Living Contemplatively

Retreats, Sabbaticals, Programs and other opportunities for nourishing the spiritual

Sisters of Saint Joseph Retreat Centres, Australia
Retreat Centres

- St Joseph’s House of Spirituality
  Batehaven NSW

- St Joseph’s Baulkham Hills
  Baulkham Hills NSW

- Villa Maria Spirituality Centre
  Brisbane Qld

- Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
  East Melbourne Vic

- St Joseph’s Spirituality and Education Centre
  Kincumber South NSW

- Largs Bay Retreat House
  Largs Bay SA

- Kilmolee
  Safety Bay WA

- The Vale Lodge
  Perthville NSW

- St Joseph’s by the Sea
  Williamstown Vic

Please see Centre Contact Information on pages 17-22.
Registration

- For weekend, four, six and eight day retreats please send the application form included at the back of this brochure, plus deposit to the appropriate centre.

- For sabbaticals, summer and winter schools please request an application form by emailing: frontdesk@stjosephscentre.org.au

Information

- All retreats commence with the evening meal on the first date and close after breakfast on the last date unless stated differently.
The Retreats

24 February-8 April
Baulkham Hills
NSW
$8,320

Retirement for Mission
This sabbatical is suited to those who have recently retired from full time active ministry or intend retiring from such in the near future. This is an opportunity to consider Mission in a new stage of life.

Sr Mary Pat Garvin rsm and a team of Australian-based presenters.

Lianella Girardi rsj

6-8 March
Batehaven
NSW
$300

Would you like to experience some time in/with “The Shack”? The Shack is a 2017 American Christian drama based on the 2007 novel of the same name by William P. Young. Despite having attracted much comment, questioning and criticism, Young himself says that we all need to go “to that place of greatest loss” to experience healing, forgiveness and growth. Viewed with an open mind and heart, this movie can lead us to develop our own faith story and challenge each of us to recognise where God is active and inviting us.

Ann Morisson rsj

23-27 March
Batehaven
NSW
$400

The Hearts Memory: Gratefulness
During this mini guided retreat, we will have the opportunity to reflect on the memories of our heart and how they can lead us to a sense of being grateful.

Maureen McDermott rsj

30 March-5 April
East Melbourne
VIC
$700

“Seeking the Beloved”
Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross will guide this retreat. They inspire us to respond to the invitation of the Beloved to deeper relationship in our own mystical hearts.

Moya Unthank rsj
4-9 April  
Safety Bay WA  
$550

Living in the Pattern of the Paschal Mystery – Good Friday to Easter Sunday

Taking time to name our deaths, losses and grief of our Good Fridays and our Holy Saturdays in order to move into our Easter Sundays with Christ. We need to “grapple with the timeless, haunting questions of suffering and death which gnaw at the heart … and the need for transformation to which these call us.” (Ronald Rolheiser, “The Holy Longing.”) A guided retreat with some options for spiritual accompaniment with

Frances Maguire rsj

19-26 April  
Largs Bay SA  
$500

In the Silence

A silent, Centering Prayer Retreat focusing on our relationship with Jesus. “Spirituality is in the evolutionary process on all layers of being where God and Christ are found.” (Teilhard de Chardin)

Fr Tom Gleeson

1-8 May  
Kincumber South NSW  
$700

‘Come and See

This retreat invites you, using the metaphor of the open door, to enter your inner space more deeply. To acknowledge both your vulnerable self and your own inner strength to constantly grow in love. We will use the work of writers such as Joyce Rupp and Brenée Brown. Thus, through stillness and silence we will open ourselves further to the contemplative dimension of life and love.

