



# Josephite Associates, Victoria

Spring Newsletter 2010



## SPRING TIME, GROWTH TIME

Welcome to the beginning of Spring when we see new growth everywhere. Our gardens take on new life and new growth gives promise of beauty.

This Spring has even more excitement for all Australians as we draw near to the Canonisation of our beloved Mary MacKillop. Thousands are travelling to Rome for this event from Australia and other parts of the world. I hope you who have internet connection are keeping up to date with

Canonisation news on our website. Some Victorian Associates are going and I hope they will put down in writing their impressions etc and send it to me to share with those of us who are not going.

The Charism of Mary MacKillop is alive and well as you will read in an article in this edition. New ways of living the Charism are emerging for men and women, married or single who wish to live a Josephite life.

places a Mass in honour of Mary MacKillop was an enjoyable occasion for students, teachers, parents and Sisters.

I caught up with the MacKillop cross at Ballarat for the special Mass there which was a great celebration. A weekend with the Parishioners of Hamilton's Churches on the spirituality of Mary MacKillop was most enjoyable.

May this special time in our Josephite lives bring many blessings and a growth in our relationship with our loving God. "Let God's Glory absorb our thoughts". (Mary MacKillop 1904)

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Her Canonisation will bring her life to the forefront of our times and hopefully inspire many to hear a call to live the Josephite spirit.

New Associate groups are emerging slowly—we hope to set up a group at Woodend and Hamilton. A new group is being established in Bairnsdale.!

Several will be enrolled in Wonthaggi, Eaglehawk and Sebastopol in the coming months. So please keep them in your prayer. There are others who are drawing nearer to this enrolment either this year or next year.

Since February I have travelled over 17,000 kms. visiting groups of wonderful men and women who are living the Josephite spirit in their parishes.

Great pleasure has been had visiting two schools—St Patrick's Stawell and St Francis of the Fields at Strathfieldsaye. At both

*Mary Fermio R SJ*



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friendship  
prayer  
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## Spring Reflection ...

Spring is often a time for making choices that lead to growth. We may put in a new fruit tree, new plants or shrubs knowing this is a time for growth. We watch with interest the leaves budding on trees, new growth leading to fruit. A phrase from one of the Sunday Gospels made me pause and reflect:

**'Jesus set his face for Jerusalem'** Luke 9.

The commentary by Sr Mary Coloe PBVM (Sunday under the Southern Cross) included: 'From the time of his birth, Jesus' life, like our own, was shaped by the choices he made, and the choices of others.' Jesus made many choices—to heal, to raise the dead, to eat with the marginalised, to touch the leper, to speak against injustice, to stand up for women. He would have known that these choices would damage his reputation with the religious leaders of the day. Choices made by these same leaders also shaped his life and brought about his death. But all these choices lead to the Resurrection!

Mary MacKillop also made many choices in life—the choice to stay and support her family, then to leave them for a very risky religious life, to stand by her principles regarding the Constitutions even though it meant leaving the people the Sisters worked with, to go to Rome depending on the Providence of God, to accept the excommunication and banishment from Adelaide, to accept her illness and in her own words 'to accept all as the gift of a loving Father'. Choices made by Bishops, Priests, her Sisters, Fr Woods, Rome all affected her life and many brought her heartache and separation and finally death. But all these choices have led to Sainthood!

Time reflecting on the choices I have made during my life and those made by my Religious Superiors gave me much food for thought. At times if I had refused to accept these, I would have missed out on some of the best years of my life as a Josephite Sister. What choices have you made or been made for you that have led to growth? You may be surprised at what you discover!

