



Josephite Associates, Victoria~Tasmania Autumn 2015



NEW LIFE COMES AFTER DYING

My dear Associates,

The time for the next newsletter has come around again and I begin to sort through the files of my memory for the news to tell you.

December was a busy month as I visited some of the regular end of year events and caught up with others.

The annual event at Inverloch of Mass and the burning of the petitions left in the box under Mary MacKillop's picture is always an enjoyable occasion. One never knows what Carole will think of! 2013 we had balloons ascending into the Gippsland sky. Last year two pigeons (I was told to imagine they were white) were released to go home. Lunch together always adds to this enjoyable day.

A Sunday meal with the Broadmeadows group is always another enjoyable yearly event for me. I also got to visit the Dallas group whom I hadn't met up with for nearly three years.

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Christmas lunch at Eaglehawk with the CWL is a good way of celebrating the end of our year of meetings. I also had lunch with the Iona/Koo Wee Rup group to enrol Nina and the next day met with the Yarraville group. As well there were lunches with other parish and ministry groups.

One of my nephews was married and that was a good time of catching up with other nieces and nephews and their children. If you have heard Red Symons on Radio 774 playing *MELBOURNE MY TOWN*—that is my nephew singing under the name Eugene Hamilton. David is a very accomplished musician and artist with three lovely children and a very talented wife, Alice Garner. Auntie just being proud of her family!

The Core-Team have spent a lot of time planning this year's Regional Days so we hope as many as possible will be able to make it to one of them. We try to make this a mini-retreat day, giving time to catch up with each other. Some of you have never been to one, so maybe a special effort could be made this year.

Some of you who get the newsletter have started the Introductory Program, or have been sent Session 1 and I still haven't heard from you. It is never too late to get started and you will benefit so much from all the sessions. Enclosed with this newsletter is the request for Subscriptions. This is the life-line of the Associates and all who receive the newsletter—by email or snail mail—are asked to

contribute as all benefit from the work done by the Core-team and in the office. If you have any difficulty in the method of paying please feel free to ring me.

In the prayer sheet I have tried to bring together thoughts of Autumn and Lent so I hope you find it useful. Many groups are now using this for the prayer at their meetings.

On Mondays I am usually in the shop at the Heritage Centre if anyone wishes to visit, say hello and join me for a coffee/tea.

The Leader's Day was a very successful day with twenty-two Associates. See the full report on page 9.

Pope Francis has spoken often about the Joy of the Gospel. Let us be people of joy, let the joy of Easter be seen on our faces, in our lives and in our relations with others. The Gospel is **Good News**—do we look like we are living the Good News?

A prayerful Lent and happy Easter.

Mary Fermio rsj



Friendship Prayer Service

REFLECTION FOR AUTUMN

Since our last newsletter our country and our world have been shattered by deaths of good people, children in their home and children at school. We wonder and are perplexed by these brutal and sudden deaths seemingly motivated by hatred, distorted beliefs, drugs and mental illness. These kind of deaths can breed further hatred and violence and our world is in need of deep prayer for those who nourish this hatred within their hearts.

We have seen the grief of thousands, who powerless in expressing their sadness and need to comfort those who have lost loved ones, bring bouquets of flowers, write messages of comfort and stand silently in prayer to show their empathy with families. We have seen cultures respected in the way of expressing their grief and a nation uniting with them.

Autumn is a time of dying, a time when trees shut down their life systems, lose their leaves and allow their branches to face the cold of winter. It is also a time of beauty found in death, a time of knowing there is new life to come, that this is not the end but with the coming of warmth the trees will once again be clothed in new life, new leaves, new fruits and a promise of good to come.

Jesus came to help us to realise this truth, that after death there is life. Resurrection and a life with him is a promise he made when he said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live forever. Do you believe this?" he asked Martha. Jesus asks us that question today. Do we believe this; do we live this by our words, our lives, our attitudes, our hope? Do we believe in Paul's words:

Life is changed, not ended.

