



MARY MACKILLOP PLACE NEWSLETTER • EASTER 2018

EASTER TRIDUUM

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord marks the end of our Lenten Journey. The Liturgy begins with the Blessing of Palms and the recounting of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to great acclaim. If the long version of Mark's account of the Passion is read, and we listen attentively, we will find ourselves being drawn into a "dress rehearsal" as it were, for the great Three Days we are about to celebrate: Holy Thursday, when we hold in balance, intimacy, betrayal and self-giving; Good Friday, when we are confronted with innocent, silent suffering and surrender; the Easter Vigil, a night of life, of light and of profound love.

As we move through this one great celebration we encounter several people, Jesus, the apostles both individually and collectively, soldiers, bystanders, Pilate, women and angels. All would have experienced emotions such as shock, control, fear, anger, powerlessness, incomprehension, sadness... For those close to Jesus the challenge would have been to continue to believe and to be faithfully present. It was the women who remained faithful, despite all.

Please see Page 4 for a reflective poem, Faithful Women, taken from "Glimpses of the Divine. The Art and Inspiration of Sieger Koder" by Gemma Simmonds.

And so we enter upon the Easter Season, our celebration of the mystery of God's unconditional, intimate love and fidelity. For "Christ has broken the prison-bars of death and risen victorious from the dead," and we exclaim "Alleluia!"

Join us at Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel for the celebration of the Three Days - Easter Triduum:

29th March, Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.30pm

30th March, Good Friday:

Morning Prayer - 9.30am

Celebration of the Passion - 3.00pm

31st March, Holy Saturday:

Morning Prayer - 9.30am; Easter Vigil - 7.30pm

1st April, Easter Sunday: Mass - 10.00am

2nd April, Easter Monday: Mass - 9.00am

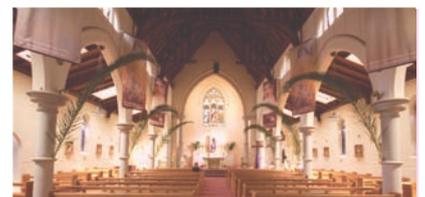
*Annie Bond rsj
Assistant Director -
responsible for Ministries*

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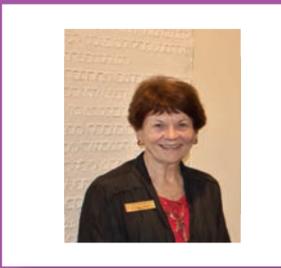


LEGACY OF
MARY MACKILLOP

A message from
**SISTER
COLLEEN**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



A message from SISTER COLLEEN

Remember we are but travellers here. MM 1867

The month of March ushered in the season of Autumn which portrays the art of surrender, letting go, transformation. All around us life and its circumstances are changing, adapting, inviting us to new possibilities, new ideas, new learnings.

Recently, here at Mary MacKillop Place, the Josephite Justice Network as part of their two day Conference, invited the Sydney Alliance to run a workshop *People Seeking Asylum Table Talk*. This was a process aimed at generating new conversations about asylum seekers, focused on respect, relationship, story and values. The Sydney Alliance has run many of these workshops in Dioceses, parishes and school communities. Part of the workshop includes the story of someone who has been through the journey of seeking asylum or the experience of being a refugee. As I listened to Thomas telling us his story of seeking asylum from his home country of Kenya, I was confronted by the extreme circumstances of change which he faced. His father had instilled in him the values of respect and justice and as he embarked on a journey to stand up for these values he was faced with opposition, resistance and was imprisoned. Supported by some friends and knowing his life was in danger, he escaped Kenya and then supported by the UNHCR applied for asylum here in Australia. While free at one level, he experienced the lack of freedom which comes from hunger, no money, nowhere to live, no family or support network, and uncertainty as to whether or not he would be granted asylum. Thomas displayed the resilience and courage needed in facing these changes in his life which eventually turned around for him through the support of individuals and relevant agencies and the granting of asylum.



