this newsletter is our latest correspondence regarding future naming possibility for our Josephite Associates.

Wishing you many blessings in the year ahead and many thanks for all the support across our Movement

~ Mary Hemmings

Announcing the 2019 “**BREAKFAST IN THE GARDEN**”

Come and join the fun, meet old friends and make new ones ...

When: 8am Saturday 9th March 2019

Where: Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth (St Joseph's Convent)

Bring: \$15 for brekkie, byo chairs, tables, blankets, umbrellas, sunscreen, smiles

RSVP: Before 6th March to: Laurie Mayne: (08) 9271 5649: ljmayne@optusnet.com.au

MARY MACKILLOP
today



Free raffle on entry ~ Assorted range of pot plants and flowers in time for Mother's Day ~ Location - the leafy gardens of St Joseph's Convent ~ Same chefs, friendly people, warm weather ~ Just smell the food and follow your nose and signs !!!

Proceeds go to Mary MacKillop Today ... seeking to transform lives.

PRAYER DAY AT SAFETY BAY

'Behold! I am doing a new thing. Can you not see it?'

When: Wednesday 13th March 2019

Time: 9.30am to 1pm (includes light refreshments)

Where: Kilmolee at Safety Bay, 182 Arcadia Drive Safety Bay

Bookings: Essential for catering (by 7th March) to 9527 3240, Safety.Bay@sosj.org.au

Cost: Donation



Dates for you Diaries - Upcoming Events/Retreats in 2019

22 Feb, 29 March, 26 April PRAYING OUR EXPERIENCES ~ A directed contemplative prayer time with an emphasis on recognising and inviting God in our everyday. **Venue:** 10.30am at Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth (sometimes the session is repeated in the evening, please enquire)

RSVP essential to Laura on 9334 0999 or prayingourexperiences@gmail.com

8th of March, April, June, Aug, Oct and Nov REMEMBERING MARY MACKILLOP

A time to gather and to pray with St Mary of the Cross MacKillop on the 8th day of the above months

Venue: 10am at Kilmolee at Safety Bay, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay

RSVP: essential by 1st of the month to: Dianne Colborne rsj on 9527 3240, Safety.Bay@sosj.org.au



9 March BREAKFAST IN THE GARDEN ... DETAILS ABOVE

13 March 2019 PRAYER DAY AT SAFETY BAY ... DETAILS ABOVE

17 March ASSOCIATES GATHERING (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM ~~10TH MARCH~~)

17 March, 19 May, 16 June, 18 Aug, 15 Sept, 20 Oct, 17 Nov TAIZÉ MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Venue: St Joseph's Chapel, 16 York Street, South Perth **Time:** 7pm—8pm (Chapel doors open at 6.30pm)

Bring: a torch ... and a friend! **Enquiries:** Maree Riddler rsj, mriddler@sosjwa.org.au, 0414 683 926

14-18 April 2019 IMMERSSED IN MERCY

"... from the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly." (Misericordiae Vultus)

A guided retreat with the option of spiritual accompaniment with Frances Maguire rsj

Venue: Kilmolee at Safety Bay, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay

Enquiries and registration: Dianne Colborne rsj on 9527 3240, Safety.Bay@sosj.org.au, **Cost:** \$400

27-28 April 2019 A RETREAT FOR MEN

A time to ponder and to be attentive to the presence of God in our lives.

Facilitator: Fr Tony Chiera VG. Diocese of Bunbury

Venue: Kilmolee at Safety Bay, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay WA

Enquiries and registration: Dianne Colborne rsj on 9527 3240, Safety.Bay@sosj.org.au, **Cost:** \$200

**MORE EVENTS AND DATES CAN BE FOUND IN THE
ENCLOSED JOSEPHITE 2019 SPIRITUALITY BROCHURE**

WA ASSOCIATES GATHERINGS, NEWS & EVENTS



GATHERINGS at SOUTH PERTH 2019

ENQUIRIES: wa.associates@sosj.org.au (08) 9359 4960



NEXT (AUTUMN) GATHERING~ SUNDAY 17 MARCH - PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE !

- ✦ 2.00pm ~ Time for greeting one another, 'Bring & Buy' and Raffle
 - ✦ 2.30pm ~ Prayer in Chapel
- followed by afternoon tea and drawing of the raffle in the Function Room
- ✦ **Where:** St Joseph's Convent, 16 York Street, South Perth
 - ✦ **Bring:** A plate of food to share | A friend | Bring & Buy item

SAVE THE DATE!

2019 South Perth Gatherings

9th June
8th September
8th December

All Welcome!

2019 DARDANUP ASSOCIATES GATHERING DATES

ENQUIRIES } **Dot Savage:** (08) 9791 4008 or email Dot: helenbrown.hb@gmail.com
Irene Rodgers: 0423 488 018 or email Irene: irenerodgers1@bigpond.com



Our next gathering is to be held on Wed 3rd April @ 9.30am,

at the Dardanup Prayer House. Please bring a plate of finger food for a shared lunch.