As we have hope that our trees will produce life again, may our hope be strong in the promise of life after death, remembering we are on a journey as Mary MacKillop reminds us: ***We are but travellers here.*** The Documents of Vatican II remind us that we are a pilgrim Church, not perfect, but full of hope trusting in our God to lead us on our journey and welcome us at its end.

In the book "The Church of Mercy" a collection of homilies by Pope Francis, the first homily begins with these words:

***What a beautiful truth of faith this is for our lives: the mercy of God!
God's love for us is so great, so deep; it is an unfailing love, one
that always takes us by the hand and supports us, lifts us up
and leads us on. Page 3***

Pope Francis continues to remind us of Thomas and Peter, two apostles who received personally the mercy of God; the forgiving father who welcomes home the errant son; the disciples on the way to Emmaus and reminds us "never lose trust in the patience and mercy of God."

So as we watch the leaves drop, we attend funerals of old friends, we read and view violence and tragic circumstances in our world, in our families, on our roads, let us keep trusting in our merciful God, who weeps with us in our sadness, laughs with us in our joy, and with patience keeps calling us, loving us and waiting for us. Lent is the perfect time to reflect on what our good God has done for us.

One saying I read somewhere and recall often is:

***GOD LOVES EACH ONE OF US
AS IF THERE WAS ONLY ONE OF US.***

During these weeks of Lent and Easter allow God's love and mercy to embrace you enabling you to live the joy of the Gospel which reveals a God rich in mercy.

Mary Fermio rsj



ASSOCIATE PROFILE- Voices in the East

Good morning listeners! You are tuned to The Voice of East Gippsland REGFM (on frequencies 105.5 or 90.7 .

The time is....my name is Louise Anketell.

I am presenting GOSPEL TRAIN this morning, so in your imagination hop on board and stay tuned. You may still be in bed or else enjoying your first cuppa for the day. I will open with my signature hymn sung by David Haas, Come Journey with Me.

Mostly this is the way I introduce the program which is a voluntary service on Community Radio Station and is heard throughout East Gippsland, more precisely, from Traralgon in the West to Orbost in the East of Victoria.

Margaret East and I are both 'VETERAN' presenters. Margaret has clocked up 21 years and I a little longer, almost 23 years. We are also Josephite Associates.

GOSPEL TRAIN as our program is now called, is aired each Sunday morning between 7 am and 9 am.

In the early days, (from 1991 for quite a number of years) we presented our program each Tuesday morning for one hour from 9 am. It was then called 'Christian Community in Action.' the format then was somewhat different to today. Mostly we had a presenter and a 'disc jockey. The DJ's job was to cue the chosen track on a record (manually done) insert and cue CDs on specific tracks required in readiness for the presenter to press the start button. We interviewed guests whom we considered were serving the community in remarkable ways eg caring for remote communities in the role of Gelantipy and District Bush nurse for a period of 30 years. This interview would be taped on a tape recorder, edited if needed, before presenting to the public. Community in Action was aired at a prime time really and all presenters were members of the Catholic Women's League.

As we became confident, we prepared and presented the program on our own.

Then came a reshuffle of programs plus technical improvements, but we manage to retain a religious program, although located to a different day and very early time slot.

The format is somewhat different today. Margaret and I, as well as two other presenters from other faith denominations, prepare the program as we see fit, always with Christian music and messages, readings and occasionally meditations.

I prepare my two hour program by selecting a theme, usually from readings of the Sunday of the day, then select music to support this, as well as thought-

provoking verses. I like to be organized, so document each presentation and stick my CDs in order in a box. I read out community notices, give weather reports as well as inform listeners of Church times in the area, remember the sick and their carers...just to mention some areas I cover. At the end of the program I leave the listeners with a thought for the week, frequently take from the Little Brown Book.

Phone calls to the station appreciating GOSPEL TRAIN affirms that this service is truly worth continuing.

However we would like more presenters.

THERE IS A NEED for more presenters for Gospel Train, so in St Mary MacKillop's response...

DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT... and yes we keep presenting.