Thomas' story highlights the changes, adjustments and challenges he faced as a result of the injustices that prevail in our society today. As I reflect on his story I ask myself is there anything in me that needs to change so that I can better understand the plight of refugees and asylum seekers? Are my opinions well informed by the facts related to issues such as these, or does the media provide the only details I know?

Here at Mary MacKillop Place we continue to respond to life's changes however they present themselves. Again we have signed up to Earth Hour on March 24th as it endeavours to bring to the world's attention to biodiversity loss as well as climate change.

We welcome Fr Mark McGuigan to our Ministries Team. Fr Mark, a priest of the Bathurst Diocese has been released by his Bishop for 2018 to minister at Mary MacKillop Place. He brings many years of pastoral and liturgical experience and we are very grateful for his presence among us.

During the year we will be making improvements to the 'green gate' entrance from Mount Street, providing ramp access to the site. As well, the public toilet block near Alma Cottage is to be upgraded and ramps are to replace steps. There will be some inconvenience during these works but the changes are due and will be for the benefit of all our pilgrims and guests.

When you change the way you look at things, what you look at changes - Max Planck.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter and many blessings throughout the Easter Season.

Colleen Keeble rsj,
Director.

Spirituality 2018

The Francis Effect -

A series of 4 Saturdays in 2018,
 being held at Mary MacKillop Place:
 28 April & 26 May - *Tenison Woods Room*
 22 September - *School House*
 27 October - *Tenison Woods Room*
 10 am - 12 noon.
 Entry by donation.

Feast Day, 8th August :

Masses 8am, 10 am, 1 pm.
 Pedestrian entry via 80 William Street,
 (wheelchair access via Museum Gates,
 7 Mount Street).
 Chapel open for private prayer & visits to
 Mary MacKillop's Tomb: 9 am - 4.30 pm
 Museum open (free admission
 on 8th August) 9 am - 4 pm

Enquiries: please see the Website:
www.marymackillopplace.org.au

National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph offer you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Commencing in Melbourne on 23 October we experience the early life of Mary and the MacKillop Family.

The Pilgrimage continues to Hamilton, Portland & Port McDonnell. We travel to Penola and connect with the stories of Mary MacKillop & Julian Tenison Woods, before continuing to Robe and the church built by Fr Woods.

We continue to Adelaide where Mary professed her vows as a Sister of St Joseph.

From here we fly to Sydney and stay at Mary MacKillop Place, where Mary lived and died. We visit her tomb in the Memorial Chapel for reflection. The Pilgrimage ends on 3 November.

Further information please contact:
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - APRIL - JULY 2018



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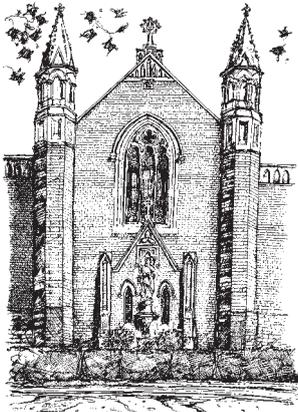
- 1** Easter Sunday Mass - Chapel 10 am
- 2** Easter Monday Mass - Chapel 9 am
- 8** 8th of Month Masses - Chapel 8 am, 10 am, 1 pm
- 10** Sacrament of Anointing - Chapel 11.30 am
- 4-15** NSW Seniors' Festival 4 - 15 April 2018
- 16-20** MP Museum School Holiday Programme - www.marymackillopplace.org.au/museum/education/programs
- 25** Anzac Day Mass - Chapel 9 am
- 28** The Francis Effect - 28 April - A series of 4 Saturdays in 2018 - 10 am - 12 noon.