*Mary Fermio RSJ*

**CELEBRATE MARY MACKILLOP IN MELBOURNE  
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL—NOVEMBER 6, 2010**

**BEGINNING AT 10 A.M. WITH JOYOUS CELEBRATION  
FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 10.30 A.M.**

**CELEBRANT: ARCHBISHOP DENIS HART**

Followed by Light Refreshments at Dallas Brooks Hall

**COME ALONG! BRING A FRIEND! ALL WELCOME!**



# MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE

## ***Have you visited the Heritage Centre?***

Situated at 362 Albert St East Melbourne, opposite the Fitzroy Gardens, the Heritage Centre, the former House of Providence and Hostel for Country Girls, has now been established with a wonderful exhibition of the life of Mary MacKillop and associated displays are renewed regularly.

Mary MacKillop visited this convent and would interview prospective Josephites in the front room now set up with one of her wheelchairs and other memorabilia. Other rooms have displays of aspects of her life and the life of the Sisters of St Joseph.

Conference rooms are available where groups can meet or listen to talks on Mary MacKillop's life. Many school groups attend and learn about our Australian Saint.

A cuppa is available in the Café which also has many historical photos to view. The Shop provides gift items, books, photos and craft items from Peru and East Timor, the sale of which help those the Sisters work with.

The Heritage Centre is open Mon—Fri from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If a group wishes to visit on a Saturday or Sunday the staff will open for 2 hours at a suitable time by appointment Tel: 9926 9300

Email: [mmhc@sosj.org.au](mailto:mmhc@sosj.org.au)

**OPEN DAY: Saturday 27th November 2010**

While in the city you could also visit St Francis Church in Lonsdale St and see the statue of Mary MacKillop. On this site Mary's parents were married, she was baptised and made her first Communion. In Latrobe St, near the corner of Spring Street, a plaque commemorates the school and first houses owned by the Sisters where the poor were housed and helped.

## ***A good outing for your Group or Parish!***



# CELEBRATING THE CANONISATION

Some news which has been on the Josephite e-mail site which you can subscribe to on the website [www.sosj.org.au](http://www.sosj.org.au) and follow the link. This email comes out regularly with many items of interest. I have included some below for those who don't have email.

- The Canonisation of Blessed Mary MacKillop will be seen live both on Australian TV and the Web direct from St Peter's Square in Rome. Sky TV will broadcast live from about 6.30 p.m. EST on Sunday night October 17, while ABC News 24 will broadcast as much as possible of the ceremony. ABC's 1 Compass program will have a special feature at 10 p.m.
- A live web stream of the ceremony will be available complete with commentary from [Sydney website](#) the [XT3 social network site](#) or the [Mary MacKillop site](#)  
*Groups might like to gather in homes, parish halls, or on big screen sites around Australia*
- The Papal Basilica of St Paul's Outside the Walls has been confirmed as the venue for the Mass of Thanksgiving in Rome and will take place at 10 a.m. Monday, October 18, with Cardinal George Pell as chief celebrant and many bishops and priest concelebrants from around the world. The Basilica was founded by the Roman Emperor Constantine over the burial place of St Paul. The size of the Basilica will mean that all Canonisation pilgrims will be accommodated in comfort. It is also a place where Mary herself would have visited during her time in Rome.
- The Mass of Thanksgiving is one of the three key events to be held in Rome. The first will be a Vigil celebration of Mary's Life to be held on Saturday October 16. Because of the number of Pilgrims two consecutive celebrations will be held at the Auditorium Conciliazione.
- From the Mary MacKillop Blog posted by Annette Arnold rsj on 5th July:  
"When Mary MacKillop is canonized in October this year she will be canonized under the title of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The cross is a Very important part of the spirituality of Mary MacKillop" from Archbishop Philip Wilson.