Louise Anketell



Louise in the REGFM Studio



Margaret East on day of enrolment

RETREATS/PROGRAMS IN VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE RETREATS/REFLECTION DAYS etc 2015

DIRECTED RETREATS: *days of silence, evening Liturgy and daily spiritual direction*

Mon 20th Apr—Sun 26th April : Srs Yvonne Harte rsj and Eileen O'Loughlin rsj

Mon 29th June—Sun 5th July: Srs Moya Unthank rsj and Therese Quinn rsj

GUIDED RETREATS: *The harmony of science and spirituality invites us to explore the connectedness of creation*

Mon 18th May—Fri 22nd May: Srs Lynette Young rsj and Jenny Scally rsj

CONTEMPLATIVE LISTENING TO THE VISION OF POPE FRANCIS

Explore and contemplate through daily reflections on Pope Francis' vision of a Church of Mercy.

Mon 21st Sept– Sun 27th Sept.: Sr Yvonne Harte rsj

A CELTIC EXPERIENCE: *the richness of the Christian Celtic tradition will 'enliven and renew us'.*

Mon 12th Oct—Sun 18th Oct : Sr Moya Unthank rsj

COST OF EACH RETREAT: \$550 A non refundable deposit of \$150 is required.

To book for any of these Retreats and other information contact MMHC on 9926 9300 or adminmmhc@sosj.org.au

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Each Wednesday during Lent in the Chapel 12.30 p.m.—1 p.m.

SPECIAL WEEKEND OPEN DAYS

Saturdays from 10.00 am to 4.00 p.m.

7th February: 14th March: 8th August: 10th October: 21st November

Visit the museum; pray in the Chapel; take a self-guided tour of Melbourne sites or download from the "App Store" A guided 'Mary MacKillop Walking Tour' departs from MMHC at 11 a.m. while a 'Virtual Arm Chair Walking Tour' takes place at MMHC at 2 p.m. for those unable to walk.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

21st October—31st October 2015 In the Footsteps of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
A pilgrimage to New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia beginning in Melbourne.
For further information and copy of brochure Ring MMHC 9926 9300

THE AUSSIE CAMINO: THE MACKILLOP-WOODS WAY

A network of walking, cycling and equestrian trails associated with the first Australian Saint of the Catholic Church and the pioneering priest, Fr Julian Tenison Woods. Extends from Portland in Victoria to Penola in South Australia and generally commences at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, (to celebrate the Eucharist together and register as a pilgrim) where Mary stayed when it was called St Joseph's Providence. For further information contact MMHC 9926 9300 or adminmmhc@sosj.org.au

I never tire of repeating those words of Benedict XVI which take us to the very heart of the Gospel: 'Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction'

Pope Francis: Evangelii Gaudium The Joy of the Gospel

Conversations with Mary

A Monthly Gathering for Prayer
and Reflection with Mary MacKillop

2015



Mary MacKillop
Heritage Centre
362 Albert Street,
EAST MELBOURNE
VIC 3002

11.00am – 12.00pm
followed by a light lunch

- * *Monday 16th March*
Mary and the Cross
 - * *Wednesday 15th April*
Mary and the Gift of Fortitude
 - * *Friday 15th May*
The Value of Friendships to Mary
 - * *Monday 15th June*
Devotion to the Sacred Heart
 - * *Wednesday 15th July*
Mary and Perseverance in adversity
 - * *Monday 17th August*
Mary's kindness and support for suffering
 - * *Tuesday 15th September*
Mary's generosity to the needy
 - * *Thursday 15th October*
Mary and her relationship with Fr Woods
 - * *Monday 16th November*
Mary and justice for the unfairly treated
 - * *Tuesday 15th December*
Mary and hospitality to strangers
- Please RSVP for catering purposes
by the Wednesday prior

- donations gratefully accepted -



For further information and acceptances please contact
Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre on (03) 9926 9300 or admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au