Colleen O’Sullivan RSJ
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<td>1 May-1 June</td>
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<td>The Christ Project</td>
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<td>$2000</td>
<td>The spiritual Exercises in the tradition of Teilhard de Chardin will be offered over thirty days, including preparation and rest days. A spiritual director will accompany each retreatant on this silent retreat. Fr Tom Gleeson, Jan Sabotta</td>
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<td>3-10 May</td>
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<td>“For me to live is Christ”</td>
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<td>On the road to Damascus something happened to Paul, and this changed everything. In a rural setting in late Autumn, this 6-day silent retreat will reflect on the experience of Paul and the Christ he lived and invited others to share. This retreat draws on insights of the late Fr Kevin O’Shea cssr and the Pauline scholarship of the late Fr Jerome Murphy-O’Connor op. Each day will begin with Morning Prayer &amp; reflective input, followed by personal space for prayer and contemplation. Communal Prayer will conclude the day. Virginia Burke rsj</td>
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10-17 May
Williamstown
VIC
$700

**The Garden**

*The Garden - place of intimacy. Exploring the symbolism of the garden, especially in the book of Genesis, the song and the Gospel of John*

Therese Quinn rsj

17-26 May
Baulkham Hills
NSW
$960

**Re-Entry Retreat**

*This retreat will provide an opportunity for participants to reflect on their experience and re-enter their “home” culture in a gentle and reflective way.*

Geraldine Kearney sgs
Nicole Rotaru rsm

22-24 May
Safety Bay WA
$250

**Living in the Pattern of the Paschal Mystery – Ascension to Pentecost**

*A time to “let go of the old and let it bless us with our refusal to cling (Ascension) through to the reception of new spirit for the new life that one is already living.” (Ronald Rolheiser, “The Holy Longing.”)*

A guided retreat with some options for spiritual accompaniment with

Frances Maguire rsj

12-19 June
Kincumber
South NSW
$700

**Embracing Mystery**

*‘One thing the hermitage is making me see is that the Universe is my home and I am not part of it.’ Thomas Merton*

This retreat will offer opportunities for contemplative prayer arising from the writings of Thomas Merton and poetry of Mary Oliver.

Lyndall Brown rsj
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**The Pilgrim’s Way**

Baulkham Hills, NSW

5-12 July

$700

*This retreat will draw us in silence, solitude and stillness to our still centre. This is the place where God dwells in love and mystery. We will use the images of thresholds, crossroads and other aspects of pilgrimage to move us towards the cave of our heart. The spirituality underpinning this retreat is a Celtic spirituality; a spirituality of peregrination and wandering: a spirituality which responds to God’s deep call to unity.*

Colleen O’Sullivan rsj

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**Acculturation Winter Program**

Baulkham Hills, NSW

6-17 July

$1,320

*This program is designed for priests and women and men religious who come to Australia for ministry. Topics include an introduction to Australia- the land, its people and the Church; right relationships- women and the Australian Church, integrity in ministry and child protection; and psychological aspects of entering a different culture.*

Annie Bond rsj

Kelvin Barrett ssc

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**The Hospitality of God**

Safety Bay, WA

9-15 July

$650

*Through the silence of this retreat you are invited into the embrace of the Trinity and experience the Hospitality of God. Over these days we will contemplate the Rublev icon. As Henri Nouwen says: ‘the more we look at this holy image with the eyes of faith, the more we come to realise that it is painted not as a lovely decoration for a convent church, nor as a helpful explanation for a difficult doctrine, but as a holy place to enter and stay within.*

Ann Morrison rsj
10-17 July  
Kincumber South NSW  
$700  
Season of Hope. Spirituality of Aging  
Remembering how God has been with us in the past gives us the strength for the present and hope for the future. We will reflect on the Journey of letting go, prayer in later life, living in deeper trust and hope as we journey forward.  
Yvonne Parker sgs

10-17 July  
Kincumber South NSW  
$750  
Directed Retreat  
Dr. Kerrie Hide

9-16 August  
Williamstown VIC  
$700  
Directed Retreat  
Yvonne Harte rsj

12-18 August  
21-27 August  
Largs Bay to Willow Springs SA  
$600  
The Universe Story  
Travel to the Flinders Ranges, engage in Earth’s story-our story, contemplating our Oneness with All. Through the revelation of fossils, formed 600 million years ago, we follow the story of emerging life on Earth. Single room, comfortable, shearer’s quarters, shared travel. (Limited special diets) (5 Day retreat. Travel 12th &18th / 21st & 27th)  
Kateri Duke rsj  
Fr Tom Gleeson