## ASSOCIATES' REGIONAL MEETINGS 2010...

**SATURDAY 23rd October**—St Liborius Parish Centre, Eaglehawk Road, Eaglehawk inc Swan Hill, Bendigo, Heathcote Contact: Margaret Tobias 5446 8034

### NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AT EAGLEHAWK

**SATURDAY 20th November**—Sacred Heart School Multi Purpose Room, Wilson St Morwell inc Latrobe Valley, South and West Gippsland Groups  
Contact Betty Loftus 5134 3862

**FROM 10 A.M—3.30 P.M. BYO Lunch to Share—Host Group Tea/Coffee/M. Tea**  
**NB. To help with setting up halls etc would you please ring the contact number if you are coming**  
**THANK YOU**

*We urge you to try to attend a regional meeting especially if you could not get there in 2009.  
What you receive from the prayer, formation and sharing of the day is invaluable.  
At each place there will be Mary MacKillop items for sale and the mobile library*

*Yoed in the Josephite Associates or in reflecting on the life of Blessed Mary MacKillop*

## RETREATS FOR ASSOCIATES

In the past, Weekend retreats were held for Josephite Associates at Mount Eliza. I am looking towards next year and some places where Associates can spend a day or two on a Retreat. Most suitable places are in the Melbourne area. If you know of somewhere where a group, small or large, could enjoy some time together could you please let me know giving contact details. **If you would be interested in attending one please indicate at the end of the sheet for the Enrolment Register enclosed with this newsletter.**

## ASSOCIATES PHOTO ALBUM

*Have you photos of your group?*

*Photos of your activities? Of special events to celebrate the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop?*

*I would love to include prints in our photo Album.*

## ENROLMENT REGISTER

This register needs to be completed for all enrolled Josephite Associates.

We have over 400 receiving the Newsletter but no way of knowing who is enrolled.

With this edition is a sheet which I hope everyone will return indicating when you were enrolled, if you are not enrolled, if you wish to be enrolled and if you wish to continue receiving the Newsletter. I would be most grateful for your attention to this matter.

*Mary Fermio rsj*

## WANTED - CALENDARS



Sr Maria Dunell, St Joseph's Convent, 5 Newcastle St Newport 3015 is looking for Calendars, (not Josephite Calendars of which she has many). Calendars of animals, flowers, boats, cars etc (not people) are used by her to make jigsaws for the young school children of East Timor.

To make them she needs **TWO** copies of each. Your group could collect them and sort out pairs and get them to her or give them to Sr Mary at one of the meetings she attends.

Sr Maria is looking for some help in making the jigsaws. She works in the shed at Newport Convent and is willing to teach anyone, anywhere. The process is simple and quickly mastered. The only requirement is to be committed to help with the education of the poor in East Timor. You can contact Maria on 0419 150 490

# MEMORIES OF YARRAVILLE

*Mary Flanagan, an Associate at Bacchus Marsh has shared some of her memories of schooldays at St Augustine's Yarraville.*

My initial contact with the Josephite Sisters was at St Augustine's School at Yarraville. Teachers who come to mind include Srs Cleopha, Majella and Genevieve who taught the junior classes. Sr Herman, who taught Grade 4 boys, would hitch up her skirt and kick the football with the boys at play. Sr Silvester also taught a class of boys, whilst Sr Michael taught the girls.

The teacher who made the biggest impression on me was Sr Benedicta, who was principal for 30 years from 1913 to 1943, establishing the high reputation of St Augustine's and was highly esteemed for her educational ideas and academic achievements that resulted. She stressed the value of self education to continue after leaving school, to ensure children developed into resourceful and responsible adults.

I remember Sr Benedicta as a strict disciplinarian but also as a just and considerate person. In a large class of 100 pupils she needed to display authority to uphold order and conditions conducive to pupils working well. Disobedience was not to be tolerated and the cane was used when pupils misbehaved. Prior to examinations, she would extend school hours to 5 p.m. and Saturday mornings, to ensure pupils had every chance of success in the Merit Certificate and scholarship exams.

I can also recall marching around the school yard and doing DRILL under the watchful eyes of a Drill Master.

After completing my primary education, I had little contact with the Josephite Sisters until I moved to Bacchus Marsh after my marriage. My late mother-in-law, Nell Flanagan, had a great devotion to Mother Mary of the Cross. Nell attended school at St Bernard's Bacchus Marsh in the early 1900's.

