



MARY MACKILLOP PLACE NEWSLETTER • EASTER 2019

EASTER TRIDUUM

Many Catholic dioceses prepare a programme of prayer and reflection to assist us as we journey through Lent, a liturgical season that calls us to conversion of heart through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Lenten Programme produced by the Wollongong Diocese this year is entitled TRUST.

The Hebrew Scriptures for this Lent have invited us to us journey with Abraham, Moses, Joshua and Isaiah. Through the Gospels we journeyed with Jesus in his temptations and transfiguration and as a patient gardener. We also journeyed with a merciful father, and a condemned woman. Each of these people was called to journey beyond the familiar into the unknown. Each was called to let go and trust in God - a God who is intimate, lavish and faithful.

We too in our journey of life are called to continually break fresh ground with our God who calls us into Life. With the Psalmist we pray, "as for me, I trust in your faithful love, O God. Let my heart delight in your saving help!" Psalm 13:5

Mary MacKillop says to us, "In God alone I trust." (1 January 1872) and encourages us to, "not let your troubles disturb your trust in God." (19 February 1885)

Our journey through Lent leads us into the Easter Season. We remember and celebrate the trust that Jesus placed in God; his "yes" and "surrender" to a faithful God whose love is intimate and unconditional and who desires fullness of life for all. "Christ has broken the prison bars of death and risen victorious from the dead" and we exclaim "Alleluia!"

"We invite you to join with us here at Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel as we celebrate this great festival:

18th April, Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.30pm

19th April, Good Friday:

Morning Prayer - 9.30am

Celebration of the Passion - 3.00pm

20th April, Holy Saturday:

Morning Prayer - 9.30am; Easter Vigil - 7.30pm

21st April, Easter Sunday: Mass - 10.00am

22nd April, Easter Monday: Mass - 9.00am

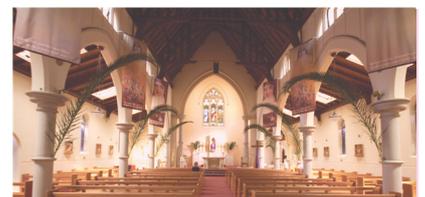
Annie Bond rsj, Assistant Director - Ministries

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LEGACY OF
MARY MACKILLOP

A message from
**SISTER
COLLEEN**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



A message from SISTER COLLEEN

On January 25th 2019, after many months of consultation and planning, the Board of Mary MacKillop Place launched its Strategic Directions plan towards 2023.

In 2017, seven years on from the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop, the Board took up the responsibility to set the strategic direction for the next phase of the ministry carried out on this site. During those years since the Canonisation it was obvious that MMP had become a significant place of pilgrimage within the Australian Church and society, an oasis for all to share.



The Board hoped to achieve a direction that truly came from listening to a wide group of people who use MMP now and who might consider using MMP in the future. Xenia Pneuma Consultancy was engaged to facilitate the strategic direction process. Many individuals and groups in relation to MMP's uniqueness, character and opportunity for the future were surveyed. Seven hundred and ninety responses were received from representatives of Church and State, as well as those closely involved with MMP and the wider community, from Sisters, and from people not connected with church in any way. All contributed to the data gathering process which provided the ideas, insights and feedback enabling the

development of these Strategic Directions.

Our Vision

Mary MacKillop Place: A Sacred Place of welcome, encounter & journey

Our Strategic Intent

Mission – Mary MacKillop Place participates in the Mission of God, tells the story of Mary and her Sisters and calls all to a radical Gospel living

Welcome – Mary MacKillop Place offers a gathering place for all to experience healing and hospitality in a peaceful oasis. Mary MacKillop Place fosters relationships built on respect, love and mutuality

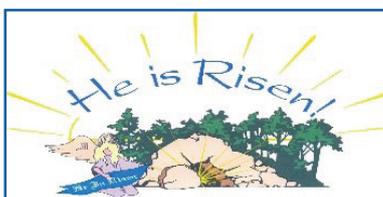
Heart-Centred Church – Mary MacKillop Place nurtures an expansive church, celebrating and connecting the heart of the Gospel to the lives of the People of God

Pilgrimage – Mary MacKillop Place affirms and reimagines the Pilgrim experience

Sustainability – Mary MacKillop Place ensures sustainability, good governance and positive relationships through ethical and prudent stewardship of resources



The Strategic Plan is an exciting and demanding challenge for the Board, Management, Staff and Volunteers of MMP in our commitment to this unique work of the Sisters of St Joseph within the Australian Church, the wider community and beyond. Please keep us in your prayers as we begin to implement this vision.



