



JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS NEWSLETTER WINTER 2024

*Holy Spirit,
Relentless loving presence,
Bringing strength to the weak,
Courage to the fearful,
Determination to the doubtful,
Joy to the disheartened,
Faith to the disbelieving.
Wrap your love around me
so that I can welcome you fully.
Pentecost 2024*



Dear Sisters, Companions and friends,

Welcome to the Winter edition of the WA Josephite Companion's Newsletter. Anamika Mishra reminds us that winter is not just a season but a celebration of life— a time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire— it is a time for 'home'. You might enjoy the following winter acrostic;

Winter lovingly reminds us that,
In accepting the seasonal cold and rain,
Nothing will dampen our spirit.
The blustering wind may blow, but it wont
Extinguish the fire and warmth in our hearts
Remember you are in the Creator's hands.

2024 is an invitation from Pope Francis to intensify prayer as a personal dialogue with God. It summons us to reflect on our faith, on our commitment in today's world wherever we may live and work. "I ask you to intensify your prayer, to prepare us to live well this event of Grace and to experience the strength of God's hope." *Pope Francis January 2024*. Pope Francis' hope is that for every Christian, Prayer may be the compass that guides, the light that illuminates the path and the strength that sustains us on our pilgrimage to the Holy Year. His wish is that through prayer we may arrive at the Year of Grace with our hearts ready to welcome the gifts and forgiveness that the Jubilee offers. Our prayer reflection focuses on ourselves as 'people of Prayer' especially in its relationship to the Pope's request.

May the season of Pentecost bless you with courage and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

Dot Savage and Helen Brown on behalf of WA Josephite Companions

BREAKFAST IN THE GARDEN— SOUTH PERTH SATURDAY, 9 MARCH

A busy Friday preparation preceded this successful morning. Sunshine accompanied by cool, fresh breeze and seating under large gazebos provided shade for approximately 120 people who were greeted at the front gate by “George” our committed volunteer who has provided welcome to many people since the breakfast has been held at the South Perth Convent. Older friends have moved on due to illness and other circumstances which may have changed the attendance of those gathered. It can be viewed as a “passing parade.”

The Chairperson, Committee Members, Sisters, Volunteers and Students have made this event valuable and a visible time line too.

Friends met up and chatted over their breakfast, enjoying the raffle prizes, pot plants, mugs of tea and coffee and a delicious cooked breakfast with fresh fruit too.

Breakfast in the Garden has provided a “meet up and greet” place for our many friends over the years.

Karen Scott rsj

MARY MACKILLOP
today



WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

We take this opportunity to thank Louisa Moore for more than 15 years of dedicated service to the Metropolitan Josephite Companions. During this time Louisa worked closely with Srs Carla and Denise in promoting the charism of Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods. She visited many of the remote areas of Western Australia, always sharing her deep love for Mary MacKillop and always ready to extend the hand of friendship, prayer and service. She was a valued part of the movement as it changed from Associates to Companions, including the name change, adoption of the new logo, development of the Discovery and Administrators books and the inception of JCoLT.

In particular, she took a keen interest in the groups that meet in WA and always offered her support. Her connection to the Sisters of St Joseph stemmed from her love of Mary MacKillop and she proudly speaks of her lasting friendship with many of the sisters. Louisa's commitment to the WA Newsletter has been a feature of her desire to keep all Companions connected to one another. Her greatest hope is that the Newsletter will continue to be sent to everyone, especially those in remote areas who find it difficult to attend meetings and be involved in activities. We will miss Louisa's enthusiasm and the priority that she gave to living the charism in a deeply personal way.

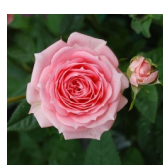
Louisa's determination and dedication has only been dampened by ill health to the point that she must now consider her health above all else. Thank you, Louisa, our prayers are with you and Bill as you care for one another.

We also pay tribute to Margaret Jones who has served in leadership in the Metropolitan group. Margaret served as Treasurer and core group member for many years. Margaret expresses a deep commitment to Mary MacKillop and her faith has led her to be deeply involved in women's activities, children's education in faith and Sacramental programmes. She worked closely with Louisa, supporting her and with her husband, Neville, ensured that the Newsletters were prepared and posted. Many thanks to Margaret as she steps down to devote her time to care for Neville.