Nell would often speak about Mother Mary who visited the school. On one occasion the school children put on a concert to entertain Mother Mary. The little ones sat on the floor as there was

a shortage of chairs. Mother Mary picked Nell up and sat her on her knee. Nell treasured that memory and also that of Mother Mary handing out boiled lollies to the children. (Today that could be a NO NO!)

I guess it was inevitable that, when the Associates started in Bacchus Marsh, I would become a member.

It is with great anticipation that I am looking forward to being in Rome in October for the Canonisation of Mother Mary of the Cross—God willing!

*Mary Flanagan  
(nee Fanning)*

(Mary is in the pale blue jacket on the left)



*Other Associates may like to recall their memories of the Sisters and send them to the Associates' Office.*

*A very good read of the history of the Josephites in Victoria is  
FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS—  
available at  
Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre \$35*



# AROUND THE TRAPS ...

## BACCHUS MARSH REGIONAL MEETING

Sixteen Josephite Associates attended the regional meeting at Bacchus Marsh from Sebastopol, Sunbury and an interested future Associate from Woodend. A very enjoyable day was spent together reflecting on the life of Mary MacKillop and her excommunication.

Many took the opportunity to purchase books etc from the Travelling Shop and the Peru Handcrafts.

It was great to see groups sitting around the tables sharing lunch and great conversation. One of the benefits of these days is to get to know other Josephites who share the charism and mission with us.

Thank you to the Bacchus Marsh group for organizing the hall and the morning tea. I am sure all will look forward to next year's gathering.

## ENROLMENT AT YARRAVILLE

At the end of July, Barbara Oakes was enrolled as a Josephite Associate at St Joseph's Convent, Yarraville followed by a pleasant afternoon tea. Barbara has been very ill with cancer and is currently undergoing treatment. We ask your prayers for her.



## JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES AT BUNYIP

In 2009 Sr Mary Fermio visited with the combined group of Josephite Associates from Bunyip and Koo Wee Rup at Koo Wee Rup. During the meeting four women were enrolled as Josephite Associates.



Thank you to Sr Jose Noy who has supported the Josephite Associates at Bunyip for a number of years. Jose has moved from Bunyip. We wish her good health and every blessing for the future.



Photo of group taken at June Meeting when the DVD *Mary MacKillop, Soul of the Sunburnt Country* was viewed as a preparation for the Canonisation. The response was one of joy as Associates discovered how the work begun by Mary MacKillop is now reaching out to a wider world.

## REGIONAL MEETING NUMURKAH

An enthusiastic number of Josephite Associates travelled from Rushworth, Nagambie, Stanhope, Shepparton and Numurkah. Fr Jones celebrated the Mass of Mary MacKillop at 12 noon and we raised our voices singing *Penola Plains* and *Mary of the Cross*. Anne Marie Wilkinson sang a reflective hymn at Communion. A delicious lunch was enjoyed and much conversation engaged in.

All agreed the day was most enjoyable as we reflected on aspects of Mary MacKillop's life, heard the latest news about the coming Canonisation and purchased items and books from the Travelling Shop.

At lunch-time Sr Janet Nolan rsj took a group of Associates around the Mary MacKillop sites on the Parish Grounds noting the new extensions to the Convent, the stained glass window, the site of the original convent and walking down MacKillop Way. The Chapel in the convent will be used as a Parish Meeting room. We were privileged to walk as pilgrims where Mary MacKillop herself would have walked during her days at Numurkah.

Thank you to the Numurkah Group, who went to so much trouble organizing lovely food and the hall for us and cleaning up afterwards and to all those who brought delicious food with them to share.

A most enjoyable day!!



Visiting Josephite Sites. Old convent in background.



Signing the Enrolment Register

## BAIRNSDALE REGIONAL MEETING

Fifteen Associates from Lakes Entrance and Maffra together with some interested people from Bairnsdale, enjoyed the gathering at St Mary's Parish Centre. Many took the opportunity to vote in the Hall while there.

All enjoyed the day reflecting on Mary MacKillop's life and writing and sharing their thoughts.

