



# MARY MACKILLOP PLACE NEWSLETTER • 2021

## Christmas Edition

*In this month of December, we find ourselves beginning the journey of a new liturgical year and ending the journey of our calendar year. Each of these journeys coalesce around the Christmas event,*

*that moment when God dared to become human. God dared to become one of us, our sibling. As one of us God chose to be finite, free and limited as we are, to grow in understanding and knowledge of the mystery of his being, listening and responding to the urgings of the Holy Spirit.*

*In some ways this is almost incomprehensible that God, who loved us into existence, who is beyond our understanding, would choose to be just like you and me.*

*At this time of year, we re-member this most wondrous event. As we remember we celebrate and give thanks. Mary MacKillop reminds us, "Gratitude is the memory of the heart." (1907)*



*The Jesuit, Karl Rahner, in "The Mystical Way in Everyday Life" urges us then to not simply let this Christmas event happen, but to take time to prepare, to use this waiting time of Advent wisely. Within the hustle and bustle that surrounds us he says, "to take the time to be still, to prepare our hearts, hearts that are Christmas-like hearts, tender, patient, quietly gentle hearts that will show love to all we encounter."*

*May this Christmas Season be a time for you to re-member, celebrate and be grateful, for as Mary MacKillop said in 1873, "We have much for which to be grateful."*

*All of us at Mary MacKillop Place wish you Christmas-like hearts and every blessing for this Christmas Season and a healthy, happy 2022.*

*Annie Bond rsj,  
Assistant Director –  
Ministries*



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# A message from SISTER COLLEEN



On 11 November 2021, the new Anderledy Lodge at Mary MacKillop Place was officially opened. As you may remember, this project began in December 2016, the DA was finally approved in May 2019 and the building contract was signed in February 2020. Not long after that COVID-19 made its presence felt and had an impact on the progress of the building, especially during this year. The completion on 4 November 2021 marked another milestone in the history of the site.

This new Lodge and the renewed Glen Roy Green provide a space inviting our pilgrims and guests to rest a while and enjoy the oasis of peace and serenity in the midst of the North Sydney business district. The NSW Governor, the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, opened the building and in her address referred to the sacredness of the site which will continue to offer the same hospitality that Mary MacKillop received from Fr Anton Anderledy when she was in Rome in 1873. Sr Monica in her address reinforced the fact that it was Fr Anderledy who 'gave her confidence and understanding to exercise her own authority and leadership on returning to Australia after her time in Rome.'

May this Lodge, named after Fr Anderledy, provide his same kindness and goodness to all those who stay.

The new Glen Roy Green now in the centre of the site will provide different options for outdoor Masses and other activities. This green was named Glen Roy Green when the Sisters of Saint Joseph went to be a presence in Scotland on 5th May 2005. Until 2019 Sisters lived in Fort William, the birthplace of Flora, Mary's mother.

Mary MacKillop Place continues to be an oasis of peace and serenity in the midst of a bustling business district. It is a gathering space where we can play our part in caring for "our common home", respectful of the native flora and fauna and the environment for which we are responsible. There is much of the Scottish heritage of the MacKillop/MacDonald Clans with which Mary MacKillop Place identifies and aligns itself as we enjoy Glen Roy Green.



Accommodation bookings can be made on the MMP website [www.marymackillopplace.org.au](http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au), or by phoning 8912 4800 or emailing [anderledy.reservations@mmp.org.au](mailto:anderledy.reservations@mmp.org.au).

As we prepare for Christmas, we might give thanks for all that has been and pray that we remain alert to our community responsibilities, stay safe and trust that God will companion us in this unprecedented journey of pandemic. Mary MacKillop's words to us "Be calm and full of hope" [1871].

Wishing you all a joy-filled and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Colleen Keeble rsj,  
Director.



# Stories from

## THE CURATOR'S OFFICE

### **THE MUSEUM IS OPEN TO YOU ON LINE !**

### **IT'S NEVER BEEN EASIER TO ACCESS OUR COLLECTION!**

Over the past year the Museum has been working behind the scenes during the lockdown months on the digitalisation of the collection. It is an exciting project in which little known stories about objects in the collection can now be revealed and shared with the public.

