

JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2022



*God of love,
Visit us with your joy and
peace as we journey with
anticipation through this
Advent time.*

**“Believe in the whisperings of God in
your own heart.” Mary MacKillop**



Dear Sisters, Companions and Friends,

Welcome to our summer edition of the Josephite Companions' Newsletter. We thank you all for your support throughout the past year, especially your response to the needs of your local parish and our Josephite Companions.

Nature is fully alive these early summer mornings. It sings with content, revelling in longer, sunny days and deep blue skies. The jacaranda is blossoming and signals to us that Advent is upon us and Christmas is close at hand. As Advent approaches, we are urged to remember our hopes and dreams, to wait and prepare for the birth of new possibilities and new life at Christmas.

Leaders of the W.A. Metropolitan and Dardanup groups attended the online leadership forum where the subjects of mentoring, subscriptions, future directions, ageing, social justice issues, membership and the need for groups to revisit their commitment to the charism were discussed in break-out rooms. With the promise of practical sharing in the future, we expressed our gratitude to those who facilitated the sessions.

The prayer for this season focuses on joy and we hope that you will take the time to reflect on the joy that you experience in your faith and love of God. We could examine our commitment to the Josephite charism of friendship, prayer and service in the light of Mary's Cantic as it too, reflects Mary's joy and dedication to God's will for her, and his faithfulness to his people.

Best wishes and love, Dot Savage for Dardanup, Metro & Esperance Groups.

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METROPOLITAN COMPANIONS

The joy of participating in Josephite Companions happenings since our last newsletter have been so heart-warming and faith building. Representatives of the Metropolitan Group attended the Busselton centenary celebration and participated in the Dardanup Josephite Companions reflection day. We were also represented at the recent 125 Year Anniversary of St Joseph's Boulder and the 117th Anniversary of the death of Sr Ursula Tynan, foundress of the Goldfields convent and school.

Friendship, Prayer and Service were truly alive in these faith-filled occasions. This charism was evident in all we met. The stories shared by Nora and Nellie echoed the love and respect people had for the Sisters of St Joseph.

The Josephite Companions of WA are proud to congratulate Deacon Nathan Barrie on his ordination to the diaconate. Nathan has so many connections to the Josephite Companions through family and friends. The Bunbury Parish is blessed to have Nathan ministering in the parish. All our prayers are with him as he realises his dream of becoming a priest.



Donations are gratefully accepted and put to good use. These have paid for the Newsletter, and we have donated to the work of Sr Nola Goodwin in Timor Leste and Sr Theresa Morellini in the Kimberley. We love hearing how much you enjoy the Newsletter and sharing your stories of your lives with the sisters. On behalf of the Metro group, wishing you all a Joyful Christmas and New Year.

Louisa Moore, Margaret Jones, Meg Phelan and Maureen Lanigan

ESPERANCE COMPANIONS

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

Bishop Gerard Holohan celebrated with the Esperance Community on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the dedication of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church and the 30th anniversary of the school. The work of the Sisters of St Joseph was recognised and the Josephite Companions were involved in the organisation of the day.

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DARDANUP COMPANIONS

October's meeting was held in Busselton to celebrate 100 years of service by the Sisters of St Joseph in that area. Special thanks go to Kaye and Bill Middleton, Trish from the Parish Office and Sr Bernadette who made sure that the day was perfect in every way. Thanks too to Fr Wally, Sr Ellena Hynes and Sr Roberta Dillon who took the time to share with us.

Sr Pauline Dundon led participants in a reflection entitled "The Tapestry of our Lives" — a wonderful experience of looking at the interconnectedness of events and people who have inspired us. We looked back, but we also looked forward. We acknowledged our 'knots' but also saw them as means of continuing on with the weaving of our lives. St Mary MacKillop's reminder that "Gratitude is the memory of the heart" gave us the opportunity to appreciate the many wonderful people who have contributed to our journey as Josephite Companions.

Thank you Sr Pauline.

Following a shared lunch, Sr Kathleen Hitchcock took us on a sentimental journey that spanned the years 1922—2022 with reference to convents, schools and bushie schools. We were given the opportunity to express individual memories of the Sisters and the unique gifts they shared with so many who were present. Thank you Sr Kathleen for your digital walk down memory lane. Thank you to all those who brought an item to support women's health and well being. These were donated to the appropriate centre and were very gratefully received.

Wishing you the blessings of the Christ Child this Christmas

*Yours in Friendship, Prayer and Service,
Dot Savage on behalf of Dardanup Josephite Companions.*

125 Year Anniversary St Joseph's School Boulder

On the weekend of 15th and 16th October four Sisters of St Joseph - Dora Maguire, Frances Maguire, Kath Hitchcock and Pauline Dundon - accompanied by Sue Sondalini, the WA Archivist, met in Boulder on the WA goldfields, 600 kilometres to the east of Perth, to be a part of the celebrations of the 125th anniversary of the local St Joseph's School founded by the Sisters of St Joseph in 1897.

This weekend coincided with the 117th anniversary of the death of Mother Ursula (Mary) Tynan the superior of the three foundation sisters. On the Saturday afternoon, a small group gathered at her grave in Kalgoorlie cemetery for a short prayer service.

On Sunday a beautiful anniversary Mass was held at All Hallows Catholic Church. Following the Mass, a community celebration took place at the adjoining school grounds. The visiting sisters were honoured and had the opportunity to meet again with former students, colleagues, and local friends.

This weekend was made even more special as the current owner of the heritage listed convent building generously invited the group to stay at the convent. This allowed for lots of reminiscing about the times when the sisters lived in this building. The Josephite heritage of the school is recognised throughout St Joseph's School in the names of the buildings. The staff and children are proud and respectful of the origins of their school. The Sisters of St Joseph can be reassured that their legacy continues strongly in the goldfields.

*Sue Sondalini
WA Archivist*



*Front: Sr Frances Maguire, Sr Pauline Dundon,
Back: Sr Dora Maguire, Sr Kathleen Hitchcock*



L-R: Sr Frances, Sue, Sr Dora, Sr Pauline, Sr Kath



WA JOSEPHITE COMPANION GATHERINGS

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SOUTH PERTH NEXT GATHERING

12 March 2023, 1.30pm South Perth

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DARDANUP NEXT GATHERINGS

8 February 2023, 9.30am
Bunbury Parish Meeting Centre
Brend-tor St Bunbury



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

Dr Michael Jackson



Rest In Peace

Dear Companions if you are aware of any companion/relative who has passed away, can you please email or ring the office:
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JOSEPHITE CALENDARS 2023

Contact your local Josephite Companion group or
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