Interested people from Bairnsdale took the opportunity to find out more about the Associates and as a result of the day a new group at Bairnsdale will begin their Formation in 2011.

Pat Coloe of Bairnsdale was the hit of the day with her Tea Cake and Tuna slice. So many requested a copy of the recipe I volunteered to put it in the newsletter so all can share it. So they are included.

Unfortunately, Anne Marie and myself both forgot to take photos. We missed Sr Mary Ryan who never forgets!!!

## TUNA SLICE

**4oz (125g) crushed savoury biscuits, 4oz (125g) grated tasty cheese, 1 large can tuna, drained and flaked, 1 finely chopped onion, 3 eggs, 1 cup milk.**

**Place ingredients except eggs and milk into a bowl and mix well. Lightly beat eggs and add milk to them. Pour into greased slice tin 11"x7" and bake in Moderate oven for 45 mins or until golden brown. Serve hot or cold.**

**This slice is great to take to the football, cricket, tennis, Picnics etc etc.**

## CINNAMON TEA CAKE

**2 cups SR Flour, 2 cups sugar, 4 tbsp custard powder, 4 eggs, 1 cup milk, 250 g soft butter.**

**Beat all together for 8-10 minutes.**

**Pour into greased baking dish.**

**Bake in Mod Over 40-50 minutes.**

**While still warm—sweat top with butter and sprinkle with a mixture of 2 teasp castor sugar,**

**1 teasp cinnamon.**

**All present can testify to its deliciousness!!**



# MEET OUR NEW CORE-TEAM MEMBER

Anne Kennedy is the Co-ordinator of the Josephite Associates at Yarraville, in the West of Melbourne where a Church-school was opened for the Josephite Sisters in December 1894.

When asked by Sr Mary Fermio rsj to write about my life, I felt very humble but excited to tell of my association with the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart and my great love of Blessed Mary MacKillop.

Living my whole life in Yarraville, I was educated by the Sisters of St Joseph at St Augustine's school and spent the following two years at the Academy of Mary Immaculate in Fitzroy. In my time at primary school I was asked to help the Sisters with church duties including cleaning and arranging flowers. After a few years my mother and I would do all the duties after Christmas while the Sisters were on holidays. Sr Eileen McHugh rsj, (Sr Killian) who was one of the Sisters on Church duty, has returned to the Yarraville Convent, so we have many chats about the earlier days.

After leaving school, I worked as a filing clerk and attended night school to become a typist. I carried on that career as a typist and then as a secretary.

I married John in 1957 at St Augustine's and we were blessed with five children and fourteen grandchildren.

When the children were all at school, I volunteered to work in the office at Mount St Joseph Girls' School at Yarraville where Sr Marie Hanger rsj was Principal. Later I was placed on the staff

and continued after Sr Marie had left the school. I am grateful for over thirty years of friendship with Sr Marie.

Following major surgery John had in August 2000 and prayers to Blessed Mary MacKillop for Improvement, we became interested in becoming Josephite Associates. In August 2004 we invited Sr Audrey Thomson to come and speak with a small group of interested Parishioners and we now have about twenty in our group of Associates.

I take Communion each week to the sick and elderly in the Parish and organise the Inter-Faith services in the area. My interests are gardening and viewing most sports. My hobby is craftwork that I donate to Joseph's Corner, which is a charity run by the local Deanery and managed by Sr Jeanne Dwyer rsj that cares for families affected by alcohol and drug problems

I appreciate the friendships I have with so many Sisters who have been so kind to me over many years and the prayers and help shown to me during John's illness and after he died four years ago.

I am very honoured to be a member of the Core-Team of the Josephite Associates. I pray that God will help me to contribute to the best of my ability.

