



Josephite Companions Aotearoa
 Nga hoa pumau o Hato Hohepa ki Aotearoa
 Friendship # Prayer # Service

September 2021

Tena Koutou katoa

This newsletter is out a bit earlier than usual as we wanted to give you all time to book a free ticket and take part in the webinar on Saturday 4th September at 1.30pm.

Sister Monica Cavanagh is a wonderful speaker so I'm sure it will be a great event. It is a chance to come together digitally despite the fact that we can't meet in person. It will allow many more of us to take part and move forward as Josephite Companions being courageous and full of hope.

Many Australian companions are still in lockdown so this will be a chance to meet up with them on line and give them support.

You may like to consider joining up with others who are good at using a computer if you don't feel confident yourself.

Book in at:

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**JOIN THE
 JOSEPHITE
 COMPANION'S
 INAUGURAL WEBINAR**

4 SEPTEMBER 2021

11.30AM TO 1.30PM AEST
 SA 11.00AM TO 1.00PM
 WA 9.30AM TO 11.30AM
 NZ 1.30PM TO 3.30PM
 TIMOR-LESTE 10.30AM TO 12.30PM
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**BE COURAGEOUS
 &
 FULL OF HOPE**

What does it mean to be courageous in the church and world in 2021?

Explore how Joseph and Mary MacKillop would be courageous in 2021.

***Moving Forward as
 Josephite Companions!***

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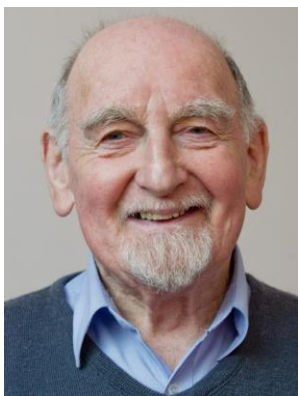
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***Key Note Speaker
 Sr Monica Cavanagh rsj***



CONGRATULATIONS TO A JOSEPHITE COMPANION



Charles Edwin Campbell of Dunedin who was awarded the QSM for a lifetime of involvement in the Dunedin Theatrical scene.

Charles is a life member of both the Otago Theatre Trust and Musical Theatre Dunedin,

He has played a significant role in the annual Regent book sale as well as open days, working bees, tours, social events and front-of-house activities.

Congratulations from us all.

HIBISCUS COAST JOSEPHITES COMMITMENT

Recently five Josephite Companions made a formal commitment to living their lives according to the Josephite Mission Statement.

We had been using the material from the new Discovery booklet for some time as a trial, and some of the members had also attended a Colloquium held in Auckland. All of them have been very committed to the Josephite Charism.

Together with some family and friends we celebrated the commitment ceremony in the chapel at St John's Church in Orewa. Following this we had a lovely morning tea together at a local café.

A notable fact is that Kathy and Margaret are mother and daughter so this was truly a family occasion.



Cathy Allen, Kathy Ellery, Joanne Wilson Pam Marlow, Catherine Birt and Margaret Erskine-Stewart

MARY'S MACKILLOP'S FEAST DAY AT MISSION BAY



With the 8th August on a Sunday this year there was lots of opportunity for celebrations. The Sisters had Mass and a lunch together and in the afternoon about 40 family, friends and Companions gathered. Jill McLoughlin had prepared a wonderful liturgy drawing together themes from the life of St Mary MacKillop linking them with the seven qualities of St Joseph in Pope Francis' Apostolic letter *Patris Corde*,

A candle was lit before each reading and we sang between each. These seven qualities: Beloved, Accepting, Working, Creatively courageous, Obedient, Tender and loving, Humble and in the shadows have been used in a series of youtube videos which can be accessed through this link. They are truly inspirational and well worth watching. As usual we finished with a lovely afternoon tea and lots of talk and laughter.

ROTORUA COMPANIONS MATARIKI MEETING

The group met during July for prayers and fellowship and were joined by two from Tokoroa. The theme was Matariki and members found the prayer sheet and its verse wonderful to open the imagination.

Catholic Women's League of Aotearoa were 2 weeks away from holding their national conference in Rotorua and were still hoping to have attendees able to visit St Michaels church to learn its history and the interpretation of the tukutuku panels.

Beverley Simpkin and Mihi Morehu agreed to be the guides that were needed.

It was a perfect case of putting into action Mother Mary's saying

"Never see a need without doing something about it"

As one of the organisers of that visit to St Michaels, their generosity and graciousness gave me great thankfulness.

CWL have had feedback that the visit to St Faith's in Ohinemutu and St Michael's were highlights of their time in Rotorua.

SAD NEWS: Just as I was ready to type this up, news came to us that Bev Gibson had passed away. She had been in hospital in a critical condition for several days. Bev was a loyal companion with ties in Te Awamutu as well as Tokoroa. RIP Bev.



Margaret Brownsey



Bede McLoughlin of Hamilton Husband of Peg and father of Jill rsj ,Nicky and Jeremy.

Bev Gibson of Tokoroa

Deepest sympathy to all their families. May they rest in peace.



TE ARA O MARIA OR MARY'S WAY

This week we have had the rededication of our country to Our Lady. Assumed into heaven The beautiful hymn Mo Maria written by Bishop Pompallier can be listened to on the link below. It is sung by the rangatahi (young people) of Te Kura Taumata o Panguru, in the Hokianga. There is a strong Josephite spirit in the Hokianga where the Sisters of St Joseph taught for many years. We congratulate all the young people on making this video to help us all sing this hymn.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2Yq4rI6MI8>

CELEBRATING MARY MACKILLOP'S FEASTDAY IN WHANGANUI



Josephite Companions and other friends gathered with the Sisters for a liturgy reflecting on the last few years of Mary's life. Mary's wisdom from her latter years was shared and reflected upon. Also shared were the jubes from the jar on the table near 'Mary's chair' before we enjoyed afternoon tea together.

PRAYERS PLEASE



For Rosemarie Bezar a member of the Wellington Companions group who is very ill following a recent stroke.

Thanks to Sister Lyndall Brown for this article

SOUTH CANTERBURY CELEBRATES MARY MACKILLOP

The four Josephite Schools in South Canterbury, St. Joseph's Fairlie, Pleasant Point, and Temuka and St. Patrick's Waimate gathered yesterday at Waimate School for the annual celebration of Mary MacKillop. For me there were lots of memories of past times when the Sisters were in each of those schools. Also, I experienced the beautiful way the present Principals and Teachers are keeping the Charism of Mary MacKillop alive in these Schools. There was a liturgy in the Waimate Church led by representatives of each of the Schools followed by an amazing morning tea prepared by the local people... this was followed by sport for the children. Present in the Church were some of the older parishioners who had fond memories of the Sisters who lived amongst them.



Lyndall

SEASON OF CREATION 2021

1st September to 4th October

This year we will be uniting around the theme,

"A HOME FOR ALL? RENEWING THE OIKOS OF GOD."

Oikos is the Greek word for "home," or "household." By rooting our theme in the concept of oikos, we celebrate the integral web of relationships that sustain the well-being of the Earth.

This year's symbol, Abraham's tent, signifies our commitment to safeguard a place for all who share our common home, just as Abraham did in the Book of Genesis.



Season of Creation website

More information on

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fipm8pAVrUj1kiZs5KBXrSwVgJD9TOJf/view>

The next newsletter and prayer sheet will be distributed at the beginning of December. If you have a change of address or any copy for the next issue please contact Catherine Birt at P.O. Box 830 Whangaparaoa 0943 or crbirt@gmail.com or phone 027 294 7855