



Josephite Associates, Victoria~Tasmania SUMMER 2015



Summer—a time for fun in the sun

Dear Associates,

“The time has come the walrus said to speak of many things” so starts a poem I used with a class to obtain my teacher’s registration. The time has come for the last newsletter of this year and to reflect on the last few months.

One of the lovely experiences was the display of art and craft in our Conference room for the Julian Art Fest, to celebrate the creative gifts of our Sisters. Displayed were paintings done by Sisters beautiful embroidery on vestments by Margaret Allen , pottery articles by Catherine Pierce , and paintings by Cleopha Hill all who have gone to God. . Specially commended were a beautiful farmyard cot quilt and knitted crib by Maureen Lomer and the winner was a painting of a beautiful gum tree. by Helena Maguire. The Leader’s choice was Fisherman’s Wharf by Mary Coman. The winning pieces will be added to those from around the

Congregation to become a travelling feast of art to celebrate our sesquicentenary. So I hope you will have the opportunity to enjoy it as we did.

A life-giving experience for me is meeting you at our regional days. You will note that we are going to Pakenham next year instead of East Melbourne, as so few were coming. Pakenham is a short train journey or car ride and you can be met at the station if you wish to come. But this venue will cater for Iona, Koo Wee Rup and Pakenham Associates who cannot get to Regional Days. Sebastopol Associates have been very willing to travel from Ballarat each year so we hope Sunbury and Bacchus Marsh will be equally willing to go to Ballarat.

Enrolling new Associates is also a very happy occasion, welcoming those who wish to share our Josephite charism. I look forward to enrolling several next year as they complete their introductory program.

One Sunday I was very surprised when at a morning tea for Cancer research I won first prize in the raffle—3 nights accommodation for up to six at Moama. My Sister received an unexpected Christmas present.!

The Conversations with Mary in December could be a good opportunity to do something special for Advent preparation.

Our annual Mass was a wonderful celebration of the Josephite family with two enrolments. Over sixty Sisters and Associates were there. See report and photos.

Sr Helena Maguire, our centenarian, celebrates 80 years as a Sister of St Joseph on January 6th. Helena has spent those years as Teacher, Artist and Josephite presence. *Congratulations Helena! Have a wonderful day.*

Since I started this newsletter we have all been horrified at the events in France. Noreen McLeish left Paris that morning, and we are grateful Mary MacKillop is watching over the group she is with.

One can feel so helpless at these times, but we can remember the words of Mary MacKillop **“Prayer is our greatest weapon”** I am sure God weeps with us when the gift of free will is so abused to harm the children of God and done in the name of God.

Can we make this Advent a time of special prayer, penance and Mass, that the coming of the Prince of Peace which we celebrate, will change the hearts that seem to live with hatred? The Josephite powerhouse of prayer has great strength, so let us unite and really live Advent.

May your Christmas be a time of family peace and unity welcoming the Christ who loves us.