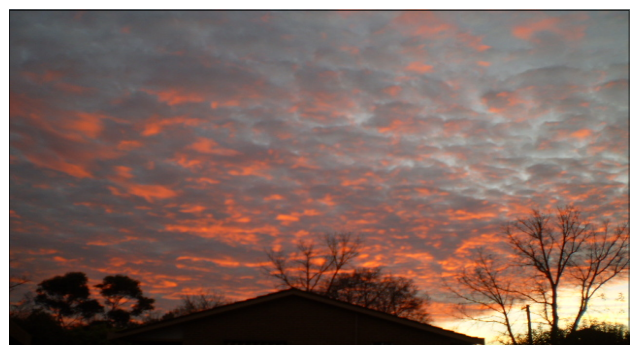
My next thrill will be on 17th October when Mary MacKillop is canonised Australia's first Saint.

*Anne Kennedy*



*From Left: Betty Loftus, Anne Kennedy, Mary Fermio rsj, Anne Marie Wilkinson, Mary Ryan rsj*

**LET GOD'S GLORY.....  
ABSORB OUR THOUGHTS**





# NEW WAYS OF LIVING THE JOSEPHITE CHARISM

Emerging expressions of the charism are being seen in different places. Traditionally the major way of being involved was being a vowed member of the Congregation, an associate or a co-worker and supporter.

## VOWED MEMBERSHIP

This is always an option and each year there are always sisters making first and life commitments of their vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. This involves living as part of a Josephite community and working as a Josephite Sister in their ministry.

## ASSOCIATES

Associates are numerous and many are very involved in Josephite ministry and live their lives with a Josephite Heart. a

New expressions of the Josephite charism include a new expression of Josephite Vowed life—*Vowed Affiliates*.

## VOWED AFFILIATES

The Sisters of St Joseph are vowed **members** of the Congregation. Today some people are seeking a closer relationship with the sisters to collaborate in God's mission. These people have taken private vows and are **affiliated** to the congregation. These vows of evangelical chastity, poverty and obedience are taken according to an agreed **Rule of Life with a Memorandum of Agreement** between the person and the Congregation. This affiliation is open to individual men and women who live independently of the congregation but are closely affiliated.

## COVENANT JOSEPHITE

In South Australia a number of women have come forward seeking to *join the melody*. This expression, while in essence may be the same, can be adapted to different places.

Each person who has asked to join the melody in this way has experienced a personal call and expressed a deep desire to be closely identified with the charism of the Sisters of St Joseph. This call flowing from their Baptism invites them to follow Christ in a specific way. they all recognize that they are choosing to make a commitment that is distinct from the vowed, lifelong commitment of the religious Sisters in the Congregation.

Rather than a profession of vows they are seeking to enhance the covenant relationship of their Baptism.

The way they do this will be shaped by the charism. This entails entering into a special relationship with the Sisters of St Joseph—a covenant relationship.

## THE IDENTITY OF A COVENANT JOSEPHITE

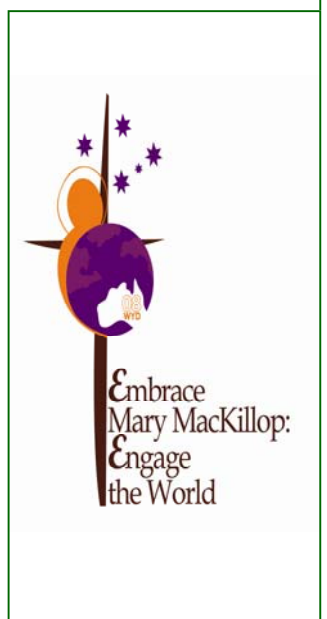
The following description of this special relationship grew out of discussion, reflection and discernment.

**A Covenant Josephite is called by God to live the charism of Mary MacKillop in communion with the Sisters of St Joseph for the sake of mission.**

### What this means in practice:

- This expression of the Josephite Charism is open to both men and women
- The covenant entitles the person to relational and affiliative connection with the Congregation. There are no legally binding obligations involved.
- Individuals apply to the Province Leader to make this commitment after a period of discernment that leaves them in no doubt that this is their deep desire for their life.
- Through covenant relationship they are choosing to live gospel values more intensely and to participate in the mission of the ongoing Chapter focus of the Congregation.
- Each one makes an individual covenant with the Congregation
- Individuals design their own rituals with the support of a mentor
- Within the ritual, the person's commitment is articulated and formally accepted by the Province Leader
- Mutuality, inclusivity and sensitivity to what is distinctive are important principles in this relationship.