REGIONAL DAYS 2015

REGIONAL GATHERINGS 2015 JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES VICTORIA-TASMANIA

- 18th April NUMURKAH Mary MacKillop Hall (behind school) —
North Central: Rushworth, Nagambie, Numurkah, Euroa and Shepparton
Beechworth.....
- 16th MAY LEONGATHA: Parish Centre, St Lawrence's Church
South/West Gippsland: Leongatha, Morwell, Wonthaggi,
(Bunyip and Koo Wee Rup ??)
- 13th June EAST MELBOURNE Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
362 Albert St. E. Melbourne
Melbourne Suburbs and any others who wish to come
- 12th Sept SUNBURY St Anne's Church, Riddells Road Sunbury
- Western Group: Bacchus Marsh, Sunbury, Sebastopol, Woodend and.....
- 3rd Oct. BAIRNSDALE—Parish Centre
East Gippsland: Bairnsdale, Orbost, Lakes Entrance, Maffra

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH Morning tea to be provided by host group
Donation \$5 **BRING A FRIEND**
Travelling shop will be available.

PROGRAMME ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

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| 9.30—10 AM
10 A.M. | | ARRIVAL
WELCOME |
| 10.15 AM | SESSION 1 | JESUS AND HIS MOTHER
<i>MARY MACKILLOP
AND HER MOTHER</i> |
| 11.15 AM | | MORNING TEA |
| 11.45 AM | SESSION 2: | ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS
Talk by Fr Michael Fallon msc
REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL
CLOSING SONG: HEALER OF ALL ILLS |
| 1 P.M.
2 P.M. | | LUNCH—shopping |
| | SESSION 3 | DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART
REFLECTING WITH ST MARY OF THE CROSS |
| 2.45 P.M. | | CLOSING PRAYER RITUAL WITH
DVD: HOLY MYSTERY—MONICA BROWN |



**DONATION \$5
FOR TRAVEL AND SESSION EXPENSES**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS?

.KOO WEE RUP/IONA

A lovely lunch was enjoyed after Advent prayer and the enrolment of Nina Ward in December. Nina's sister, Sr Marie Hanger, joined us for the ceremony. Many of our Koo Wee Rup Associates now live in Pakenham but have firm sentimental attachments to their former parish. Thanks to Sr Cathy Dean and Anne Nunn who prepared the hall for the lunch.



Nina Ward and Sr Marie Hanger

LEONGATHA

After Mass in November Josephite Associates gathered for some Advent prayer and morning tea. They also took the opportunity to buy from the travelling shop and to take some of the free books on offer for themselves or the Parish Library.

BACCHUS MARSH

On 30th November six Josephite Associates with Sr Mary Fermio and Chrissie, a prospective Josephite, walked 16,652 steps to raise money to assist the parents of Sienna, one of triplets, who has cerebral palsy. The day was warm, and some managed to walk further than others. The aim was to achieve A MILLION STEPS—and raise money to help Sienna with her walking progress. We the help of walking groups and others well over a million steps was achieved and \$5,000 was raised. Congratulations to Jenny Kearney who organised the event.



MAILING THE NEWSLETTER

The photos show Aarti Munohur who faithfully prints the newsletter and accompanying sheets each quarter and prepares the envelopes. The second shows one of the teams who spend about 2 hours enveloping them. From left: Annemarie Ryan, Margaret Sinclair, Sr Mary Fermio and Helene Cooper. A 2nd team from Bacchus Marsh alternate with them in performing this task. All enjoy the camaraderie around the table and the sandwiches we share when the work is done!

Thank you to these generous Associates who make my work so much easier each month.



MORE AROUND THE TRAPS



WONTHAGGI

On January 15, Associates with Srs Vendremina, Margaret Brown and Mary Fermio gathered at Rose Lodge Hostel for Mass to celebrate the birthday of Mary Mackillop.

After Mass we gathered at a local café for morning tea, with a little birthday cake, sang happy birthday and enjoyed coffee or tea and delicious cakes.

ORBOST

Each year Sr Madeleine White with the help of Josephite Associates and Members of the local Churches, collects over 100 Christmas Child Boxes to go overseas for children. When complete the boxes contain something to wear, something to love, something special, some things for school, something to play with, something for personal hygiene. The boxes are shoe boxes and are labelled for girl or boy. Each box includes a donation of \$9 to cover shipping costs. Organised by Samaritan's Purse in Australia and New Zealand, these boxes bring great joy to children who may never have received a gift before. Imagine their joy and excitement when the boxes are opened!