MAY

- 8** 8th of Month Masses - Chapel 8 am, 10 am, 1 pm
- 20** Pentecost Sunday Mass - Chapel 10 am
- 21-27** National Volunteer Week 21 - 27 May
- 24** Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians Mass - Chapel 8 am
- 26** The Francis Effect - 26 May - A series of 4 Saturdays in 2018 - 10 am - 12 noon.
- 27/5 -3/6** National Reconciliation Week 27 May - 3 June

JUNE

- 3** Corpus Christi Mass - Chapel 10 am
- 8** Solemnity of the Sacred Heart; 8th of Month Masses - Chapel 8 am, 10 am, 1 pm
- 12** Sacrament of Anointing - Chapel 11.30 am
- 20** World Refugee Day Mass - Chapel 8 am, 1 pm
- 24** Solemnity of the Nativity St John the Baptist Mass - Chapel 10 am
- JULY**
- 8** 8th of Month Masses - Chapel 8 am, 10 am, 1 pm
- 8-15** NAIDOC week 8 - 15 July 2018
- 9-13** MMP Museum School Holiday Programme - www.marymackillopplace.org.au/museum/education/programs



Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel. Drawing by Ian Marr 2013, used with permission.

A LIFE OUT OF THE *Ordinary*

*Recollections of Sr M Marcellus McLeod
20/11/1925, Kiama NSW.*

"At my first meeting with our Holy Foundress, Mother Mary of the Cross in Auckland over thirty years ago I was much impressed by her noble, high minded character. Her piety and sweetness of manner gave her a wonderful influence over others. She seemed to have tact enough to manage everything.

Her kindness to poor children also impressed me on that occasion, when she invited all the little orphan children from Ponsonby to take part in the picnic arranged for the children of our school. She took particular care too, to have the little orphans well catered for – that was October 2nd and I remember hearing Mother say that 'The feast of the Holy Angels should be the children's picnic day in all our schools.'

She taught us many a lesson on doing everything well and insisted on the smallest things being well done. She had a mother's heart for all the Sisters.

It was often my privilege to accompany her when she had to visit persons on business matters and I could not but admire her winning, tactful ways.

We saw a lot of her while we were novices. Sometimes she told us about the very early days of the Order and its members She tried to impress upon us the necessity of making ourselves perfect in order to be of greater help in the bush schools where help was so much needed

Now, when in doubt what to do in our little community troubles, I ask Mother to direct me and she does too, for all comes right again after I have done what I think she would do in the same case."

Extract from 'Memories of Mother Mary by those who knew her. Sisters of St Joseph 1925 -1926' [Page 25]. © 2010 Trustees of the Sisters of St Joseph. All rights reserved.

"Faithful Women"

taken from "Glimpses of the Divine. The Art and Inspiration of Sieger Koder" by Gemma Simmonds, © 2010, Pauline Books & Media:

The disciples who faced the unbearable, 'the weaker sex' proving strong when it came to the test.

'Stay with me' – watching and waiting to the end. Hearts broken, hopes dashed, faith trampled by unbelief, cowardice, cruelty.

The kingdom traded for political expediency. Yet faith gives courage, love remains determined.

Even now there is something to be done. Dawn breaks through the darkness, Love conquers fear.

A beloved body waits to be anointed, As once before women's hands have anointed, Women's tears have washed.

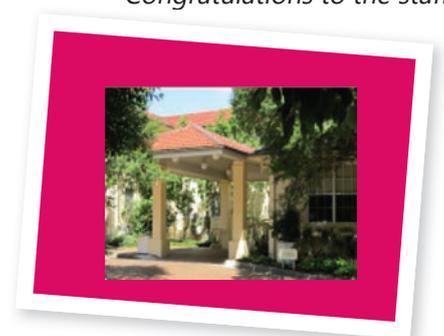
Tears of a mother, sister, penitent sinner. What waits in the darkness is not dead memory, but hope made flesh, Love brought to life, joy made visible.

'Why look for the living among the dead? Touch me and see. See and believe. Do not cling to what is past, But go and tell..... morning has broken.'.....

Stories from THE GUEST BOOK

"A good selection for a continental breakfast. Very clean and spacious. Obliging staff. Somehow it doesn't feel like a commercial transaction. There's such a peaceful atmosphere; we felt like staying on for longer."

