



Winter 2019

WA JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES Newsletter



Friendship ~ Prayer ~ Service



Dear Sisters, Associates and Friends

**'I will give you a new heart and
put a new spirit within you.
I will remove the heart of stone
from your body and give you a
heart of flesh.'**

~ Ezekiel 36:27-28

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Bless us with a deep awareness
of the world's needs.*

*Bless us with hearts that care compassionately and
that reflect your love in our families and communities.*

*Transforming God reshape our hearts
as we place our trust in you. Amen*

~ Dot Savage for the Dardanup, Metro, Esperance & Geraldton Groups

UPDATE FROM THE DARDANUP ASSOCIATES

Welcome to you and yours as we pray for God's blessing on our Josephite family. As we go forward, we are reminded that June is the month of the **Sacred Heart** and acknowledge the trust placed in the Sacred Heart by Saint Mary of the Cross and Julian Tenison Woods - our Josephite co-founders.

At Dardanup's first meeting for 2019 we focused on the Australian Catholic Bishops' social justice statement - A Place to Call Home. The group was privileged to listen to speakers Ray Lowe, Mike Fenton and David Smith, each contributing valuable insights into homelessness in our world, our country and our local community. Mary and Julian's precept of "Never seeing a need without doing something about it" is compelling. With this in mind, the group decided to continue our 'winter warmth program' (St Vincent de Paul and other local groups), the Good Samaritan and Cana appeals, as well as the Mary MacKillop Today's 'Breakfast in

the Garden'. Individuals will dialogue with government ministers and local government personnel in an effort to highlight this serious issue and hopefully bring about change. "We prayed, steadfast in the belief that every person is a human being with dignity, created in the image of God and loved equally." (Pope Francis).



The warmest of welcomes is extended to the Pinjarra ladies who have decided to formalise their membership of the Josephite Associates. They have commenced induction and will be received into the Josephite Associates on the Feast of Mary MacKillop this year. Many thanks to Kerry Martin who has worked tirelessly to bring this about.

Pinjarra has our full support and prayers.



"Our Lenten Journey" April meeting invited reflection on the Sunday gospels of the liturgical year. The wilderness of our own hearts yearns for Jesus to speak to us and assure us of his mercy and constant love. We were drawn into transfiguration moments as we recalled our sense of the glory of God in things around us and within us. We marvelled at God's patience with us and the opportunities we are given for growth and nourishment as we 'bear fruit'. The parable of the merciful father reminded us of God's love, compassion and forgiveness. We prayed to be freed from the urge to judge and condemn others. Finally, we were left to consider our

personal response to the Lenten message and to anticipate the hope and joy of the crucified and risen Christ. It was a delight to share this opportunity for friendship, prayer and service with all present, particularly those from Pinjarra and Busselton.



Plans are already underway for our 5th June meeting when we will welcome Mary Hemmings (IJALT) and Sr Kathleen Hitchcock (rsj). Mary's visit is one of support and she will address the group on the future direction of the Associate Movement. Sr Kathleen will lead a prayer session focusing on the life of Julian Tenison Woods. It has been a busy year so far and we look forward to a fruitful second half.

Best wishes ~ **Dot Savage and the Dardanup JA's**



Waking at 4am to the sound of rain on the roof was not the most auspicious start to the day. By 7am the rain had set in and would be with us for the entire day. The committee members and the team of volunteers are to be congratulated on their adaptability. A hot humid day with constant precipitation in March? This was not the usual dry heat of March in Perth!



July 2018 saw the final steps in the creation of the new entity Mary MacKillop Today with the amalgamation of Mary MacKillop Foundation, Mary MacKillop International and the Josephite Foundation. In acknowledgement of this banners for the old entity Mary MacKillop Foundation and the new entity Mary MacKillop Today were displayed in the convent grounds. Emily Hickman **Supporter Relations Group Leader for Mary MacKillop Today** in North Sydney was in Perth for the Breakfast. Emily spoke briefly of the decision to amalgamate the existing entities into Mary MacKillop Today and the emerging vision for the future of the organisation.

Funds raised by the WA Committee go towards the awarding of grants under the Indigenous Scholarship Program and the Community Grants Program. A highlight of the Breakfast is a guest speaker from one of the organisations that has benefitted from the Community Grants Program. In 2019 the two WA programs funded were Broome Circle – Happy Home Visitors Program and the Swan City Youth Service (SCYS) – Rhythm and Rhyme music program. This year Chrystie Flint from SCYS addressed the gathering and spoke of the work that the centre does with marginalised youth.



Taken by surprise Margaret McCabe, Chair of the WA Committee was presented with a statue of Mary MacKillop and a framed certificate acknowledging her contribution to the organisation. Laurie Mayne, WA Committee secretary and Emily Hickman orchestrated the presentation, successfully keeping it a secret from everyone.