EMMANUEL CENTRE—NEWSTEAD, TAS (Launceston) **RETREATS FOR 2015:**

Six Day Guided Retreat: 12-19 April 2015 Sr Moya Unthank rsj Cost &500 RSVP 1st April
Reflect on the writings of **Julian of Norwich** which emphasise God's great love for us.

Six Day Directed Retreats: 12-19 July 2015; 8-15 November 2015 Cost \$500

Directors: Lynette Young rsj, Jenny Scally rsj, Kathy Cuthbertson.

These retreat times offer an opportunity for days of silence, evening liturgy and daily individual Spiritual Direction.

WEEKENDS:

March 27-29th Fri 7.30 pm to Sun 3 p.m. Wonder of the Universe Story Cost \$170 RSVP 20th March

Presenters: Srs Lynette Young rsj and Jenny Scally rsj

May 29-31st Reflecting with Thomas Merton Transforming the heart. Cost \$170 RSVP 22nd May

Presenter: Sr Colleen O'Sullivan rsj

For bookings and further information Contact: 03 6334 1082 or email: office@emmanuelcentre.org



LEADERS ANNUAL GATHERING

On a very hot February day, 22 Associates joined Sr Mary for a day of reflecting on the mission of Josephite Associates. Despite the heat they had travelled from Beechworth, Eaglehawk, Rushworth, Wonthaggi, Maffra, Pakenham, Hamilton, Bacchus Marsh, Broadmeadows, Keilor, West Brunswick, Sunbury, Doreen, Woodend and Bittern.

The day started with an inspiring session lead by Annemarie Wilkinson on the activities of the previous year these including: Days for Girls, Christmas Child Boxes, Prison Visitation, fundraising for Josephite Ministries, Communion to sick and housebound, organising petitions to Mary MacKillop and celebrations for Josephite Feastdays, walking to aid a handicapped child, stamp collecting. Mary MacKillop would be very proud of her Associates and the ways in which they live the charism gifted to them.

Sr Therese Quinn rsj led us in a beautiful session on Creation using powerful pictures of the earth and quotes from astronauts explaining how they felt on seeing the earth from thousands of miles away. Therese then distributed red roses and we spent some time gazing at our rose and engaging in conversation with it. We became aware more fully on how the Earth is our home and it is fragile.

A talk by Robyn Suttej on her work with Days for Girls in countries overseas was very informative and made all realise how valuable this work is in reaching out to young women, who live in such a different society from ours, where many subjects are taboo. We were glad to hear the words of the young woman who had received this help and how it affected her life, enabling her to go to school without embarrassment and thus ensure for herself a better future. Women in some countries are now able to make their own kits for use in their villages. Women in prisons are doing the same and developing their skills into small business projects.

Finally a Missioning Ritual including some of the words of Associates gleaned last year in the session: What does it mean for you to be an Associate? Many had spoken of the affect of Friendship, Prayer and Service in their lives, the deepening of prayer, the support received and given, the greater knowledge of Mary MacKillop and being inspired by her. The leader of each group was presented with a framed copy of the Mission Statement to use at their meetings.

Thank you to Sr Maureen Lomer and Maria who looked after a lovely morning tea and lunch for us and to Gary who was ready to serve all those who wished to shop.



Recording of the first session with photos and notes



Robyn Suttej and Days for Girls Poster

A very happy and enjoyable day for all judging by the comments at the end, the smiling faces and the noisy chatter.

Thank you to all who came.

THEY REMEMBERED MOTHER MARY

Adapted from The Advocate 1973

Three Josephite Sisters in Melbourne remember meeting Mother Mary of the Cross, foundress of the Sisters of St Joseph who could become Australia's First saint.

One is Sr Francis Claire who was a pupil at the Bacchus Marsh Primary School in 1895, when Mother Mary paid a visit—she was there on retreat. Sister remembers how the young children were in great awe of Mother Mary. 'We used to wait around after school to see her pass and smile at us' she said. 'Mother had the most wonderful smile, like no one on earth. She was very adaptable and could bring herself down to the level of children easily.'