As we celebrate Easter Sunday and the Easter Season, may it be a time of many blessings for you and your families.

Colleen Keeble rsj,
Director.

Happenings 2019

School Holiday Programme

15th - 17th April, 10 am - 1 pm

School holidays are just around the corner! Join us for the Museum's School Holiday Programme, "CREATION - Care and Respect", when we will be making connections between the qualities of Mary and Julian and the lives of those who join the Holiday Programme, with the focus being on 'care and respect' for one another and for all creation.

Suitable for children aged 5 -12 years, there will be lots of activities including art and craft.

Venue: Museum & Temporary Exhibition Room, with supervision.

Bookings: educator@mmp.org.au

Feast Day, 8th August

Masses 8am, 10 am, 1 pm.

Pedestrian entry via 80 William Street,
(wheelchair access via Museum Gates, 7 Mount St)

Chapel open for private prayer & visits to

Mary MacKillop's Tomb: 9 am - 4.30 pm

Museum open (free admission 8th August)

9 am - 4 pm

National Pilgrimage - 25th Anniversary

The Sisters of Saint Joseph offer you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop, on this the 25th anniversary pilgrimage.

Commencing in Melbourne on 22 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 Saint 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 2 November.

Further information please contact:

Pilgrimage Co-Ordinator 02 8912 4818

national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MAY - AUGUST 2019



MAY

8 8th of Month Masses - Chapel
8 am, 10 am, 1 pm

20-26 National Volunteer Week
20 - 26 May 2019

24 Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians
Mass - Chapel 8 am

27-3 National Reconciliation Week
27 May - 3 June 2019

JUNE

8 8th of Month Masses - Chapel
8 am, 10 am, 1 pm

9 Pentecost Sunday Mass - Chapel
10 am

JUNE (cont'd)

11 Sacrament of Anointing - Chapel 11.30 am

20 World Refugee Day 2019 - Mass - Chapel
8 am

23 Corpus Christi Mass - Chapel 10 am

24 Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist - Mass - Chapel 8 am

28 Solemnity of the Sacred Heart - Mass - Chapel 8 am

JULY

8 8th of Month Masses - Chapel
8 am, 10 am, 1 pm

JULY (cont'd)

7-14 NAIDOC week 7 - 14 July 2019

15 MMP Museum School Holiday Programme -
www.marymackillopplace.org.au/museum/education/programs

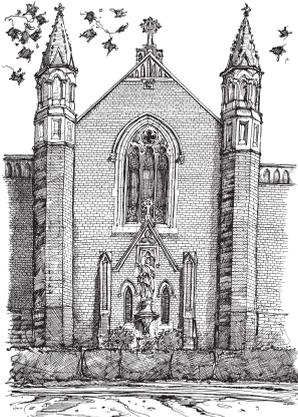
AUGUST

8 St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day:
Masses 8 am, 10 am & 1 pm.

9 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 2019

13 Sacrament of Anointing - Chapel 11.30 am

15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass - Chapel 8 am



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

A LIFE OUT OF THE *Ordinary*

Recollections of Sr M Ethelburga Job, 24/11/1925, St Joseph's Convent, Mount Street, North Sydney.

"JMJ. I remember Mother Mary's first letter to me written from Mount Street, North Sydney in the year 1885. I was very much consoled by the holy advice she gave me. As I was intending to enter the Sisters of Saint Joseph, she desired me to ask the good God to make me in all things what a child of the Institute should be.

Later on when I came to the Novitiate I found Mother Mary to be what I had concluded from her correspondence – a living Saint. She was up at 5am, made the morning's meditation with us, commenting and explaining the subject so beautifully that I should never tire of listening to her. On some occasions I have heard her say, 'Oh Jesus my Divine Model, now my Spouse, and one day to be my most just judge, may I nevermore wilfully offend thee or disappoint thy most Sacred Heart in thought, word or deed.'