*Taken from the Josephite website. [www.sosj.org.au](http://www.sosj.org.au)*



... Life is changed not ended ...



## BOOK REVIEW

Available from the  
Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre  
362 Albert St East Melbourne  
Or Tel. Sr Marea Cox Tues-Friday on  
9926 9300  
Or Sr Mary's Travelling Shop

**WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS** Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph in Queensland, 1870—1970 Margaret McKenna rsj

The story of our Sisters in Queensland has been recorded by Margaret after meticulous research. After opening many schools the Sisters had to leave as Bishop Quinn did not approve of their style of teaching and way of life. An excellent read set against the history of the Sisters of St Joseph at that time. \$27.50

**MARY MACKILLOP—A Spiritual Model for All**  
E.J. Cuskelly, MSC

Before he died Bishop Cuskelly wrote a book titled 'Walking the Way of Jesus'. In the last section he described how Mary MacKillop walked this way—the way of the Cross, of Forgiveness, of God's Will. This section has been reprinted in a small, pocket sized book. A Gem! \$4.95

**MARY MACKILLOP- Inspiration for today.**

Edited by Pauline Wicks rsj

This book certainly will inspire you with its stories, reflections and insights into Mary MacKillop, woman, Australian and Saint, her friend Joanna Barr-Smith and the many Sisters who joined her. \$25

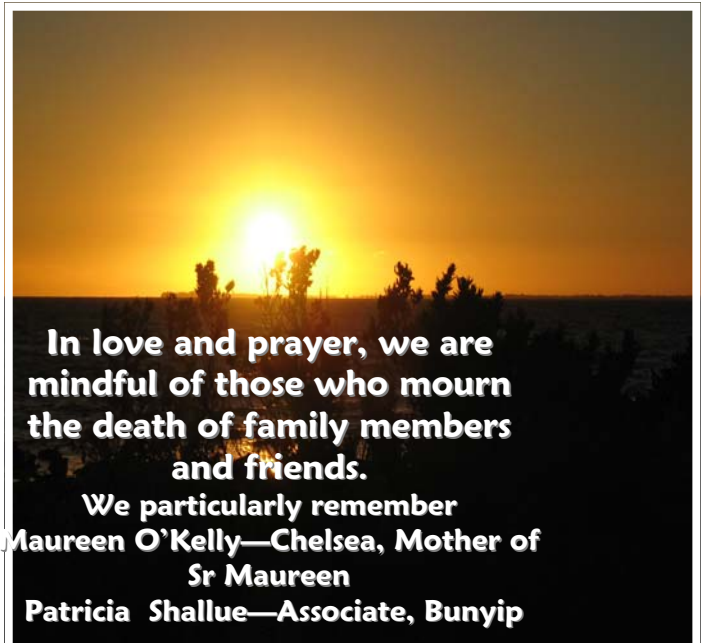
**IMAGING MARY MACKILLOP**

Pat Snudden rsj

Reflections by Colleen O'Sullivan rsj accompany Pat's art which portrays abstract images of Mary MacKillop.

**DVD'S suitable for Parish or group viewing.**

**Mary MacKillop—Soul of the Sunburnt Country**  
(Albert Street Production) 75mins \$29.95  
And **Mary MacKillop Australia's First Saint**  
(Salt + Light Television) 25mins \$29.95



In love and prayer, we are mindful of those who mourn the death of family members and friends.