Mary Fermio

rsj

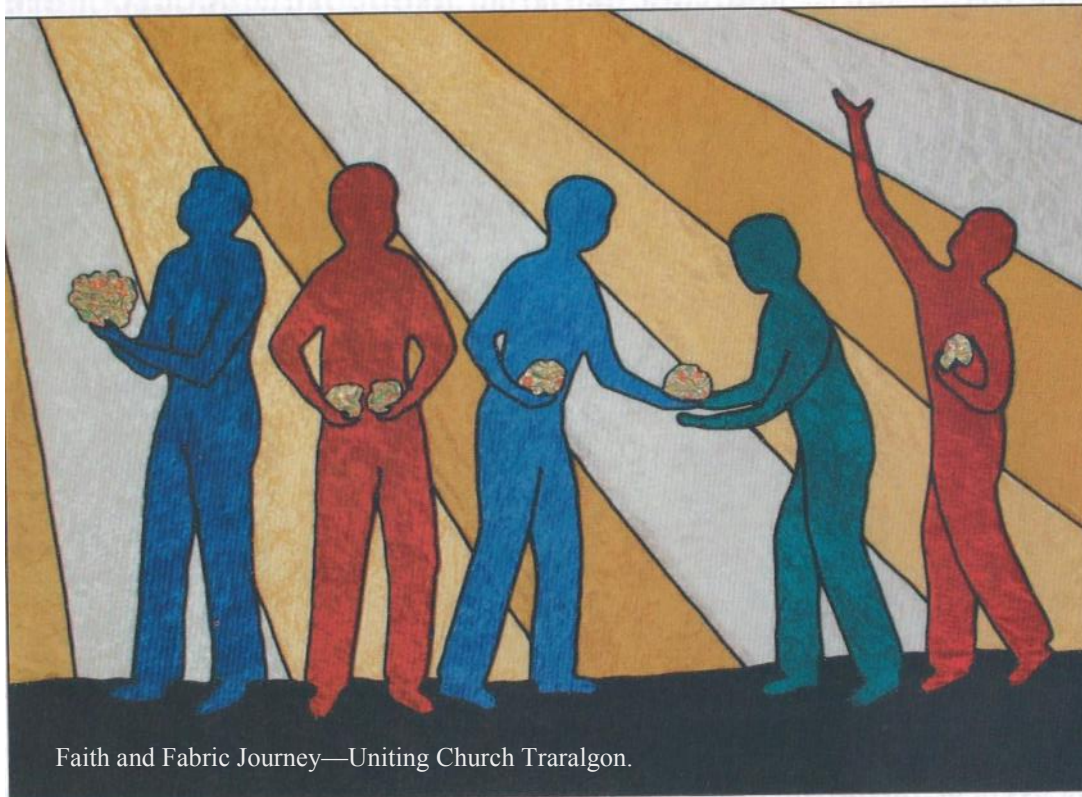


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Friendship Prayer Service

REFLECTION FOR SUMMER



Faith and Fabric Journey—Uniting Church Traralgon.

This art work is called **GENEROSITY** - God's generosity is boundless.
We accept God's gifts and share them with others.
Let us give thanks to God for the generosity shown to us.

At this time of the year, it is good to remind ourselves that what we have comes from God, who needs our hands and feet to share them with others. We can become so wound up with preparation for Christmas that we get side-tracked from what Christmas is all about.

Maybe we can set some time aside during Advent, especially on a Sunday, to name God's generosity to me, my family, my local community, my country. To thank God for what we have.

Let us also find ways of sharing what we have with those who have less, to pass on the joys and blessings of Christmas, to find ways of sharing time with them, ways of including them.

So sit with this artwork and let God speak to you—
listen to the whisperings of God to your own heart.

REFLECTION:

*Find a quiet space, light a candle, recall God's presence with you.
Sit quietly and reflect on the above banner.*

*Where do you stand in this picture?
Who is standing next to you receiving from you?*

*Who shared with Mary and Joseph— on their journey to Bethlehem?
At the birth of Jesus? In the days that followed?*

*Who has shared with you when times were tough?
When you needed comforting?
When help kept you alive when you were sick?*

Thank God for all the gifts you have received this year.



Mary Fermio rsj

(Read Along the Track Article –Waiting on back of Regional Dates)

EXPLORING FAITH THROUGH FABRIC

During September I had the great opportunity of viewing the work of a small group from the Uniting Church at Traralgon, huge banners made from materials displayed at the Uniting Church at Bacchus Marsh.

The fabric art is an expression of their spirituality. By using familiar objects and features of the Australian landscape as contemporary symbols of the human journey and our awareness of God as a vital presence in that journey, they produce these works of vivid colour and creativity.

Their work began in 1984 in a simple way but has now developed into more complex visuals. Contemporary social issues are expressed to challenge the viewer to respond.