Preparation for the event involves the usual logistics of procuring, moving and setting up of barbeques, PA system and gazebos. All this is possible because of the generosity of St Columba's Catholic Primary School in South Perth and the manpower provided by volunteers from the University of Notre Dame and Bis Industries. On the day guests were served by students from Notre Dame University. B-B-Q chefs, John McCormack and Laurie Mayne along with committee members and volunteer family members worked tirelessly to make the event a success.

Should you happen to be Perth on the second Saturday in March 2020, we would love to have you join us. Hail, rain or shine we promise you an enjoyable morning.

~ *Margaret McCabe*, MMT Chair (WA)



Messages and Requests from the MCG

We look forward to welcoming **Mary Hemmings** (Leader of IJALT) at our next gathering on **SUNDAY 9TH JUNE**. Please bring an item for 'bring and buy', a plate of food to share and a friend to enjoy the occasion. The following gathering day is on **8th September**.

- The **Metro Coordinating Group's** next general meeting is on **15th August**. This is also the time when we fold and envelope our newsletter so it can be posted and shared by all. We would love anyone who has a little time to come and join us and help fold the newsletter and then enjoy a delicious lunch with the sisters. We start at 10.00am.
- 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.
- Please continue to get in touch regarding anyone needing our **prayers** - we can then add them to the prayer book in the South Perth Chapel.

A Letter from Louisa Moore (Metro Coordinating Group Leader)

It is such a privilege to be writing to you all again. The newsletter has been very well received around the state, as has the newsletter from **IJALT** (International Josephite Associates Leadership Team). There have been many questions asked about IJALT / their newsletter and I have tried to answer them all the best I can. Please feel free to contact a MCG member with any questions you have. We will be including the IJALT newsletter (when received) with our WA newsletter from now on. Going forward we should try and keep in touch with news from other regions. Personally, I have been enjoying reading other region's (Australia and NZ) newsletter over the years (on the www.sosj.org.au website). There are some beautiful people out there achieving wonderful things. If anyone would like to send in an article, photos etc from your parish - do not hesitate to let us know - we would love to share news from all round WA.

We are still aiming to visit as many different parishes as we are able. On the 2nd of April, I went to St Emilie's Parish Canning Vale and enjoyed the morning with their "Vine Group". I spoke about my faith and belief in St Mary MacKillop and her life story. It was very well received and we had a very informative question and answer section at the end. There were some great questions asked and we all contributed to the answers, enjoying each other's knowledge of the Josephite Story. We played some games of bingo and then were treated to a wonderful hot lunch. Such a lovely friendship group of people. Thank you for the invitation!

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the **MCG** (see below) if you would like a presentation/meeting at one of your gatherings. Our aim is to share St Mary's Charism with as many as possible.

We look forward to seeing you all and welcoming a special visitor, Mary Hemmings (Leader of IJALT) at our next gathering at South Perth on 9 June.

Sending our 'Loved St Mary MacKillop's Blessing' to you all ~ Louisa Moore on behalf of the **MCG**.

Louisa Moore: 9359 4960 | Marg Jones: 9370 3206 | Meg Phelan: 9295 1682 | Mary Sheehan: 9295-3020 | Maureen Lanigan: 9447 2346

Dates for you Diaries - Upcoming Events/Retreats in 2019

- * **24 May, 28 June, 26 July PRAYING OUR EXPERIENCES** ~ A directed contemplative prayer time with an emphasis on recognising and inviting God in our everyday. **Venue:** Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth. **RSVP essential** to Laura on 9334 0999 or prayingourexperiences@gmail.com
- * **8th of 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
- * **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
- * **1-2 June: RETREAT 'Let yourself be drawn into The Mystery'**
Christian Meditation, Centring Prayer and Walking Meditation alone and in a group and to contemplate God in nature at beautiful Safety Bay. A time of deep silence to foster contemplative living.
Facilitators: Kathleen Dawe rsj and Frances Maguire rsj **Venue:** Kilmolee at Safety Bay, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay.
Enquiries and registration: Dianne Colborne rsj (08) 9527 3240, Safety.Bay@sosj.org.au
Cost: \$150. Sat 1st June 10.00 am to Sun 2nd June after lunch.
- * **13 June: PRAYER DAY, 'Commit your activities to the Lord and your plan will be achieved'**
When: Thursday 13th June, **Time:** 9.30am to 1pm (includes light refreshments)
Where: Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York St, South Perth. **Facilitator:** Sr Wendy Lailey rsj **Cost:** Donation
Bookings: Essential for catering ASAP (by Fri 7th June) to 9334 0999 or laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au
- * **29-30 June | 10-11 August | 14-15 September RETREATS 'Still full of sap - still green.'** *Ps.92:14 "They shall still bring forth fruit in old age."*
Facilitator: Lianella Girardi rsj **Venue:** Kilmolee at Safety Bay, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay.
Enquiries and registration: Dianne Colborne rsj (08) 9527 3240, Safety.Bay@sosj.org.au.
Cost: \$150 per weekend. Concession available.
- * **11-17 July: RETREAT 'Christ in Evolution'**
A fresh encounter with the person of Jesus Christ and the meaning of Christ for Christian life today.
Facilitator: Frances Maguire rsj **Venue:** Kilmolee at Safety Bay, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay.
Enquiries and registration: Dianne Colborne rsj (08) 9527 3240, Safety.Bay@sosj.org.au **Cost:** \$600



22 Oct-2 Nov 'IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP' 25TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE

The Sisters of Saint Joseph invite you to join the 25th anniversary National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22 October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney on 2 November 2019. Cost \$3,575 – \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure. Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp.