Bring a friend!

MEETING DATES FOR 2019

5th June 7th August
16th October 27th November

All very welcome!



We continue to hold in our circle of love and prayer all sisters, associates, family, friends and affiliates who are unwell, undergoing medical treatment or have asked to be remembered in prayer.

DONATION TO THE WA ASSOCIATE MOVEMENT

(donations will help with costs associated with printing, newsletter expenses, postage, gatherings etc)

Name:

Address:

Email:

Amount given: (Please circle one)

\$5.00 \$10.00 \$20.00 \$30.00 \$40.00 \$50.00

Thank you to those who have made a contribution in 2018

All donations can be forwarded to:

WA Associates
44 Honey Road, FORRESTFIELD WA 6058

- ◆ Cheques payable to:
Religious of St Josephs Associates
- ◆ Or paid by Direct Debit (EFT) to

BSB: No 06 6124 Account Number: 00920658

Reference: Surname and Initial (e.g. Campbell M)

If you pay by direct debit could you please send in the slip with your name and address so we can send out a receipt. A receipt needs to be issued and forwarded to you.



DO YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS?

Please help us to keep costs down and save the planet at the same time by sending in your email address to: wa.associates@sosj.org.au (so we can email the newsletter, upcoming events etc)

Thank you to those who have already forwarded their email addresses to us.



Reflecting

*God of the desert
calling us into the journey of Lent,
enabling us to refocus and reanimate
our commitment to you and your people.
We ask this through Jesus, the discerning
One,
and the Spirit who leads.
Amen*

(Josephite Prayer Book 1 page 133)



WA Josephite Associates



Joseph the Dreamer

*Man of justice, man of integrity,
holy Joseph, be our guide;
In our loving and in our dying,
work with us Joseph, side by side.
Joseph the Just One, Joseph the Dreamer,
Teach us to seek the Reign of God
Dreaming in wisdom, living in courage,
Seeing and showing the face of God*

(Josephite Prayer Book 1 page 26)

Autumn 2019

JOSEPH, LIVING ON THE EDGE

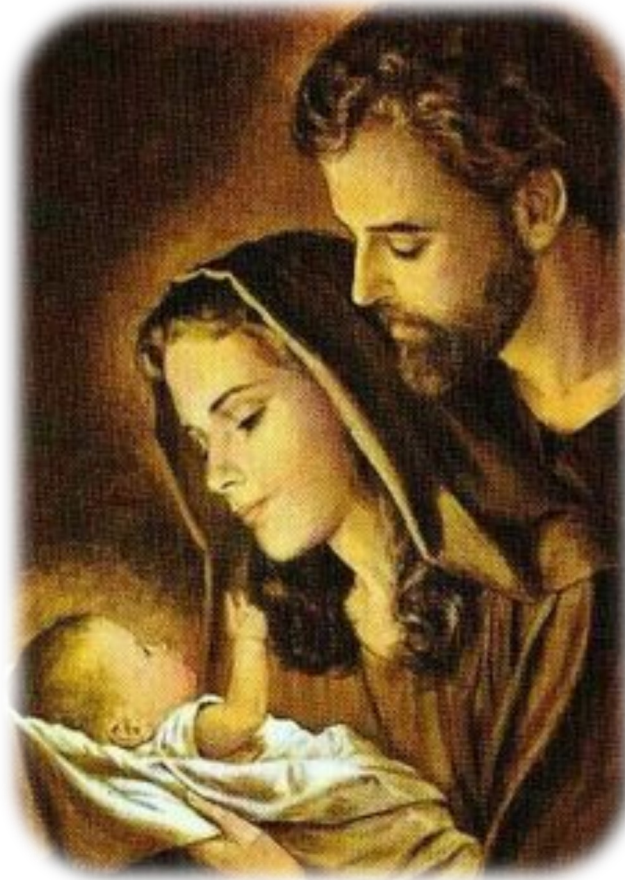
*As you worried about Mary –
Unsure what to do -
You lived on the edge.*

*In the stable in Bethlehem,
As Mary gave birth to Jesus,
You lived on the edge*

*Warned in a dream
To flee into Egypt,
You lived on the edge.*

*As a refugee for those years
In a strange land,
You lived on the edge.*

*Returning to Nazareth
Supporting Mary and Jesus,
You lived on the edge.*



*When Jesus remained in the Temple
And you thought He was lost,
You lived on the edge.*

*Joseph, Man of prayer
You sought and found your God
While living on the edge.*

*Joseph, Man of honour
You trusted in your God,
As you lived on the edge.*

*Joseph, Man of courage,
You stepped out bravely,
As you lived on the edge.*

*Joseph, son of David
Teach me to follow you
As I try to live on the edge.*

Mary Jo Wells rsj
January 2014