The exhibitions have been held throughout Victoria leading to exciting and moving exchanges with a wide variety of people, which reveals the God who speaks through the Fabric art created.

The group choose not to sew and seldom glue because they discovered the joy and freedom of pinning. 25cm thick polystyrene boards are used as the base and are cut to match the style of the building and the hanging space. When the design sketch is finalised it is transferred onto an overhead projection Acetate, then drawn onto paper attached to the wall to be traced. Lace, wool, hessian, overlays of tulle or crystal organza have been used for special effects. Stockings can be stretched and pinned into interesting shapes. One technique used involves 4cm squares of fabric inserted into the polystyrene with a wooden skewer –no pins, no glue.



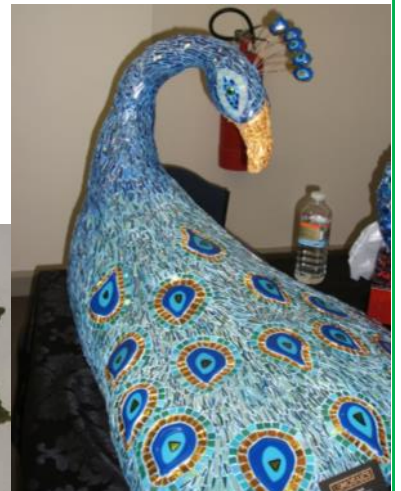
A big display of their work will be held in November in Gippsland in conjunction with an Art Festival. The group have exhibited in many parishes but never a Catholic Church or Hall. So my challenge is—do not miss out on the richness of this exhibition and invite them to your parish to share their work with the local community.

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BEAUTY IN SUGAR AND MOSAIC CREATIONS ON SHOW

The Bacchus Marsh Horticultural Show was well worth attending and viewing the wonderful creations of clever people. Beside the wonderful array of flowers and various arrangements, a display of mosaic wonders and cup-cake creations in the form of flowers was absolutely amazing. I have included a couple of photos for you to see for yourselves. The flowers are made from sugar, the mosaics from a collection tiles, beads and all sorts of things.



THE AUSTRALIAN CAMINO—MARY'S WAY-Karen Ward

Sticks tapping and a morning prayer of encouragement, reminiscing on an aspect of Mary's life, relating it to our own is how we start our day on the Aussie Camino – Mary's Way from Portland to Penola.

On the 21st September 24 individuals met for the very first time, at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre in Melbourne, jumping into the cars of complete strangers to travel to Portland, where this Camino commenced and 24 Pilgrims evolved.

The dynamic of our group was as varied and dramatic as the landscapes we travelled. A delightful bunch of likeminded pilgrims, all up for a very long walk... Our ages ranged from the pre 30 to the way post 30.... We had the Catholic Priest, the Marist Brother, the Anglican Minister and a big bunch of lovely caring others. It was truly a very caring considerate group of people from all backgrounds and area's of Australia. I felt very humbled to be part of group with such an adventurous spirit.

Melbourne schoolteacher Luke Mills designed the pilgrimage around the life and times of our Saint Mary MacKillop. Our days would range in kilometres from 24 – 39km per day. For some of us it was a little daunting the anticipation of those long days, could we do it? Could our feet and bodies hold up? Thank goodness for Kevin, the driver who supported us along the way...he was sent from Mary to assist on many an afternoon.

For some our walk was the opportunity for some solitude, time to contemplate, reflect, decide, move forward, for others it was about being out amongst the nature and the great outdoors, being social and some just wanted to go on a long walk. There were no ego's, just companions. From Portland our walk kicked off from the Lighthouse after a visit to the Mary MacKillop school. If you closed your eyes you became Mary and could feel that isolation and freedom she had felt back then as the new chapter of her life was about to begin.

"Little did either of us then dream of what was to spring from so small a beginning" she is quoted to say in 1891.