Mother brought the smaller children a tin of sweets one day. The boy she handed them to was later Fr Tom Little. She patted some of us on the head and nearly all those who received her touch entered the religious life.'

Sr Bennet can also remember Mother Mary. She first met her in 1904 when she was a postulant at East Melbourne. Mother Mary was in a wheelchair, after having suffered a stroke in New Zealand. 'She stayed at our convent for about a week. During this time she visited the Cumberland Place Poor School. I remember this day distinctly because when Mother returned to the convent she was in tears.

'Apparently at the Poor School Dean Phelan had made a speech and praised Mother greatly. But she was very upset because the Dean hadn't mentioned Fr Woods, (who had helped Mother greatly when she was starting her Order) at all in his speech'

Sr Bennet said that his incident was one of many illustrating Mother Mary's remarkable unselfishness. She

had a reception for postulants while in Melbourne and she came forward in her chair with her arms outstretched as a welcome for us.'

Her warmth towards the postulants is also remembered by Sr Ursula the third of the Sisters who knew Mother Mary. Sr Ursula was a postulant at Mount St. North Sydney in 1905. Mother lectured the postulants and Sister also saw her on occasions around the Convent.

'We could tell that Mother was someone very special' said Sr Ursula. 'She gave each of the postulants a personal interview. She wanted to know all about them, their background and their families. She seemed genuinely interested in each of us. Mother made the time to see all her postulants, despite the fact that she was a very busy person.'

During Mother Mary's leadership of more than 40 years she founded 160 Josephite Convents, 12 homes for orphans and the homeless and 117 schools with 12,000 children.



Photo from Bacchus Marsh Parish Newsletter 1980 recalling the history of the St Bernard's School

Pope Francis concludes his Easter Homily 2013 with these words:

Let the risen Jesus enter your life—welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk; you won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid. Trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you, and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do.

BOOK/DVD REVIEWS



I AM MALALA by Malala Yousafzai With Christine Lamb

A compelling story of a young girl who with the support of her father, raised awareness of the injustice of the rules of the Taliban and the need for young women to be educated. This book gives a wonderful background to the history of Pakistan and the events of the last 20 years. Now living in England for her own safety she is still strongly committed to her cause, despite being shot in the face.

Well worth reading. Available at all book shops.

UNBROKEN by Laura Hillenbrand

A book which tells the story of Louie Zamperini, Olympic champion, who after surviving weeks drifting across the Pacific is finally interred in a POW camp under the Japanese. That he survived is a miracle and the story unfolds as to how God comes into his life and restores him to peace. The author in an interview said: When he finished his story, I had one question: How can you tell of being victimized by such monstrous men, yet not express rage? His response was simple: *Because I forgave them.*

The book can be difficult reading in parts but I think better than viewing it on a screen!

THE CHURCH OF MERCY

By Pope Francis. A Vision for the Church

A collection of homilies given by Pope Francis which makes reflective reading and challenges each of us to live what we believe.

“A magnificent book, bursting with profound spiritual insights, from a man who has quickly become one of the greatest spiritual teachers of our time”

James Martin sj

Available at Pauline Media \$28.95

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

Magazine produced by the Jesuits.

The first issue for 2015 recalls the centenary of the First World War with some thought-provoking articles particularly one on the work of Chaplains within the army.

Always well worth reading especially the articles by young adults who speak about what this occasion means for them today.

Free at your Church!

DAYS FOR GIRLS- AUSTRALIA

There has been a wonderful response from Associates who are assisting in this very worthwhile project. Broadmeadows group have completed another collection of bags. (see photo below) Eaglehawk provided items; In Tasmania the Hobart group have been sewing; Iona/Koo Wee Rup group a bag of items; Margot Forster and friends more items;



Bags from the Broadmeadows Group per Agnes Moran

During her talk at the Leader's Day, Robyn stressed the importance of quality control and that the website for Days for Girls should be checked to make sure all items made are accurate in size and material. If not the Days for Girls logo cannot be attached.