23-30 August  
Batehaven NSW  
$700  
When Seeking ‘God’s will’, we discover we’re already ‘in it’!  
This retreat will encourage contemplative praying as a basis for what the Greeks called ‘enthusiasmos’… ‘life-in ‘God’ The retreat will draw on insights from ‘Ten Evenings with God’ by Ilia Delio osf  
Virginia Bourke rsj
30 August-8 September  
Baulkham Hills NSW 
$960 
Re-Entry Retreat
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Geraldine Kearney sgs  
Kelvin Barrett ssc

30 August-6 September  
Perthville NSW 
$700 
“A Glimpse into the spirituality of Fr Julian Tenison Woods”
In the shadow of celebrating the 130th anniversary of his death (celebrated 2019), what better opportunity to peek into Julian’s spirituality by walking contemplatively with his writings and works to draw inspiration for our own living. This retreat will be held on the very ground that Julian walked in his ministry with early Josephites.  
Ann Morrison rsj  
Lyndall Brown rsj  
Carmel Jones rsj

6-13 September  
Brisbane QLD 
$500 
The Treasure Within
St Paul likens us to Earthen Vessels and how each one of us is created with treasure – a gift. Through prayer and reflection, we’ll seek to discover afresh the treasure within ourselves. 
Michael Hickey cp
A Contemplative Journey

The writings of the classical mystical tradition and contemporary spiritual writers will be used for reflective experiences during these days, inspiring an ever-deepening journey of contemplative prayer and contemplative living.

Moya Unthank rsj

Celebrating the presence of God in creation

Engaging a Variety of prayer forms, music, and photography as contemplative practise, we explore Kincumber as a ‘thin’ place where heaven and earth are close. We are invited to slow down, to be fully present to our experience, to linger over moments of beauty. Participants are asked to bring a camera/ iPad or phone with camera. (no photographic experience is required.)

Val De Brenni

Directed Retreat

Mary Baker rsj

Walking as the beloved

Central to the Gospel of John is the concept of ‘belovedness’. During these days we will walk in companionship with the ‘beloved Jesus’.

Carmel Drew rsj

Directed Retreat

Yvonne Harte rsj Lynette Young rsj

Directed Retreat

Gen Ryan rsj Liz Murphy rsj
Missionary Discipleship Today- The strength of Women’s Witness

Contemplating the Universe Story, we consider how we are called today to missionary discipleship and leadership roles as were the Women at the Well, Martha, and her sister Mary of Bethany and Mary of Magdala.

Therese Quinn rsj

Directed Retreat

Jenny Scally rsj

Directed Retreat

Yvonne Harte rsj

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30 October-6 November
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South NSW
$750

**Directed Retreat**

Fr David King cp

8-15 November
Perthville NSW
Carmel Drew rsj
$750

8-15 November
Perthville NSW
$700

**“Be still and Know that I am God”**

We spend time together in silent prayer. I will share some stories and listen. We will share some stories. We will spend the day in inner silence. We will celebrate the Eucharist and be guided by the Spirit.

Steve Sinn sj
9-15 November  
Pilgrimage to the Heart...
East Melbourne  a contemplative journey to peace and wholeness
VIC
$700
Yvonne Harte rsj

16 November-13 December
The Time of Sage
Baulkham Hills  A Sabbatical for religious living the 80’s years, with themes relevant to this time of life. A team of Australian-based presenters.
NSW
$5,615
Lianella Girardi rsj

22-29 November  
“The habits of faith- filled living and dying of Daniel O’Leary
Baulkham Hills  The retreat’s presentations will be influenced by the Irish writer, Daniel O’Leary, on his way through life in faith and into death in January 2019.
NSW
$700
Virginia Bourke rsj

22-29 November  
Living in a Christ- soaked World
Baulkham Hills  Is the incarnation a one-time and one-person Jesus of Nazareth event, or is it a cosmic event that has soaked all of history in the Divine Presence from the very beginning? This retreat explores the possibility of opening the ancient door of faith to the proper understanding of the word Christ. Over these days we will explore our own drops of experience to discover a Christ-soaked world. This Retreat is based on Richard Rohr’s book
NSW
$700
The Universal Christ.
Ann Morrison rsj

While we do endeavour to keep dates and prices consistent as at the time of print, retreats and sabbatical prices and dates may be subject to change. Please contact the relevant centre to confirm.
Mary MacKillop Precinct
Kensington

Incorporating Mary MacKillop Museum, St Joseph’s Chapel and Bethany Centre

Mary MacKillop Museum Adelaide …
Finally, the long-awaited, redeveloped Museum is now open. Offering visitors, a unique, engaging and inspiring experience.