We walked 3 days along some of Australia's most divine uninhabited coastline, along cliff tops and through dense scrub weaving past inland lakes and waterholes. Sometimes there was no way out -the only way was forward. Quietly walking along the beaches, you could see heads down, all focussed on one step in front of the other, looking ahead the beach just didn't seem to end... then looking up again and you are there at the end...not noticing the time or distance past.

We passed through Cape Nelson, Cape Bridgewater, Nelson and Port McDonnell... We experienced amazing hospitality from the locals, were accommodated in the local pubs where a cold beer welcomed our arrival each afternoon.

We headed north towards Mt Gambier, along the scenic farm tracks, tree lined dirt lanes with gates to open and close, fences to jump over. We made it to Kalangadoo and then followed the disused railways tracks onto Penola all proud that we finally reached our destination.



MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE

CONVERSATIONS WITH MARY A MONTHLY GATHERING FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION WITH MARY MACKILLOP

MARY MACKILLOP
HERITAGE CENTRE
362 ALBERT ST
EAST MELBOURNE 3002

11 A.M.—12 NOON
Followed by a light lunch
Donations gratefully
accepted.

*Tuesday 15th December
Mary and Hospitality to Strangers*

*One way in which to prepare
for Christmas.*

*This time of reflection will continue in 2016
beginning on Monday 15th February 2016.*

ADVENT REFLECTIONS—

Each Wednesday in December 12.30p.m. to 1 p.m.



ST MARY MACKILLOP'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION— *Born Brunswick St, Fitzroy 15th January 1842*

*Mass 11 a.m.
All Saints Church, King William, St Fitzroy
(Tram up Brunswick St will take you there)*

*Come and celebrate this day with Mass and
a cuppa with Sisters, Associates and friends.*



HAPPY CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

From Sr Mary Fermio rsj
Annemarie Wilkinson
Christine Van Order
Bill O'Brien
Noreen McLeish



We wish you the blessings of the coming of
Jesus and the peace and joy his birth brings.
We thank you for all the love and support we have
received during the year and look forward to sharing
with you in 2016 when we celebrate 150 years of Josephite presence in our world.



From Faith and Fabric Journey, Uniting Church Traralgon

LAST TWO REGIONAL DAYS 2015

An interested group gathered at St Anne's Parish Hall Sunbury from Sebastopol, Woodend, Sunbury and a lone ranger from Bacchus Marsh. Some of our Associates were involved in preparation for a first Mass of a newly ordained and had other commitments. Thank you to the Sunbury Associates for their hospitality and help in setting up the hall. Sixteen Associates gathered at Bairnsdale on Grand Final Day from Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance, Maffra and Orbost. Ella White, a game 92 year old, travelled from Orbost to enjoy the day. Because of this auspicious day, some had to leave early to entertain visitors but the day was very fruitful and all enjoyed the time of reflection and learning with time to meet others and share their stories. . Next year we hope to be gathering at Sebastopol, Maffra, Wonthaggi, Pakenham and Rushworth for our days which are in the planning stages still. Note the details with this issue of the newsletter. Enclosed sheet Of the 400 plus Associates we have in Victoria a total of less than 100 gather for these days. The fact that they keep turning up is a sign the days are worthwhile and a way of formation and deepening their Josephite spirituality. These days can also be affirming in your ministry and role as Josephites in your parishes.

We are always very grateful to the Parishes and schools and Heritage Centre for the use of their halls and meeting rooms for our Josephite days, so generously given each year.



Sunbury group writing their letters to their mothers



Lyn posting her letter at Sunbury



Mary McCarthy of Maffra posting her letter.



Ella at the front, with Gina and Judith discussing items for sale.



Group at Bairnsdale reflecting on the various images of the Sacred Heart.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS?

ENROLMENTS AT THE ANNUAL MASS:

Aarti Munohur, works at the Regional Office at Hawthorn East and is the person responsible for printing this newsletter, preparing the envelopes and organizing the lunch for the team who place them in the envelopes. Aarti feels she shares the Josephite Charism with those she works with and wished to commit herself to being an Associate. Thank you Aarti for all you do and we welcome you with great joy.