She was a model of regular observance to us all. She so arranged her business that it never interfered with her spiritual duties. She would say 'I must, and I will be faithful to my Divine Spouse.' She would also insist on the rules for Common Guidance being carried out as far as possible particularly 'the Office of Guardian Angel' so that no unbecoming conversation be permitted at recreation

Mother was full of zeal for souls. She would never shrink from any cross or trial and her example was a stimulus to her children. I remember her on one occasion visiting one of our convents where I happened to be a member of the community. The house was in a dilapidated condition and our food was poor and insufficient. In wet weather the rain poured into every room – the oratory where we had the privilege of having the Blessed Sacrament was the best room, and even there the roof leaked sometimes. When Mother Mary came and saw how we were placed she sat down and cried – but they

were tears of joy not sorrow – 'Sisters', she said, 'here I find you all well and very happy – good and generous – bearing your privations with a spirit of contentment and peace though I know you are often cold and hungry.'

Mother was very forgiving. Witnessing an instance of this I said to her, 'How is it you are so ready to forgive those whom you know have given you so much pain and trouble.' She answered 'My child, as I wish to be forgiven so I forgive. And I ask Our Lord to help me to forget as well as to forgive. I have determined to die rather than ever willingly to offend God in any known matter, as with the help of His grace I freely forgive everyone. I want to be as perfect as my weakness and misery will allow'

Extract from "Memories of Mother Mary by those who knew her. Sisters of Saint Joseph 1925 -1926" [Pages 63 and 64]. © 2010 Trustees of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. All rights reserved.

Stories from THE GUEST BOOK



"Hidden Gem!
What an amazing Stay!"

"We visited Saint Mary MacKillop Chapel. A beautiful Chapel; calm and peaceful."

"Enlightening! We had no idea this was even here. Out strolling in the morning and came across it in a quiet street - very beautiful and moving.

Would definitely recommend it to travellers who like to go for a walk in the morning and there was a lovely volunteer at the front of the church who gave us much information."



“ Simple surroundings, peaceful and spiritual. ”

Stories from

THE CURATOR'S OFFICE



Hector Jandany,
Sign of the Cross,
ochres on board.

SHARING THE WEALTH OF OUR MUSEUM COLLECTION

The Museum has been busy with the digitalisation of the collection. This project involves several tasks that will ensure accurate information filing, and that associated reports and images are digitally uploaded for each object in the collection. As the collection currently holds over 10,000 items the project will continue to be a priority for quite some time.

This year the Museum will launch eHive Collection Online Access Stage 1. This project will see a select number of objects in the collection made accessible for the first time via the Museum's collection system eHive. This will be a significant achievement for the Museum in sharing research information with the public. We look forward to sharing the uniqueness of the collection and receiving feedback from the community.

INDIGENOUS ARTWORKS: PRESERVING SISTERS' AND ELDERS' STORIES - ARTWORK IN FOCUS

The Museum has acquired over the years stories and collections from those Sisters who ministered to Indigenous communities in Western Australia. Through careful stewardship the Museum will provide future virtual visitors, via the on-line collection facility, access to this rich body of work.

In 1979 the Sisters of Saint Joseph were invited by the Warmun community, Western Australia, to live among them and begin a Catholic school. The Sisters introduced art materials into the community and fostered a market for the sale of artworks in Melbourne. Sr Clare Ahern, first principal of the Warmun School, recalled that "without realising it we were helping to establish the Warmun School of Art and an embryonic Warmun Art Centre".

Two elders of this community, Hector Jandany and Queenie McKenzie who are well represented in the Museum's collection, were the founding members of the contemporary painting movement in Warmun. They recognised and responded to the need for a community owned and controlled art centre through which they could support, maintain and promote Gija art, language and culture. Their legacy lives on in the successful management of the Warmun Art Centre, which is owned and governed by Gija people with 100% of income returning to the community.

Hector's work is known for its restrained use of colour and sombre tones. He paints the country of his mother, Ngarrgooroon, the traditional land just north of Punululu. When Warmun Community was established, Hector returned to his birthplace at Warmun (Turkey Creek) and became the chairman of the Warmun School. Hector and many others, including his best friend Left Hand George and George Mung Mung, produced many paintings and drawings to be used in the teaching of the Ngarrangkarni (Dreaming) at the school. They had a strong input into the school, ensuring that Gija language and Culture was integral to the school curriculum. Hector remained Chairperson of the school for many years. His leadership, charisma and strength have been an inspiration to many.

Edwina Huntley, Curator, Mary MacKillop Place Museum.

TEMPORARY EXHIBITION - THE WATER SERIES

In 2019 the Museum will open a new exhibition in support of World Environment Day initiatives by the environmental artist Rachel Carroll.