The Museum hosts its collection on the web-based collection cataloguing system called eHive. This system is used worldwide by hundreds of museums, societies, and private collectors to catalogue objects, store and share images, and publish collections online for general viewing.

eHive may be accessed from any computer or device. You can access information while on the move and search items and explore related collections with a touch of your smart device. Researchers and local history enthusiasts, for

example, can also search across collections and discover the history of the North Sydney area while searching for religious objects and photographic material that assist in building an understanding of the establishment of early Catholic educational foundations from 1888.

Explore the Museum's collection as we keep adding new objects each month. Search Mary MacKillop Place Museum on eHive today <https://ehive.com/collections/7396/mary-mackillop-place-Museum>

Other resources:

The North Sydney Heritage Centre, Stanton Library, and related house museums [Don Bank Museum and Sexton's Cottage] also host their collections on eHive [North Sydney Heritage Centre, Stanton Library on eHive.](#)



[Marist College North Sydney eHive collection](#)  
[Marist College North Shore on eHive](#)

Edwina Huntley,  
Curator,  
Mary MacKillop Place Museum

## **Environment: 2021**

The long-awaited reopening of Anderledy Lodge has occurred, and along with it an array of environmental improvements.



- Rooftop Solar has been installed and will help to reduce our electricity consumption.
- Underground Water Tanks are in place collecting all the rainwater which fell in November. The tanks are full and ready to be used for toilet flushing in our bathrooms.
- Power points have been installed in our carpark to enable electric cars to be recharged overnight.
- Sensor lighting in our carpark and hallways turns the lighting on only when required.

- Our guest rooms have opening windows giving our guests the choice to enjoy fresh air and cool breezes when available over the use of air conditioning.

Guests are welcomed by the newly installed Green Wall. Not only does it look great, but it also helps to purify the air naturally.

Ross Handsaker, Environmental & Technical Manager.



## SPOTLIGHT ON ANDERLEDY LODGE



With Hospitality being a core value of Mary MacKillop Place, we were all excited to be handed the keys to the brand new Anderledy Lodge on 4th November. With 51 modern and convenient ensuite rooms for a bed and breakfast style stay, we began to pull together all the pieces of the puzzle to complete and create a fresh new look. The colours of the cushions and the bed runners made by the women of Timor Leste blend well with the colour of bedroom furniture, and thus a unique new look has been created for the rooms on each floor.

We finally opened the doors and welcomed our first guests on Monday the 15th, 3 days after the official opening on 11th November 2021.

Now as we start re-building the team we can again offer a warm welcome with old and new guests, always ensuring we continue to provide a kind, helpful and professional experience.

With innovations added into the new site such as rainwater collection to use in our sewerage and irrigation systems, and solar panels installed across the new Anderledy Lodge rooftop, we look forward to a continued commitment to protecting our environment and being respectful of all persons.

**Bookings:** call 89124800 or email [anderledy.reservations@mmp.org.au](mailto:anderledy.reservations@mmp.org.au)

Trent Kerr-Smith, Hospitality Manager.

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE GIFT SHOP

### Inspirational Card Pack

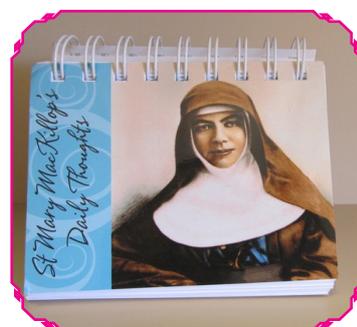


A beautiful selection of 62 quotes taken from the writings of St Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods. This pack has 31 cards featuring nature scenes and each card contains a quote from St Mary on one side and a quote from Fr Julian on the other. These cards would make a lovely Christmas Gift, priced at \$14.95.

### St Mary MacKillop's Daily Thoughts Calendar

With this perpetual calendar we can journey through the year with St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

The calendar contains a selection of quotes from Mary's letters giving us a taste of her thoughts and spirituality. It sells at \$24.95 and would be perfect on a desk or bedside table for daily inspiration.



For all merchandise visit the MMP Gift Shop, order by email [museum.shop@mmp.org.au](mailto:museum.shop@mmp.org.au) or telephone 02 89124894.

### *The Legacy of Mary MacKillop Place - a place of Pilgrimage*

*Would you like to to continue Mary MacKillop's legacy and ensure that her legacy and that of the Sisters of Saint 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 MMP, please contact [trish.downey@mmp.org.au](mailto:trish.downey@mmp.org.au) for more information.*



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