We particularly remember  
Maureen O'Kelly—Chelsea, Mother of  
Sr Maureen  
Patricia Shallue—Associate, Bunyip

## REFLECTION DAYS

Based on the life of  
Blessed Mary MacKillop



**ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT**  
**16 ESPLANADE, WILLIAMSTOWN**  
**BYO LUNCH -TEA/COFFEE AVAILABLE**

Day Session: 10.30am—  
2.30 p.m  
Evening Session: 7.30pm—  
9.00 pm

**WEDNESDAY 10th November**

Theme: *Mary MacKillop's trust amidst the "storms"*

Facilitator: Eileen O'Loughlin rsj

*This Venue is very easy to get to and there is ample street parking—the Convent is at the corner of Cole St and Esplanade.  
Melways: 56:C12*

BE CALM AND  
FULL OF HOPE





# CELEBRATE MARY MACKILLOP IN MELBOURNE

17TH OCTOBER 2010



TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
1.15 p.m.	Blessing the site of the new Mary of the Cross Chapel	Central Hall, Australian Catholic University 20 –22 Brunswick St. Fitzroy
11.00 am 2.00 p.m.	Celebratory Mass Street Procession involving Community, led by Bands	St Patrick's Cathedral Departing Mary's Birthplace Brunswick St Fitzroy to Royal Exhibition Building
2.30 p.m.	Official Welcome Opening of the Festival	Royal Exhibition Building and surrounds
	Festival displays and entertainment Including live music and performances Historical displays focusing on Mary MacKillop and her legacy	Royal Exhibition Building and surrounds
6.00 p.m.	Prayer service led by Bishop Costelloe and the Sisters of St Joseph	Royal Exhibition Building
7.00 p.m.	Live Broadcast of Canonisation from Rome to be shown on big Screens both inside and outside the Royal Exhibition Building	Royal Exhibition Building

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

## EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY THROUGH ART

- Through journaling and drawing gain deeper insights into your life's journey
- Reflect on your experience, find new meanings, values and connections
- Explore your experience in the light of Scripture, time with God
- Allow new insights, understandings and values to merge with possibilities for action

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT**

**Ann Duyndam rsj on 0413 812 014**

**OR email: [duyann@netspace.net.au](mailto:duyann@netspace.net.au)**

# ASSOCIATES' BULLETIN BOARD - SPRING 2010

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## DONATION TOWARDS ASSOCIATE'S EXPENSES

*THANK YOU  
THANK YOU  
THANK YOU*

to those who have so generously contributed to the cost of Newsletters, stamps, travel etc. If you want to see the newsletter in colour go to website [www.sosj.org.au](http://www.sosj.org.au) and find link to Newsletters—Victoria.

It has been a custom in the past to also collect a donation at the Regional meetings towards the cost of travel for the Core-Team members.

*Could we ask the contact person in each region to organize a box or basket for these donations, please?*

## AROUND THE ASSOCIATES' TRAPS ...

We'd love to hear from you, and would welcome reports, photos and any other items you would consider to be of interest to our Victorian Associates.

### Please either mail to:

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PO Box 37, Bacchus Marsh, 3340.

OR Email: [associatesvic@sosj.org.au](mailto:associatesvic@sosj.org.au).

OR Fax: 03 5367 2078

For all enquiries related to  
Josephite Associates,  
phone: 03 5367 2078

### *Catch up on the News!*

#### *Josephite E-News:*

[www.sosj.org.au](http://www.sosj.org.au)

#### *Canonisation E-news :*

[www.marymackillop.org.au](http://www.marymackillop.org.au)

You can subscribe to the email news and it will automatically be sent to you on a regular basis— AND it's FREE!

## HAVE YOU VISITED OUR NEW WEBSITES?

[www.marymackillop.org.au](http://www.marymackillop.org.au)

- Read the story of Mary MacKillop and the beginning of the Josephites.
- Do a virtual tour of Alma Cottage where Mary lived and died and the chapel where her tomb is.
- Pray at Mary's tomb and leave a prayer.
- Find a prayer or reflection for the day.
- The Website [www.sosj.org.au](http://www.sosj.org.au) has also been updated—read the Associate newsletters from the other Provinces.
- Find out what is happening in the Josephite world.
- Print out material to share with your Associate Group.

Have some fun exploring!!!

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