Dorothy Rowlands lives in Pakenham and will be part of the Pakenham/Koo Wee Rup/Iona group. We welcome you Dorothy and know you will bring your many gifts to those whose lives you share. Congratulations and welcome.



PAKENHAM, IONA, KOO WEE RUP

December is a time of many last get-togethers. This group will gather on 8th December at Iona when two Associates from Pakenham will be enrolled. This group has attracted quite a few new members over the last two years.

Photos will be in the Autumn edition in 2016.

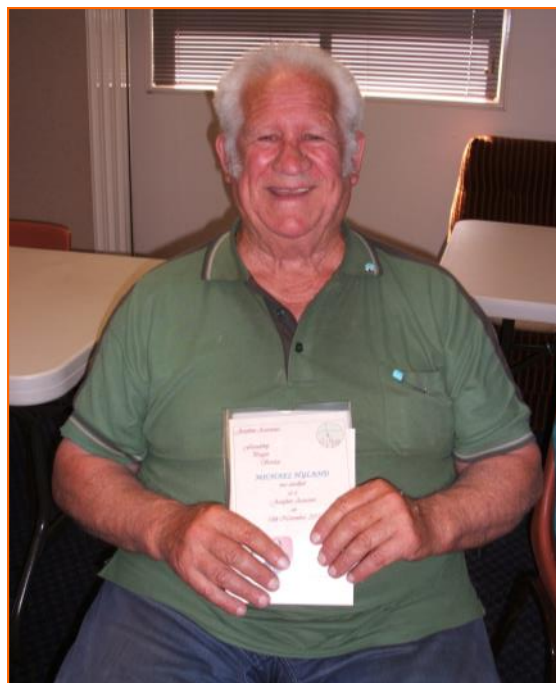
WONTHAGGI

This group, which includes members from Inverloch, close the year with a special Mass at which the petitions to Mary MacKillop for the year are burnt in a special ritual after Mass. Carole always has some surprise for those present!

All then gather for a celebratory meal, this year at the Whalebone hotel. If you haven't been to Wonthaggi, this hotel has the massive bones of a whale's jaws over the entrance.

EAGLEHAWK

Each year this group gathers for prayer followed by lunch. This year Michael Hyland, a farmer of Heathcote, was enrolled as a Josephite Associate. Michael had two aunts who were Sisters of St Joseph, Srs Denise and Adelbert. We welcome Michael who regularly travels quite a distance to join the group for prayer every second month.



CANA SCHOOL MINI MACKILLOP GROUP

Sr Judith Carlson began a school Mary MacKillop group at Cana Catholic Primary School, Hillside. Teacher Cheryl D'Abreo helps coordinate the group.

Here is a report the students wrote themselves and presented to parishioners on the Feast of Mary MacKillop at both Sacred Heart Church St Albans and Emmaus Church Sydenham.

The Mary MacKillop group has been working hard to follow Mary MacKillop's footsteps. We meet every Tuesday and Wednesday where we pray and discuss how we can make our school a better place. We recently visited Emmaus Primary School and presented to the Grade 5 and 6 students about the work that we do as part of the Mary MacKillop group and to encourage them to form a similar group in their school.



The activities we do are: Every Friday we visit Spring Time Nursing home. We interact with the residents through various activities like playing bingo, colouring, puzzles and dominoes. We talk to the friendly residents and enjoy the time we spend with them. They tell us they are happy to have us there.

We prepare posters on the quotes of Mary MacKillop and these posters are displayed all around our school. We helped the Grade Fours for their First Holy Communion by laminating their seat names. Every Tuesday we help clean up after Mass and fill up the Holy Water fonts in every classroom. We have a prayer board where students put up their prayers and special intentions. The Mary MacKillop group engages the Grade One students at snack time. We read stories to them about Mary MacKillop and together work on activities to help them learn more about Mary and her life.