For the full programme of events visit our website: www.marymackillopadelaide.org.au

8th of the Month

Honouring and Praying with St Mary MacKillop
Mass at 10.30am in St Joseph’s Chapel followed by morning tea (except Sundays)
Evening Reflection: 5.45 – 6.30pm (except 8 January and 8 August)

Present story around the life of Julian Tenison Woods with a reflection to follow.

Catherine Clark rsj

Come…breathe in Mary’s spirit…
walk on the land she walked on…
pray where she prayed so often…
experience an inner peace

Refer to page 19 for Kensington contact details.
Contact Information

Please mark all retreat correspondence Attention: Retreats

St Joseph’s House Batehaven NSW

St Joseph’s House
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Email: marie.mcalister@sosj.org.au
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Please make cheques payable to the Trustees of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Baulkham Hills NSW

St Joseph's Baulkham Hills
33 Barina Downs Road, Norwest NSW 2153
PO Box 7386 Baulkham Hills BC NSW 2153
Email: frontdesk@stjosephscentre.org.au
Website: www.stjosephscentre.org.au
Telephone: 02 9634 2317 Fax: 02 9899 4249

Please make cheques payable to Spirituality Ministry of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.
Brisbane QLD

Villa Maria Spirituality Centre
123 Warren Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006
Email: admin@adorationsrs.org.au
Telephone: 0408 864 388

Please make cheques payable to the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration.

East Melbourne VIC

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
362 Albert Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002
Email: admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au
Website: www.mmhc.org.au
Telephone: 03 9926 9300 Fax: 03 9926 9330

Please make cheques payable to the Trustees of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Retreatants are requested to arrive after 11am and in time for lunch at 12.30pm. Departure time is between 10am and 12 noon the following Sunday (no lunch).
Kensington Adelaide SA

Mary MacKillop Precinct
4 High Street, Kensington SA 5068
PO Box 57 Kent Town SA 5071
Email: infoса@sosj.org.au
Website: www.marymackillopadelaide.org.au
Telephone: 08 8130 5900

Kilmolee Safety Bay WA

Kilmolee at Safety Bay
182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay WA 6169
Email: safety.bay@sosj.org.au
Telephone: 08 9527 3240
Kincumber South NSW

St Joseph’s Spirituality and Education Centre
8 Humphrey’s Rd, Kincumber South NSW 2251
Email: reception@stjosephsretreat.org.au
Website: www.stjosephskincumber.org.au
Telephone: 02 4368 2805

Please make cheques payable to Spirituality Ministry of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Largs Bay Adelaide SA

St Joseph’s Centre
1 Everard St, Largs Bay SA 5016
Email: kateri.duke@sosj.org.au
or post to Kateri Duke rsj, 8 Wigley St, Largs Bay SA 5016
Telephone: 0418 834 114

Please make cheques payable to the Trustees of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.
Perthville NSW

St Joseph’s Heritage and Conference Centre
Tenison Woods Ave, Perthville NSW 2795
Email: Perthville.coordinator@sosj.org.au
Website: www.stjosephsperthville.org.au
Telephone: 02 6337 2946

Please make cheques payable to the Trustees of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Williamstown Melbourne VIC

St Joseph’s by the Sea
16 Esplanade, Williamstown VIC 3016

FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT:
Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
362 Albert Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002
Email: admin.mmhc@sosj.com.au
Telephone: 03 9926 9300

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Payment

- A non refundable deposit of $50 applies when booking (unless stated differently for a particular centre)
- Payment by direct deposit (EFT) or credit card is available by contacting each centre directly. Contact information appears on pages 17-22.
Application Form for Retreats

Please return this application form to the relevant retreat centre with your non-refundable deposit

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
Postcode ________________________________
Phone ________________________________
Fax ________________________________
Email ________________________________

Retreat Location (Please tick)

☐ Batehaven NSW
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☐ Perthville NSW
☐ Williamstown Melbourne Vic

Retreat Title ________________________________

Dates From ________________________________
To ________________________________
Cost ________________________________