"This property exceeded our expectations. The gardens and grounds around the accommodation are perfect to relax. We booked the on site restaurant for 2 evenings and again exceeded our expectations. The prices are so reasonable and the quality of the food was fabulous. Our stay was for 3 nights and we will definitely be back. Congratulations to the staff"



*“ Simple
surroundings, peaceful
and spiritual. ”*

Stories from THE CURATOR'S OFFICE

JULIAN TENISON WOODS: GEOLOGY AND RELIGION

"Every rock, every leaf, every insect has something beautiful, nay wonderful to tell.....a perfect fairyland of beauty will open to the gaze at every step. The flowers will unveil the hidden secrets of their beauty; the stones reveal their crystalline structure, and the tiniest insect display wonders of mechanism..... All new, all varied, all instructive, and all tending to raise the mind to higher and nobler conceptions of what creation does to declare the glory of its author."

JTW, "Notes made in North Australia", Sydney Mail, 17 July 1880.

How much do we know of the co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph, Julian Tenison Woods? A new emphasis on Museum content is bringing to light this 19th century figure of prominence; a man of many dimensions who delved into the wonders of the natural world balancing his faith in the Universal Creator with the rise of evolutionary thought.

The Museum has been engaged in unearthing the depth of his inquiring mind in the study of the natural sciences. Collection items on loan from

the Trustees of the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration have provided a window into his personal interests, academic pursuits and professional collaborations with other men of science.

Julian Tenison Woods was a man who conversed with clergy as well as engaging in the study of geology within the changing social and professional geological environment of Australia. As Australia moved from being a set of independent colonies to a federation, the study of natural resources provided by Woods to the Queensland Government foreshadowed the development of coal and mining in Queensland.

A paper printed in 1883 concludes with a summary of the findings of coalfields by Julian Tenison Woods:

"In conclusion, it may be said that as Queensland is only partially explored – and, geologically, scarcely explored beneath surface except in the gold and tin mines - its mineral riches are yet but little known. Notwithstanding this the fact that the coal formations cover so vast an extent of the territory, and so many valuable coalfields having been discovered, makes me confident in predicting that its resources in coal are enormous."

Rev JE Tenison-Woods, "The Coal Resources of Queensland", 1883.

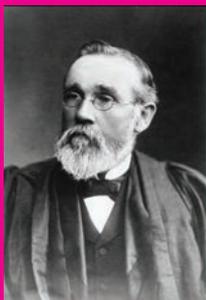
*Edwina Huntley
Curator
Mary MacKillop Place Museum*

THE MEN OF SCIENCE OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

Four 'clerical geologists', Johannes Menge [1788-1852], the Rev W Branwhite Clarke [1839-1878], the Rev JE Tenison Woods [1832-1889] and Prof Walter Howchin [1845-1937], made significant contributions to the geological sciences. Prof Howchin, a Methodist minister, was a contemporary and colleague of Julian Tenison Woods. Both were recipients of the Clarke Medal, named in honour of Reverend William Branwhite Clarke, an Anglican clergyman and revered geologist. The Clarke Medal is awarded each year for distinguished research in the natural sciences conducted in the Australian Commonwealth and its territories.

Clergy from varying Christian denominations engaged in the study of geology, saw no contradiction between a belief in a divine being and the pursuit of geology. Fruitful dialogue and debate sharpened their mental and ideological endeavors. The establishment of professional societies for the study of the natural sciences in the Colony provided a forum for academic peer debate in the reconciliation of scientific discovery and religion.

Walter Howchin was President of the Royal Society of South Australia from 1895-1896 and Julian Tenison Woods was President of the Linnean Society of NSW 1879-1881, both contributing geological and paleontological specimens now held in State collections in South Australia and Queensland.