We are always ready to help around the school when required. These activities mentioned are ongoing and constant throughout the year.

In the words of Mary MacKillop: ***We must teach more by example than by word.***

2015 JOSEPHITES ASSOCIATES CONFERENCE

Annemarie Wilkinson and Christine Nicholls-van Order attended this conference as representatives of Victoria and Tasmania. This report is adapted from the report on the website sosj.org.au.

The conference was held in Sydney on 16-18 October. On the first evening Associates reported on significant happenings in their areas revealing trends on hospitality, prayer groups, youth, Masses and pilgrimages.

Saturday was significant and Sr Monica Cavanagh's presentation on the Chapter booklet "At the Heart of Life" raised questions regarding how we might deal with the future and how we can refresh and challenge our commitment. Monica looked at pathways to the future including : *Induction process; ritualising the commitment; On-going commitment to Friendship Prayer and Service;*

Sr Clare Noonan spoke on four key areas: Future; Governance; Change; Sustainability. Three quotes were:

The future is not the same place we are going to, but one we are creating.

The paths to it are not found, but made.

The making of those paths changes both the maker and the destination.

Also discussed was governance and finance and whether there is a need to be incorporated or not.

Three key questions were then discussed in groups:

What is the deepest desire for the Associate Movement as we move into the future?

What will be the Roles and Relationship of the Sisters and Associates in the future?

Communication—ways and means?

It was decided there will be a three-five year plan and that Common/Core Principles and components for this plan need to be developed to ensure all regions are "on the same page" with uniform processes.

A focus on formation of Leaders to build confidence and competency in their abilities.

The next Conference is scheduled for 7-9th April 2017 and the International Josephite Associates Leadership Team (IJALT) will plan this conference. Regional groups were left with a mandate to report back to local areas and hold mini-conferences with an emphasis on renewal, formation and induction.

JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES ANNUAL MASS

Josephite Associates from across Victoria gathered to celebrate our Annual Mass together. They came from Eaglehawk, Wonthaggi, Broadmeadows, Pakenham, Iona, Koo Wee Rup, East Brighton, Ashwood, Carlton, Sunbury, Woodend, East Keilor, Richmond, Greensborough (and maybe somewhere else!!!) together with Sr Kerrie Cusack, our Regional Leader and Sr Marion Gambin from North Sydney, a member of our Congregational Leaders team.

Fr Michael Kalka, pp from Kew, also an Associate was our celebrant, who spoke challengingly about living the Gospel as Associates, also calling to mind those who had suffered from the violence in France the day before.

After the homily Dorothy Rowlands from Pakenham and Aarti Munohur from Camberwell were enrolled as Associates, with all present renewing their own commitment to live the Josephite Charism in their local area. Dorothy and Aarti then brought up the gifts.

Annemarie Wilkinson had brought along her keyboard with which she expertly accompanied and led the singing. Annemarie had also prepared the liturgy and the booklets for the Mass. We are grateful for the way she so generously shares her gifts of music.

After Mass we listened to an inspirational talk given by Aimee Suchard-Lowe, part of the team at Kids Under Cover and who is their National Marketing and Fundraising Manager. Aimee explained the work of KUC in providing fully equipped studios that are set up in backyards to provide accommodation for families who need space. A video telling the story of grandparents who found themselves caring for five grandchildren in a three bedroom house and how they were blessed to come into contact with KUC, who set up a studio for the eldest in their back yard. These studios which last about 20 years, can be moved four to five times, cost about \$50,000. Funding of about \$1000, to enable students to complete their studies, is also provided. A good number of these have been referred by Mary MacKillop Family Services, one of seventy groups who work with them.

A delicious afternoon tea was then enjoyed by all and opportunity was given to buy calendars and handcraft from Peru.