Journey through Australia's largest river system exploring paintings and mixed media drawings from site visits from sections of the Murray Darling River System. This exhibition will capture the diversity of bird life and the surrounding habitat, where so many species depend on the health of the river system for survival. The site studies that have been undertaken by Rachel will direct our attention to the ecological decline of these life-giving waters and the necessity to protect native species and animals from further extinction.

We hope that this exhibition will urge Australians to pause and rethink critically important issues affecting the ecological, cultural and economic sustainability of our nation.

Visit the MMP Website What's On section for exhibition opening details information and related events.

Stories from THE CURATOR'S OFFICE

TREASURING INDIGENOUS CULTURAL MATERIAL

A CROSS CULTURAL MISSION IN AUSTRALIA IN THE LATE 1800s REVEALS A RARE FIND

It is fitting that the Mary MacKillop Place Museum completes a new exhibit that coincides with the 2019 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, by acknowledging the urgent need to preserve, revitalise and promote Indigenous language around the World.

According to UNESCO, there are some 6,000 – 7,000 languages in the world today. About 97% of the world's population speaks only 4% of these languages, while only 3% of the world speak 96% of all remaining languages. An informative new Website launched by UNESCO this year and supported by partner organisations provides an awareness of those Indigenous languages, cultures and knowledge systems at risk of disappearing. As part of the Museum's role, the custodianship of culturally sensitive material and ethical care of Indigenous artefacts has provided a curatorial focus for this new exhibit.

On exhibition is this rare printed edition of the Hymns and Prayers in Latin and Malak Malak language [also spelled Mullukmulluk, Malagmalag, Malak-Malak] produced by St Joseph's Mission, Rapid Creek, Northern Territory 1890. This edition was originally in the Archives of the Australian Province of the Society of Jesus, Victoria, and then gifted to the Museum in 2016.



Exhibition photo:
Edwina Huntley 2019

The edition highlights the cross-cultural objectives of the Jesuits as the first priests and brothers to live in the Daly River area among the Aboriginal people. It was Mary MacKillop's brother Fr Donald MacKillop who translated this rare edition of Catholic Hymns and Prayers into the Malak Malak language at Rapid Creek, while stationed at the Daly River Mission.

The Jesuit Fathers had been studying local Aboriginal languages since 1853. Local Larrakia language books and hymns were printed in May 1866. A printing press was brought to Australia by Fr Anton Steele in 1885 enabling the first production of schoolbooks in the local language.

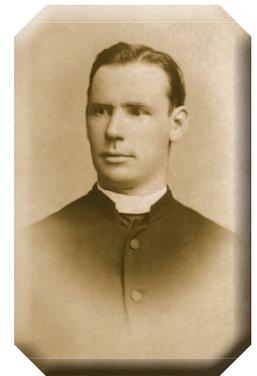
The new exhibition focuses on Father Donald MacKillop and the Jesuit mission in the Daly River, Northern Territory. The Jesuits were passionate in

elevating the importance of Indigenous culture and showing a unique respect for Indigenous language; making great strides in capturing the language in print and learning to communicate with the community in their language. It is important to note that a respect towards Indigenous language was not a custom practiced in mission work in colonised countries in the 1800s.

In researching the surviving correspondence between Mary MacKillop and Fr Donald MacKillop I was struck by Donald's depth of compassion for this community, to which he became so connected.

The Jesuits defended and protected the innate spirit of the Aboriginal people, which is so prevalent in his writings and that of Father Duncan McNab – a pioneer in mission work and a relation of Mary MacKillop.

The historical documentation of the work of the Jesuits has provided that tangible link to this aspect of Australian early colonial history and has revitalised the contemporary issues surrounding the ethical care of cultural material, as Indigenous languages are under threat of extinction.



Donald MacKillop SJ:
Sisters of
Saint Joseph
Congregational
Archives.

For more information about the Museum, see the Mary MacKillop Place Website, <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/about-us/whats-on/>

Stories from THE FIELD

PASTORAL CARE: MARY MACKILLOP PLACE



Pastoral Care at Mary MacKillop Place is a very important ministry.

Although all staff and volunteers at Mary MacKillop Place are to be welcoming and hospitable, Pastoral Care has a number of other dimensions as well.

Our presence at the back of the Chapel is perhaps the one best known. There are 24 volunteers rostered across the seven days of each week. Here a volunteer is ready to listen to anyone who presents themselves. We do not counsel or give advice but listen attentively to what the Pilgrim wants to share. We offer to pray for them and if needed fill out a Novena form or give a relic and prayer cards. We are often amazed at the stories of healing and consolation we hear as a result of the intercession

of St Mary MacKillop. On average we have about 130 people visiting the Chapel daily. The numbers increase on major Feast Days.