Prof Walter Howchin, 1908, Hammer & Co Photographers
www.catalog.slsa.sa.gov.au:80/record=b2048276~S1



The Rev WB Clarke. Engraving, 1878. Macleod, W, the late Rev WB Clarke, M.A., F.R.S., F.G.S. Sydney Mail, viewed 28/2/2018
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-136018053>



Julian Tenison Woods, 1860. SOSJ Congregational Archives. Item 003/045.

Stories from THE CURATOR'S OFFICE

OBJECT SPOTLIGHT

A rare edition of a printed paper by the Rev JE Tenison-Woods, "The Coal Resources of Queensland" is on loan to the Museum from the Trustees of the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration.

This paper was presented to the Linnean Society of NSW by JE Tenison-Woods in 1883. The paper was written in a journalistic format with the aim to promote Queensland as a Colony with mineral prospects. The paper indicated that a wealth of coal deposits demanded the opening of mines and the building of railways. This prediction was to be confirmed as true. The construction of the railways which would facilitate development and immigration to the interior of the Colony was to be powered by coal.

The Sydney Morning Herald dated 31 August 1883 carried an article by the Linnean Society of NSW giving an abstract of the proceedings of the August 29 meeting. This included details of the paper entitled "The Coal Resources of Queensland".

Julian Tenison Woods states in the foreword to the paper the extent of the mineral wealth of the territory of Queensland.

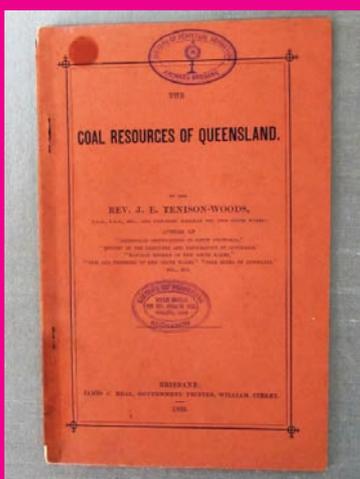
"There is probably no part of the world where the coal deposits are developed so extensively and uninterruptedly as on the eastern side of the continent of Australia."

JE Tenison-Woods, 1883

Plan a visit to the Museum and take the opportunity to familiarise yourself with this man of science.

Open daily 10am to 4pm.

SHOWCASING THE COLLECTION



*"The Coal Resources of Queensland",
Printed edition 1883,
Trustees of
the Sisters of Perpetual
Adoration,
Brisbane, Queensland.
Photo: Edwina Huntley 2018.*



*Mary MacKillop Place Museum -
The Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods Gallery.
Photo: Edwina Huntley 2018.*

Stories from THE FIELD

Sr Maria Hennekam is a Sister of St Joseph from South Australia. In March 2014, Maria came to Mary MacKillop Place to work in Pastoral Care. This article highlights Sr Maria's contribution before she returns to South Australia in April, to minister at Hamley Bridge in the Lower Light Parish dedicated to Mary MacKillop.

Maria has enjoyed being at the heart of the Congregation and having the opportunity to join in the many Congregational celebrations held at Mary MacKillop Place. In her Pastoral Care ministry, Maria has found listening to the stories of those who came seeking Mary MacKillop's intercession to be very humbling. People freely share their stories, their struggles, the troubles facing them and in some cases it seems, sharing the miracles Mary MacKillop has worked.

Those who visit the Chapel come from all walks of life and often comment on what a lovely and peaceful place this is. Maria tells the story of a grandmother who told her about her six-year old grandson, who had died. Doctors had told the parents that the child's death would be very distressing, but they still wanted to keep him at home. One night, his mother while sitting with him asked him if he could see anything; his reply was "I have just sent the boss away (God). I only want Mary MacKillop." Not long after he had a beautiful, peaceful death. His father who hadn't believed in life after death, then changed his attitude.