This was the largest Mass attendance we have had so far and we hope 2016 will be even larger. Annemarie announced that a couple of the team members had decided that next year when we celebrate 150 years of the Sisters of St Joseph, the Associates will invite the Sisters to Mass and Afternoon tea. Sounds a good idea!!



Christine Nicholls-van Order—Reader



Fr Michael Kalka pp - Celebrant



Associates from Wonthaggi with Sr Dominic Foley

Numurkah's 125th Celebrations.



The Parish and School in Numurkah came alive last week-end when celebrating the foundation of the school in 1890. Friday was children's day with a program of games and activities; a shared family lunch; a special school assembly where sisters who had ministered there were introduced with some sharing of memories, and an address by Sr Kerrie Cusack. Later in the day there was the opening of the Art Show by Mr Terry Jarvis who is a very well-known local water colour artist.

On Saturday, the special commemorative Mass was celebrated by Bishop Les Tomlinson of Sandhurst with assisting priests, Frs Michael Grace, Parish Priest of Numurkah, Chris Reay, Parish Priest of Nathalia and Frank Jones, previously Parish Priest of Numurkah. The children had obviously taken time to learn the hymns and the graceful actions for the "Cross of Stars". A large colourful mural portraying St Joseph's School - past and present - was painted by the children under the tutelage of Mr Terry Jarvis. This painting was the backdrop for the Mass celebration

In his homily, Bishop Tomlinson connected this celebration with the fifth anniversary of the canonisation of St Mary MacKillop and her "Celebrating God's love through faith in service to others" and encouraged all to accept this challenge as well.

After Mass, all moved to where an unusual statue of St Mary MacKillop was to be blessed. The statue was located in the Mary MacKillop Garden in the school yard. Tracey Tymeson, a local sculptor and a parent at the school, created the elegant statue from chicken wire.



The next item on the program was the digging up the time capsule that Sr Madeleine organised in 1990. Mr Glen Atkinson who was a school captain in 1990 helped to dig it out. This presented some difficulties and even caused a spade handle to be broken. The contents of the capsule were in perfect condition and were extracted one by one by Glen and Mr Paul Arnel, the school principal. Some of the items were:

programs, school uniforms, letters children had written, a local newspaper, church and school newsletters and the like.



Provided by the school and parish community, all were invited to enjoy lunch in the Hall and encouraged to visit the Art Show and History Display which were displayed in the old convent. Mr Paul Arnel invited Sr Colleen O'Dwyer to share something of her memories as a local and past lay-teacher at Numurkah. Sr Mary Ryan added that her great-Grandfather was present

when Mary MacKillop opened the school and that her mother also attended St. Joseph's while preparing for the Sacraments. Sr Audrey Thomson rsj, an ex-pupil was also present for the day. To conclude the day, Sr Kerrie Cusack thanked the community for their generosity and explained how this generosity had supported sisters at all points of the journey, from the time Mary MacKillop came with the first sisters, to the present day.

Patricia Williams, rsj.



HOLIDAY READING



BALA'S HILL and Beyond Dr Jay Sadhai

If you can get a copy of this book it is well worth reading. Dr Jay tells the true story of Indians living under Apartheid in South Africa, a country he had to escape from because his life was in danger. Australia has benefited by the presence of this wonderful Doctor who has raised, with the help of others, millions of dollars to help causes in his home country and Australia. Bala was the name given to his grandfather who did much to help Nelson Mandela and other Africans to bring down apartheid.

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NO FUTURE WITHOUT FORGIVENESS Bishop Tutu

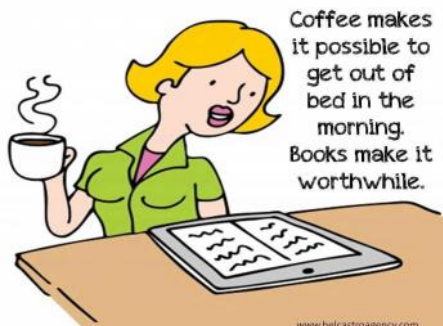
In this book, Bishop Tutu traces the origins and work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa, of which he was Chairperson. At times this book is difficult, when reading the witness statements of the torture and atrocities under apartheid.