Or contact: Robyn Suttie (Victoria) 03 5335 6761
Email: robynsuttie@gmail.com

Items needed are:

Knickers sizes 10-12; 12-14; Face washers

Zip lock Bags—Large 27cmx32cm about

If you collect items, I could collect them and deliver them to Robyn to save postage.

These and donations could be sent to

Robyn Suttie, 7 Banyule Drive
Delacombe Vic 3356

THE LEAVES ARE FALLING

A novel by Lucy Beckett

“In this paradoxically gentle and powerful novel, Lucy Beckett explores the mysteries of providence at work in the lives of several characters—some of them victims of the atrocities of the Second World War and some of them survivors. It is the story about a boy who is spared, about the father from whom he is separated and the old man who the boy becomes”.

M. D. O'Brien

“Lucy Bennett has the rare gift of making a fictional account more illuminating of its context than many a factual history can do. ...one of the most intelligent, sensitive and gripping novels that I have ever read”

J.Joliffe, The Tablet

Catholic Book Shop or maybe your library.

ASSOCIATES' BULLETIN BOARD - AUTUMN 2015

FROM THE OFFICE:

Many Associates are now receiving their Newsletter in colour by email. If you are still receiving it by post and would like it by email, just send an email to the address below. You can view it in colour on the sosj.org.au website, under news and events/newsletters.

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USED STAMPS

Used postage stamps have raised thousands of dollars for the Peruvian Mission. Please leave a border of about 1cm around the stamps.

Please forward stamps to:

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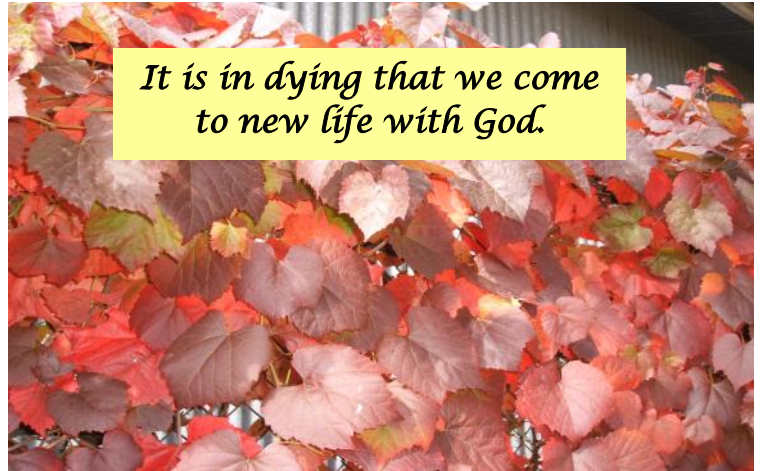
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BURWOOD NSW 1805

BOXES OF STAMPS TO:

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Croydon NSW 2132

Thank you

As postage has increased members of the group may like to contribute to the cost.



It is in dying that we come to new life with God.

Let us pray for the following deceased and their families who grieve their loss

Sr Eileen (Killian) Mc Hugh rsj
John Patterson, husband of Mary, Leongatha
Aylene Gallagher, sister of Win Daniels, Eaglehawk
Vincent Nicholls, father of
Christine Nicholls-van Order, Woodend
and Robyn Nicholls-Dunlevy, Spotswood
Sr Mary Tobin rsj
Vin McMurray, husband of Irene, Broadmeadows
Andi Dobner, Assoc. Norwood, Tas
Marie McCarthy, Assoc. Maffra
Sr Patricia Coolahan rsj (Sr Leonard)



Top Photo: Fe Y Alergria School 'Tuck Shop' at Tarma.

Bottom Photo: Preparing lunch for Tuck shop.



THANK YOU

Sr Helen Saunders has sent the following thank you:

On behalf of Mary MacKillop International, I thank you for your generous support in supplying and assisting with used stamps.

During 2014 we raised approx \$32,000.00. This has far surpassed our 2013 effort. Thank you to one and all. From 2001 until now, our total is almost \$90,000.00!

It is through your efforts that the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop continues in Peru today.