Friendship



Prayer



Service



DARDANUP JOTTINGS

Dardanup Companions recently farewelled one of our foundation leaders — Gloria Maslin. Several Companions attended Gloria's Requiem Mass and the burial service conducted by Father Wayne Bendotti at Our Lady's Immaculate Conception Church, Dardanup. We thank God for her extraordinary life and pay tribute to her devotion to St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Gloria certainly lived the charism of Friendship, Prayer and Service in her every day life. May she rest peacefully with her God.



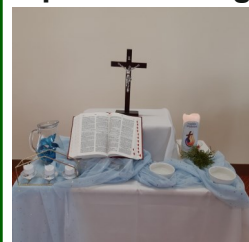
February Gathering



Celebrations



April Gathering



Parish Prayer Foci



UPCOMING EVENTS

TAIZÉ

Sisters of Saint Joseph's Chapel
16 York Street, South Perth
7pm - 8pm
Chapel doors open at 6.30pm

3rd Sunday of the following months
+ **June 16**
+ **August 18**
+ **September 15**
+ **October 20**

Invite your friends and pray in a relaxing, meditative way (bring a torch & a friend!)

Enquiries: Sr Maree Riddler rsj
Phone: 0414 683 926
Email: maree.riddler@sosj.org.au

14—16 June | A Retreat for Men

A time to ponder and to be attentive to the presence of God in our lives. What does it mean to live the Christian life?

Venue: Kilmolee, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay
Enquiries and registration: Sr Dianne Colborne rsj
Ph: 9527 3240 | **E:** safety.bay@sosj.org.au
Cost: \$300

~ Retreat begins with an evening meal at 6pm on Friday 14 June and concludes after lunch on Sunday 16 June

Applications close: 31 May 2024

12—14 July | A Weekend of Meditation & Contemplation

Theme: "Beneath a Cloud of Unknowing"

Facilitator: Sr Frances Maguire rsj
Venue: Kilmolee, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay
Enquiries and registration: Sr Dianne Colborne rsj
Ph: 9527 3240 | **E:** safety.bay@sosj.org.au
Cost: \$300

~ Retreat begins with an evening meal at 6pm on Friday 12 July and concludes after lunch on Sunday 14 July.

****Option: Saturday only (13 July) 9am—5.30pm Cost: \$80**
Applications close: 31 June 2024

LAUDATO SI WEEK 2024



*Laudato Si' Week 2024 logo
with image by [Francesco Gallarotti](#).*

[Laudato Si' Week](#) is an invitation to pay attention to the expressions of faith, hope and love in our world and in our daily living. For more information and daily reflections visit <https://www.sosj.org.au/laudato-si-week-2024/#more-197012>

RECONCILIATION WEEK

This year's theme *Now More Than Ever* is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will—and must—continue. Please visit [National Reconciliation Week - Reconciliation Australia](#)

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP



PILGRIMAGE 15—26 OCTOBER 2024

An official Pilgrimage led and run by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. You are invited to explore sacred sites integral to Mary MacKillop's inspiring story. Through prayer and reflection, connect with the essence and spirituality of Mary MacKillop as she dedicated herself to addressing needs with compassion. Witness first-hand how her legacy continues to thrive both in Australia and beyond. Reserve your spot today and be part of a pilgrimage resonating with the spirit of compassion, courage, and faith. Don't miss the chance to enrich your life with the remarkable story of Mary MacKillop and contribute to her legacy.

For more detailed information:
Contact: Sr Annie Bond RSJ
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Email: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

Or visit our website:
www.marymackillopplace.org.au/retreatspirituality/australian-national-pilgrimage/

GONE TO GOD REST IN PEACE

Verona Russell
Dorothy Seghezzi
Doris Zoccoli
Maureen Lanigan
Pat Fraser
Gloria Maslin—Dardanup



Dear Companions, if you are aware of any companion/relative who has passed away, can you please email or ring the office:
wa.companions@sosj.org.au or [08] 9334 0999

WA JOSEPHITE COMPANION GATHERINGS

DARDANUP

July 3 (Please note change of date)
August 8 MMK Feast Day Mass
August 31 Annie's Day Webinar
October 2
December 4

ENQUIRIES:

Dot Savage: (08) 9791 4008
Helen Brown: 0478 783 990
Email: helenbrown.hb@gmail.com

ESPERANCE

Third Thursday of each month
Mass, Rosary and sharing.

ENQUIRIES:

Helen Johnston: (08) 9071 1256
Email: donaldjohnston@bigpond.com

METROPOLITAN

June 9 (Thank You to Louisa & Margaret)
September 8
December 8

ENQUIRIES:

Sr Frances Maguire: 0419 801 211



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