



WA JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS

NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2022

"Every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience **Lent** as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us... to revive **the faith** that comes from the living Christ, **the hope** inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and **the love** flowing from the merciful heart of the Father. *Pope Francis*



Dear Sisters, Companions and friends,

A warm welcome to the Autumn edition of the Newsletter. We hope and pray that all Josephite Companions had a wonderful Christmas break. So much has happened regarding the Covid Pandemic and our prayer is that you are all safe and well.

Once more the cycle of the year has turned and we find ourselves on the verge of a new beginning. We carry with us our plans and visions for the future. As Autumn ushers in the Lenten Season, we can move on and begin once more to put our lives into perspective, to reflect on our life experiences and prepare for the Easter story to unfold. Josephite Companions can welcome 2022 as a season of great joy as we strive to live the charism in our daily lives, confident in committing ourselves fully to making a difference in our world.

At the end of 2021, we were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Sr Margaret Keane and Sr Angela Hynes, who left this world to share in their eternal reward. Both sisters were very supportive of the Josephite Companions and will be remembered tenderly for their simplicity, generosity of service and their love shown in so many ways. Our deepest sympathy to the Sisters, their family and friends. May they Rest in Peace. Their legacy has inspired the Autumn prayer sheet, "In Simplicity", included in the newsletter. Enjoy!

Recently the leaders of the Josephite Companions in WA met and shared their vision for the year ahead. They pledged ongoing support for one another.

Wishing you joy and Easter blessings.

Best wishes Dot Savage for Metropolitan, Dardanup and Esperance Groups.



METROPOLITAN COMPANIONS

Blessings for the New Year.

Again, for the third year we are not sure what the year is going to bring because of Covid. The talk among our core leaders and committee Companions is that the Newsletter becomes more important than ever.

Our group has revisited the charism and will go forward into 2022 highlighting PRAYER—our prayers are offered for all, FRIENDSHIP - keeping in touch by saying hello and SERVICE—looking after each other especially in this time of uncertainty.

The folding and mailing out of the newsletter is in urgent need of helping hands. This job only takes approx. three hours, 4 times a year!. During this time, a small meeting is held to keep everyone up to date.

We hope to get 4 helpers each time. Please contact Louisa, Meg or Margaret if you are able to assist.

The Metropolitan group held their Christmas Summer gathering in December with great success at South Perth. Our gathering began in the Chapel with prayer, Mary Our Mother, which was followed by the annual report. We shared afternoon tea, exchanged gifts and enjoyed the Christmas cheer.

Best wishes Louisa, Margaret and Meg.



ESPERANCE COMPANIONS

Rest In Peace Sr Angela, you are indeed sadly missed in our Community. We were so saddened to hear of the passing of Sr. Angela Hynes rsj, just prior to Christmas. I was enormously proud to attend the Eucharistic Celebration of her life held at Holy Family Church Como, 12 January 2022. It was a marvelous opportunity to reconnect with her sisters, Bernadette and Ellena, also Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

Esperance had the pleasure of Sr Bernadette's attention & care to our Parishioners; we didn't get to know Ellena. We find comfort and reassurance in Sr Angela's usual greeting, " How's it going?" She shared so much of herself to so many through sharing in conversation, cuppa's and proudly showing her latest snap shots. We were always chuffed to see photos of hers or Bernadette's displayed in the Josephite Calendars.

You see, we knew these Josephite women, encouraging us in our daily lives, dealing with isolation and distance, as we live the Charism of St Mary of the Cross.

God's blessings, Helen Johnston

DARDANUP COMPANIONS

Our deepest sympathy to the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart and the Hynes Family on the passing of Sr Angela. May she rest peacefully in God's loving care.

Sadly, Covid has once again affected our meeting scheduled for 9 February. Our duty of care towards Josephite Companions in the Dardanup area has meant that meetings have been postponed until further notice. As before, contact will be maintained through emails, letters and reflection sheets.

Our Christmas gathering was a wonderful example of the Charism in action. Sr Pauline welcomed four new members on our behalf—Maria Allan, Patti Zagar, Cath Dowdell and Helen Amourous. We warmly embrace them and look forward to their contribution to our group. Our prayer focused on the Advent theme of St John the Baptist's call to prepare the way of the Lord. The Josephite Companions contributed to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal, providing goods for hampers and gifts for those in need.

Several of our Josephite Companions contributed their talents to the inaugural Christmas Community Luncheon which provided some Christmas cheer for the homeless and less fortunate of the Bunbury community.

Our prayers and best wishes are extended to Sr Pauline as she recuperates from shoulder surgery following a fall. Take care Sr Pauline, you are very precious to us.
God's blessings on all,
Dot Savage.

Maria, Patti, Helen and Cath about to be inducted into the Dardanup Josephite Companions



CELEBRATING MARY MACKILLOP'S BIRTHDAY

To celebrate Mary MacKillop's birthday on 15 January the Sisters at South Perth shared morning tea in the garden.

Lunch followed and the Sisters enjoyed singing a new song about Mary MacKillop.

Sr Maree Riddler reports that they had a wonderful time sharing lots of love and laughter.

Photos provided courtesy of Sr Maree Riddler rsj



WA JOSEPHITE COMPANION GATHERINGS

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SOUTH PERTH 2022 GATHERINGS

13 March 1.30pm.
12 June 1.30 pm.
11 September 1.30pm
11 December 1.30pm

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DARDANUP 2022 GATHERINGS

(tentative dates)

6 April
8 June
10 August
12 October
7 December

ESPERANCE

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ESPERANCE NEXT GATHERING

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

GONE TO GOD

Sister Angela Hynes rsj
Gita Neumann



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:
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