Our Pastoral Care also occurs in our Hospitality Room where volunteers gather each day. On average we have about 130 people visiting the Chapel daily. The numbers increase on major Feast Days.

Follow up work from the Pastoral Carers in the Chapel goes to the Pastoral Care Office where:

(i) The Novenas are recorded on a database. One aspect of Pastoral Care which has been greatly appreciated during the past years has been the 'follow up' calls, letters and emails to people who have requested Novenas. This has provided ongoing support and allowed the receiver to share the news of the recovery or story of the journey of the recipient.

(ii) Prayer lists are typed up and placed beside Mary's tomb. These names remain there for one (1) year.

(iii) Many requests for prayers, novenas or again a listening ear occur through answering the 'phone.

(iv) We receive email requests as well as answering letters and acknowledging donations.

(iv) Supplies to the Chapel, such as prayer cards, novena forms, etc. are monitored by those in the Office.

All those involved in this Ministry have a great love for what they do and we are very grateful for their generosity.

Sister Marie McAlister.



MMP ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Another Step on the Road to Change

Head Chef Adam Scerri and the team at Mary MacKillop Place have removed all plastic takeaway containers from our in-room dining.

Mary MacKillop Place is continuing to reduce our use of plastics, especially single use plastics.

Australia and the world are changing by working to reduce waste. Take a look at the Website *Trashless Takeaway*. Over 140 businesses in Sydney welcome BYO containers for takeaway or to take leftovers home when dining in. Why not take your own container for leftovers when dining out as the first step to change our unsustainable habits?

<https://trashlesstakeaway.com.au/>



*Ross Handsaker,
Environmental & Technical Mgr.*

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

As the newly appointed "Museum Educator" I am thrilled to be part of a team of committed Staff and wonderful Volunteers at Mary MacKillop Place. I come from an education background with over 20 years' experience in the primary school sector. My Catholic faith has been nurtured within the Maronite religion, as I am an Australian born Lebanese woman.

I have a deep admiration and respect for Mary MacKillop as a woman of courage, faith and compassion. My hope is that I can provide opportunities to present Mary as a model for all students and teachers in primary and secondary schools. Together, we can build on Mary MacKillop's words of wisdom, "We must teach more by example than by words".

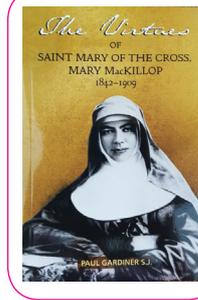
As an educator, it is essential to understand the connections between Mary's story and the Curriculum. At the beginning of Term 1, MacKillop Catholic College Warnervale Year 7 students provided me with an opportunity to make the connections of Mary's life and teaching with their Religious Education topic in the syllabus, 'Belonging to a Catholic Community'. The day was very successful and one student was overheard saying "What a nice, calm place this is. I love it here!"



Another initiative for this year is the development of a Mary MacKillop Place Newsletter for primary schools. This Newsletter aims to keep students and teachers from Year 3-6 in touch with what's happening at Mary MacKillop Place and the Museum. It will also provide information and resources to help students and teachers understand the qualities of Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods that we are all called to live by. The Newsletter will be distributed once per school term, in the form of both a soft and hard copy. It will also be accessible on the Mary MacKillop Place Website.

*Wishing you a safe, happy and blessed Easter,
Veronica Rizk, Museum Educator, Tel 61 2 89124883.*

SPOTLIGHT ON THE GIFT SHOP



The Virtues of Saint Mary of the Cross, Mary MacKillop 1842 - 1909

Written by Fr Paul Gardiner, Postulator for the cause of Mother Mary's canonisation, this book presents her Christian virtues. It's not a biography, but rather a character portrait, tracing the

outline of the virtues exemplified all through her life. The present text, printed privately in 1989, is now published for the first time. Priced at only \$16.95.

St Mary MacKillop Rose Bush

The St Mary MacKillop rose bush is a seasonal product available only from June to August of each year, or while stocks last. Numbers are limited so if you would like to guarantee yours, please call us in May to pre-order your rose, priced at \$24.95 plus delivery. Delivery service is available to NT, NSW, Qld & VIC.



For all merchandise, please visit the MMP Gift Shop, email museum.shop@mmp.org.au or call 02 89124894.

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