

WA JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS

Newsletter Summer



"We can all meet together in spirit at the Crib of our loving infant and pray for one another. I wish you every grace and blessing of this holy time with fondest love."

Mary Mackillop 1882

Dear Sisters, Companions and friends,

A warm welcome to the Summer edition of the Newsletter. Josephite Companions across the state participated in the inaugural webinar "Be Courageous and Full of Hope" which took place in September. The keynote speaker was Sister Monica Cavanagh rsj, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. Key messages included;

Our world needs courage and hope and Josephite Companions are called to carry this hope to others. Mary needed courage as she face vulnerability and she was sustained by trusting God.

Being courageous is a call from God. Josephite Companions are men and women called to walk the gospel way in the Spirit of St Joseph.

Our charism is a lens through which to view and live the gospel. The charism connects us to Micah's theme to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God.

We are challenged to live the spirit of Joseph and to do this we should use our gifts to make the world a safer and fairer place.

The breakout rooms allowed Josephite Companions throughout the world to share their stories and hopes with one another—discussing the new Discovery Book and Administration Guide. The impact of COVID 19 has been varied and those who have been in continuous lockdown expressed great concern for the wellbeing of individuals and their groups. We thank the JCoLT Committee for the opportunity to gather in this way. It was a wonderful experience.

Best wishes, Dot Savage for Dardanup, Metro & Esperance Groups

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METROPOLITAN COMPANIONS

Greetings to all our Josephite Companions and Sisters. Wishing you all the blessings of the festive season. We hope that you get to enjoy it with friends and family. We take this time to thank you all for your support throughout the year. Special thanks to Neville and Bill for all the extra work they have done for our companions during the year.

A representative from the Metropolitan Companions attended the Act Justly Day in Bunbury to listen to Sr Theresa Morellini rsj. Her slide presentation showed the wonderful work being done in Warmun to promote equity and cultural acceptance. I particularly loved seeing a young Sr Denise Casey in the slide show. Our group gave a donation of \$200 which came from the bring and buy stall and raffles. Such a wonderful spiritual service, thank you to all those involved.

A big welcome to those inductees who will make their commitment to the Josephite Companions and will be received at the November meeting in Bunbury.

A special shout out to all our Josephite Companions in the Geraldton and surrounding areas.

Please note my change of address for future correspondence and newsletter donations:
Josephite Companions c/o Unit 178, 597 Kalamunda Road, High Wycombe, WA 6157.

At the Christmas gathering, 12 December, 1.30pm, South Perth, we hope to have a reunion of old faces and a welcoming of new people. Please bring a friend and join us to share the festivities.

ESPERANCE COMPANIONS

Our group participated in the 'Be Courageous and Full of Hope" Webinar. It was a new and exciting venture and it was heartening to share our story and listen to the stories of so many other international Josephite Companions.

Esperance Josephite Companions continue to meet regularly to celebrate Mass and recite the Rosary.

DARDANUP COMPANIONS

The Dardanup Josephite Companions were represented at the 'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor' Symposium held in the Bunbury Diocese. We were impressed by the speakers and were heartened by the work being done in the Diocese to promote social justice.

Our group has been invited to participate in the St Patrick's Fair on 21 November, Feast of Christ the King. We have prepared a brochure that outlines our vision and invites people to join us in living the charism of St Mary of the Cross and Father Julian Tenison Woods. A roster has been set up so that members of the group can make contact with the parish community.

At our meeting on 24 November we will welcome four new members— Maria Allan, Cath Dowdell, Patti Zagar and Helen Amourous. These ladies have been mentored by members of the core group and have followed the Discovery Booklet recently received.



We will meet for our Christmas gathering soon to collect goods for a hamper that will be donated to St Vincent de Paul's Christmas Appeal. We will also extend the hands of friendship for one another through the exchange of secret Santa gifts.

GATHERING WITH SR THERESA MORELLINI ‘Two Way in Country’



Josephite Companions and other community members welcomed Sr Theresa Morellini rsj as guest speaker at the 6 October gathering. The theme “Two way in Country” spoke of the connections between the Gija people and non-indigenous missionaries of the Turkey Creek area.

Mrs Sharon Cooke, representing her mother, a Noongar Elder, gave a heartfelt Welcome to Country, sharing with those gathered, her family totem and symbols.

Sr Theresa shared her experiences as a Josephite Sister with the community at Warmun. Her photos showed a young Sr Denise Casey with whom, all people related fondly.

The Metropolitan and Dardanup Groups thanked Sr Theresa and gifted her with funds to be used in Warmun in any way she felt was needed. A wonderful day of learning and sharing! Following the presentation lunch was shared. Thanks to all those who contribute to making the day such a success.



WA JOSEPHITE COMPANION GATHERINGS

SOUTH PERTH

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9370 3260

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SOUTH PERTH NEXT GATHERING

12 December, 1.30 pm

Please bring a plate of finger food and a Kris Kringle gift to the value of \$10.

2022 GATHERINGS

13 March

12 June

11 September

11 December

DARDANUP

ENQUIRIES: Dot Savage (08) 9791 4008

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DARDANUP NEXT GATHERINGS

Wednesday 24 November @ 9.30am

AGM and Christmas Gathering

Parish Meeting Centre, Brend Tor Street Bunbury
Please bring a plate of finger food for a shared lunch and a gift (\$15 value) for Secret Santa. Food item or gift for St Vincent de Paul Christmas hamper.

2022

9 February @ 9.30am



ESPERANCE

ENQUIRIES: Helen Johnston - (08) 9071 1256

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ESPERANCE NEXT GATHERING

Third Thursday of each month—Mass, Rosary and sharing.

GONE TO GOD

Sister Margaret Keane rsj
Vicky Groat
Br Redmond Casey fms

Rest In Peace

Dear Companions if your are aware of any companion/relative who has passed away, can you please email or ring the office:

wa.companions@sosj.org.au or [08] 9334 0999



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Order your 2022 Josephite Calendars through Sr Maree Riddler rsj



May the Christ Child bring you joy and peace this Christmas Season...