Bishop Tutu believes the day of voting was a miracle of joy and peace for his country when violence seemed imminent. With the leadership of Nelson Mandela, forgiveness was the order of the day and many smaller miracles occurred during the commission's hearing. Available at the Library at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre.

ACROSS MANY MOUNTAINS –Yangzom Bruen

When China invaded Tibet life became very difficult for the Tibetans, especially the monks and nuns. This is the story of a Buddhist Nun and her husband, a monk, who with their two daughters, both under seven years, travelled across the Himalayas to India looking for safety. Sonam, the surviving daughter, married a Swiss and life changed. Her daughter, Yangzom, has recorded the story as a memoir. The book describes many Tibetan traditions and values and the effort of the mother to retain these values within her family. A very compelling tale of courageous people.

My copy was obtained from the **Book Grocer**.



STILL ALICE by Lisa Genova

The Book on which the film was based, is an incredibly moving and humbling book. "Reads like a gripping memoir of a woman in her prime watching the life she once knew fade away..." USA Today I found it gave a wonderful insight into the world of Alzheimer's and the do's and don'ts of helping people live through this very scary time when moments of loss occur during times of clarity. Written with great tenderness and humour it is hard to put down.

WHAT ARE WE DOING ON EARTH FOR CHRIST'S SAKE—Richard Leonard sj

Fr Leonard, author of Where the Hell is God? And Why Bother Praying has again published another book which he says "wrestles with the profound questions that emerged from a chance conversation" on a plane. In a very readable manner he tackles questions of faith eg Is the Bible true? How can we keep faith after all the abuse in the Church? And many others. The latter part of the book has examples of women and men who were witnesses of faith, hope and love. St Thomas More, St Mary MacKillop, Oscar Romero, Pope Francis, Survivors of sexual abuse, and others. A book well worth reading and passing on to others. Published by Paulist Press \$28.95

DAYS FOR GIRLS- AUSTRALIA

Thank you to Associates from Sunbury, Maffra, Eaglehawk and Broadmeadows who have contributed so much to this service for young women by their sewing skills or donations of face washers and panties and plastic zip lock bags.

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

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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*Those who sowed in tears
now reap with joy*



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

*Margaret McNolty, sister of Fay Donohue,
Broadmeadows*

Sr Trish Dance, Tasmania

*Vince Wilson, husband of Imelda, Numurkah
Bill, brother of Mary Flanagan, Bacchus Marsh*

Isabel Ryan, Associate, Wonthaggi

Brian Cleeman, husband of Maureen, Sebastopol

Bert Gribble, husband of Norah, Coolaroo

Elizabeth Ryan, Moonee Ponds

Sr Mary Luscombe rsj

May they rest in peace.

HEAR YE!

HEAR YE!

DATE FOR LEADERS DAY 2016

Please keep this day free for Leaders of groups and others who are interested in being there.

20th FEBRUARY 2016

**MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE
362 ALBERT ST EAST MELBOURNE.**

Theme: Year of Mercy

Further information next newsletter.

DO YOU REGULARLY CHECK THE JOSEPHITE WEBSITES TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH THE NEWS?

The NEWS AND EVENTS link has some very interesting articles. There are also some prayer RESOURCES.

So tap onto sosj.org.au and have a look around the website.

Or go to marymackillop.org.au.

This website contains all news etc that is directly associated with Mary MacKillop.

If you would like to spend a short time reflecting on the daily Mass readings Google *Sacred Space* and go into Daily Prayer.

HAPPY BROWSING!!

DEATH of ASSOCIATES ...

We would appreciate being advised of the death of an Associate or a close family member or if an Associates has been injured or hospitalised. Please notify Sr Mary Fermio at the Associates' Office (see above)