For a brochure and application form or further information please email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or call Sr Therese Leydon rsj 0417 683 123, or Sr Annie Bond rsj 02 8912 4818.

WA ASSOCIATES GATHERINGS, NEWS & EVENTS



GATHERINGS at SOUTH PERTH 2019

ENQUIRIES: wa.associates@sosj.org.au 0438 616 228 or (08) 9359 4960

NEXT GATHERING (WINTER) ~ SUNDAY 9TH JUNE

- ✚ 2.00pm ~ Time for greeting one another, 'Bring & Buy' and Raffle
- ✚ 2.30pm ~ Prayer in Chapel, guest speaker - Mary Hemmings, 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

- 8th September
- 8th December

**All very welcome!
Bring a friend!**

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



All very welcome!

Our next gathering is to be held on **Wednesday 5th June @ 9.30am.**

We welcome IJALT leader, Mary Hemmings and Sr Kath Hitchcock at the Dardanup Prayer House. Please bring a plate of finger food for a shared lunch.

MEETING DATES FOR 2019

5th June

7th August

16th October

27th November

A SPECIAL OCCASION FOR ESPERANCE!

7 JUNE 2019 ~ DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES!

IJALT leader, Mary Hemmings and Sr Kath Hitchcock will be visiting Esperance to support local and surrounding areas and continue the discussion regarding the way forward for the Josephite Associates.

Gathering will follow Mass on 7th June at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
For more information contact Helen Johnstone: 9071 1256 or 0427 701 256



All very welcome!

**GONE
TO
GOD**

Jean Ellison JA

Paul Travers (father of Kathleen McCabe JA)

Geraldine Norris (wife of Bernie, mother of Judith, Esperance JA)



'Remember, we are all but travellers here' MMK

Dear Associates, if you are aware of any Associate/relative that has passed away, can you please email or ring the office:

wa.associates@sosj.org.au or (08) 9334 0999



** PLEASE SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS **

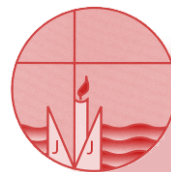
Please help us to keep costs down and save the planet at the same time by sending in your email address to: wa.associates@sosj.org.au (so we can email the newsletter, upcoming events etc).

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



*The Heart of Jesus
is the
ultimate symbol of God's mercy.*

Pope Francis



WA Josephite Associates



TRUST IN THE GOD WHO PROVIDES

So do not worry; do not say,

"What are we to eat?

What are we to drink?

It is the gentiles

who set their hearts on all these things.

Your Heavenly Father knows you need them all.

Set your hearts on his Kingdom first,

and on God's saving justice

and all these things

will be given you as well. (Matt 6:31-34)

WINTER 2019



Saint Mary MacKillop

In 2009 Pope Benedict XVI confirmed that the cure of a New South Wales woman from inoperable lung cancer through the intercession of Blessed Mary MacKillop is a true miracle. This declaration opened the way for Mary MacKillop to be canonized as a saint for the whole world in 2010. Her name, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, will be added to that of the others already recognized by the Catholic Church in its canon of saints.

In Mary MacKillop, however, we have a woman of our own land. She is not far removed from us. Experiences Mary had are shared by many Australians – parents who migrated for a better way of life, financial hardships, interrupted schooling, difficult family circumstances ... Her life, her work and her personal qualities have been documented. She is someone we can come to really know. In knowing Mary MacKillop we can appreciate that what it means to be a saint is to simply do the ordinary things of daily life well; do them with faith, with courage and with conviction. That is the example she set.

In proclaiming Mary MacKillop as a saint for Australia and the whole world the Catholic Church recognizes that a life of fidelity and service is still possible today. In acclaiming Mary MacKillop, all Australians, not only those of the Catholic faith, celebrate the inspiration offered them by the life of one Australian born woman.

(Australia's First Saint – Bernadette Doyle, Lila El-Hage, Anne Walsh)

*O God of peace,
you sent your Son as a gift
of peace in our world.*

*You have revealed that peacemakers
are to be called your children.*

*Grant, we pray, that like Mary MacKillop
we will work without ceasing to establish that justice
which alone will ensure true and lasting peace.*

*We make this prayer
through Christ our Lord.*

*Saint Mary of the Cross,
defending human dignity, pray for us.*

(Praying with Mary MacKillop)

