



JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2023

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in you.

“When storms rage, when persecutions or dangers threaten, I quietly creep into the Sacred Heart’s dark abyss; and securely sheltered there, my soul is at peace.” MMK 1907



Dear Sisters, Companions and friends,

Welcome to the Winter edition of the WA Josephite Companion’s Newsletter. The next few months see some important feast days in the Church calendar that hold particular relevance to Josephite Companions. The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 16 June, is just one of these. Our prayer sheet invites us to meditate on the Sacred Heart and the boundless love that Jesus has for each of us.

2023 marks the 100th Anniversary of Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart in Manjimup. We thank them and recognise their dedication and love for the Manjimup community.

At their meeting in March, the Metropolitan group agreed to go into recess until a new core group can be formed to lead meetings, formation and refresh the charism of Mary MacKillop. Louisa Moore thanked everyone for their involvement over the 30 years and expressed sadness that this step has been necessary. She thanked the wonderful sisters who have supported the group through the years. Louisa and Margaret Jones will continue to mail the Newsletter and they invite helpers to assist with this quarterly event. If you are available to contribute in any way, please contact Louisa or Margaret (details on the last page of this Newsletter). Donations are always appreciated and Josephite Companions are encouraged to support this vital form of communication as per the included slip. All Josephite Companions express their sincere appreciation to past Metropolitan members and Sisters and pray that this period of ‘rest’ will be short lived.

Helen Brown has accepted the invitation of JCoLT to join their group as a representative of Josephite Companions in Western Australia. She will attend her first meeting via Zoom early in May and looks forward to being your voice. If you have any issues or suggestions, please contact her via email on helenbrown.hb@gmail.com.

We extend warm and loving thoughts to all those who have given us life and have nurtured us into adulthood. Happy Mother’s Day!

Wishing you many blessings in this season of joy in the Risen Christ,
Dot Savage on behalf of WA Josephite Companions

BREAKFAST IN THE GARDEN— SOUTH PERTH 11 MARCH 2023

WA put on it's best weather when friends gathered to raise funds for Mary MacKillop Today. Students from Notre Dame manned the barbeques, cooking a sumptuous breakfast feast. Jane Woolford, the new CEO of Mary MacKillop Today, hosted the event and thanked attendees for their kindness and support of the Sisters' initiatives and outreach.

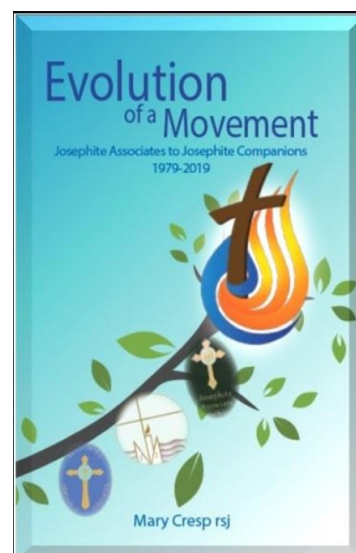
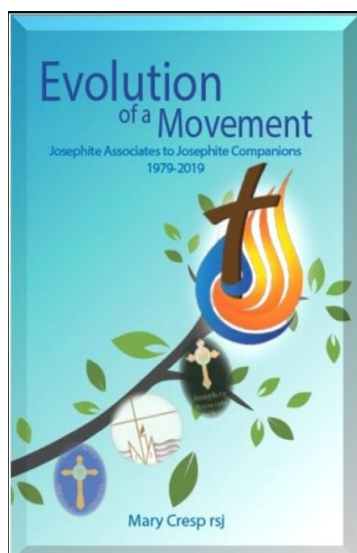
A feature of this wonderful day was the opportunity to catch up with past friends, and renew acquaintances. Many people excitedly recounted catching up with Sisters and friends who had been a part of their lives for many years.

MARY MACKILLOP
today



SAVE THE DATE 9 August 2023

- Mass to Celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Bunbury. Please check local bulletins for Feast Day events.
- We welcome Sr Mary Cresp rsj who will be in Bunbury to launch her book about the journey of the movement created to support and work alongside the Sisters as they minister to the Australian people.





CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME THE EARTH

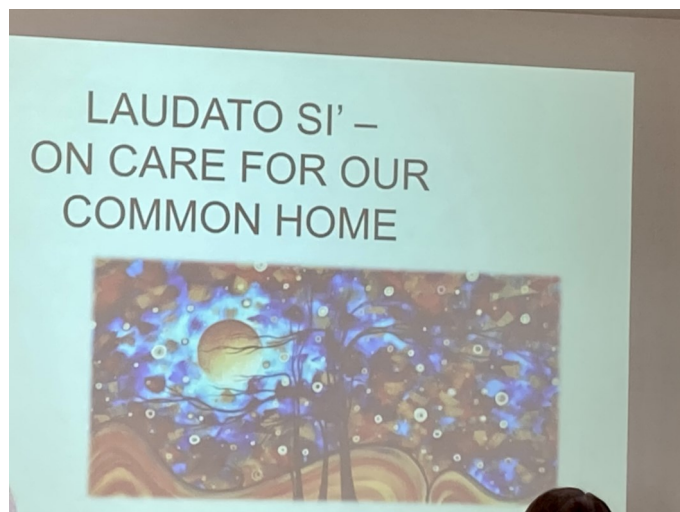


In response to the call for more awareness and formation of care for our common home—the Earth, Dardanup Josephite Companions gathered on 19 April. Their keynote speaker was Sr Christine Clarke pbvm, who shared her knowledge and thoughts on Pope Francis' Encyclical, Laudato Si. She linked this invaluable and insightful document to the Franciscan charism of care of the Earth, drawing from scripture, theological tradition, Catholic Social Justice teachings and the wisdom of the world. Participants learned that creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father. They were invited to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to each one and grants a personal glimpse into his infinite beauty and goodness.

Those gathered had the opportunity to share their thoughts with the group and were encouraged to listen with a discerning heart to the voices that can be heard in discussions about the future of our world. Pope Francis calls for us to act now for a better future by listening especially to the voice of the Earth, the poor and the young.

One Companion's reflection on the day expressed the need for a global effort where every person accepts responsibility for bringing about change.

Thank you to Sr Pauline Dundon for facilitating the gathering, Sr Kathleen Hitchcock, Sr Bernadette Hynes and Sr Roberta Dillon for sharing the day with us. A special thank you to Sr Christine Clarke for her engaging and informative presentation which provided much food for thought. Thank you to the Core Group who provided the ploughman's lunch which was enjoyed by all. Our next gathering will focus on our Josephite response to Laudato Si—"Explore, Embrace, Embody".



LAUDATO SI WEEK HOPE FOR THE EARTH HOPE FOR HUMANITY May 21-28

The call to care for creation goes to the heart of what it means to be human before God and in the world. It requires a profound conversion expressed in new ways of living both personally and collectively (pg. 14 Cry of the Earth, Cry of the poor, Social Justice Statement 2021-22).

7 goals emanated from the Pope's encyclical (2015). They are based on the concept of grounded ecology.

Response to the cry of the Earth;
Response to the cry of the poor;
Ecological economics;
Adoption of simple lifestyles;
Ecological education;
Ecological spirituality;
Emphasis on community involvement and participatory action.



The signs of the times are clear and we know that human beings need a change of heart, mind and behaviour. Pope Francis continues to call us to an ecological and economic conversion and we want to respond.

How can you take action?

Perhaps you can start by viewing the film "The Letter"

[\(6\) The Pope, the Environmental Crisis, and Frontline Leaders | The Letter: Laudato Si Film - YouTube](#)

The movie is an opportunity for Catholics to unite and rejoice in the progress that has been made in bringing Laudato Si to life. It is also an invitation for individuals to take up the mantle to bring about change. We will only succeed if each one of us acts so that collective change can occur.

Unity means saving our mother Earth, biodiversity and our children. (Pope Francis)

GONE TO GOD REST IN PEACE



Noelene Bode – daughter of
Fay Manoni

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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WA JOSEPHITE COMPANION GATHERINGS

DARDANUP

21 June, 9.30am

9 August, 9.30am

4 October, 9.30am

29 November, 9.30am

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Mass, Rosary and sharing.

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