Pastoral Care at Mary MacKillop Place also involves many administrative duties. When she was not on duty in the Chapel, Maria attended to many tasks in the Pastoral Care Office, such as typing up names of those who had requested prayers; recording Novena requests; ensuring that an adequate supply of relics was in readiness. However, the most demanding task by far was preparing the Monthly Roster that ensured "someone" was always on duty. Maria has also contributed beyond her allocated role – assisting with the liturgies in the Chapel on weekdays and Sundays, lending a helping hand in the Café [she is now a barista!] and relieving at the Museum Reception. Her creative flair and love of gardening also added to the overall environment of Mary MacKillop Place. No doubt the gardeners will miss her green thumb and occasional suggestions.

Maria asked if she could "stay at her post" until after Easter 2018 as she dearly wished to take part in the Easter Ceremonies at Mary MacKillop Place. These ceremonies are a precious spiritual and uplifting experience – a fitting closure to Maria's generous and boundless contribution to Pastoral Care at Mary MacKillop Place over four years. As she leaves to take up a new ministry in her home state of South Australia we are conscious of the gift Maria has been to both staff and visitors at Mary MacKillop Place and we wish her every blessing.



MMP ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS WILD TIMOR COFFEE CO

We have changed our coffee in the Mary MacKillop Place Café !

In 2012, four Australian Peacekeepers were deployed to East Timor as a part of a long-standing friendship between Australia and East Timor that spans back to World War II.

After 30 years of neglect, coffee originally planted by the Portuguese hundreds of years ago was stumbled upon by Australian Peacekeepers in remote villagers. The now 'wild' coffee that resides in the mountain regions of Maubisse and Aileu is thriving and is starting to be tended by the same farmers who once fled their crops.



The result is an extraordinarily unique, rich and organically grown, Arabica coffee bean.

The same four soldiers have now formed "Wild Timor Coffee Co" supporting local business and working directly with independent farmers of organically grown, pesticide free 'Wild Timor Coffee' beans. Direct from the farm to you, from the lush hills of Timor-Leste.



Join us in helping sustain and support local villages in Timor-Leste.

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The Legacy of Mary MacKillop Place - a place of Pilgrimage

Would you like to continue Mary MacKillop's legacy and ensure that her legacy and that of the Sisters of St Joseph continues into the future?

Your gift is welcome now, or you might consider regular monthly gifts, or a bequest in your will.

If you are interested in supporting Mary MacKillop Place, please contact trish.downey@mmp.org.au for more information.



SPOTLIGHT ON THE MUSEUM

Museum Educator

Hello I'm Anne-Marie Gallagher and I'm a Sister of St Joseph from the New South Wales Region.

For the last ten years I have been teaching Religious Education in secondary schools south-west of Sydney.

I am delighted to be in the role as Education Officer at Mary MacKillop Place and feel very much at home amidst the spiritual heartland of Josephite hospitality.

One aspect of my role is to support schools with their educational needs prior to, during and post the visit to the Museum. During the last couple of months I have enjoyed connecting not only with various schools but also with the Volunteer guides in their work with school groups. I'm also looking forward to working with schools who have booked their staff spirituality days at MMP. The next project on the horizon is the school holiday programme offered in the April school holidays.

I look forward to continuing to be a part of the network amongst the MMP Museum staff, visiting schools and the Volunteer guides as we each contribute to making the experience of Mary MacKillop Place an experience that is truly 'Out of the Ordinary'.

If I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me on Ph: 02 8912 4883 or educator@mmp.org.au.

**Mary MacKillop Place Museum,
7 Mount Street, North Sydney.**

SPOTLIGHT ON THE GIFT SHOP



Mantay Leather Keyring

Why not purchase a beautiful product of high quality while helping others? These leather keyrings give you the opportunity to help young mothers in Peru rebuild their lives and improve the future

for their little children. They come in various colours and are priced at \$19.95 each.

St Mary MacKillop Rose Bush

The light pink colour of the St Mary MacKillop rose bush is lovely and the plant is only available for purchase from June to August of each year. Limited stock available and if you don't want to miss out, call us in May to pre-order yours.



For all merchandise, please visit the MMP Gift Shop. Order by email museum.shop@mmp.org.au or telephone 02 8912 4894.

SPOTLIGHT ON ANDERLEDY LODGE



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