

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop

A pilgrimage from Melbourne to Sydney



Melbourne (3 nights) • Portland (1) • Penola (2) • Adelaide (2) • Sydney (3)

Set out together on a true Australian Pilgrimage through the life and times of Mary MacKillop, as we rekindle the story, landscapes and spirit of our nations' first saint.

FULLY ESCORTED

With Chaplain:
TBA

And Tour Co-ordinator:
TBA

12 DAYS

Departs Melbourne
Tuesday, 13 October 2026
Concludes in Sydney
Saturday, 24 October 2026
Tour Code: MM2602SJ

TOUR COST

\$5350 *Per person
Twin or Dbl*

Price based on min 20 group size.

SINGLE ROOM

\$1560 *Additional
Supplement*

PREPAID TIPPING: \$120 Per Person

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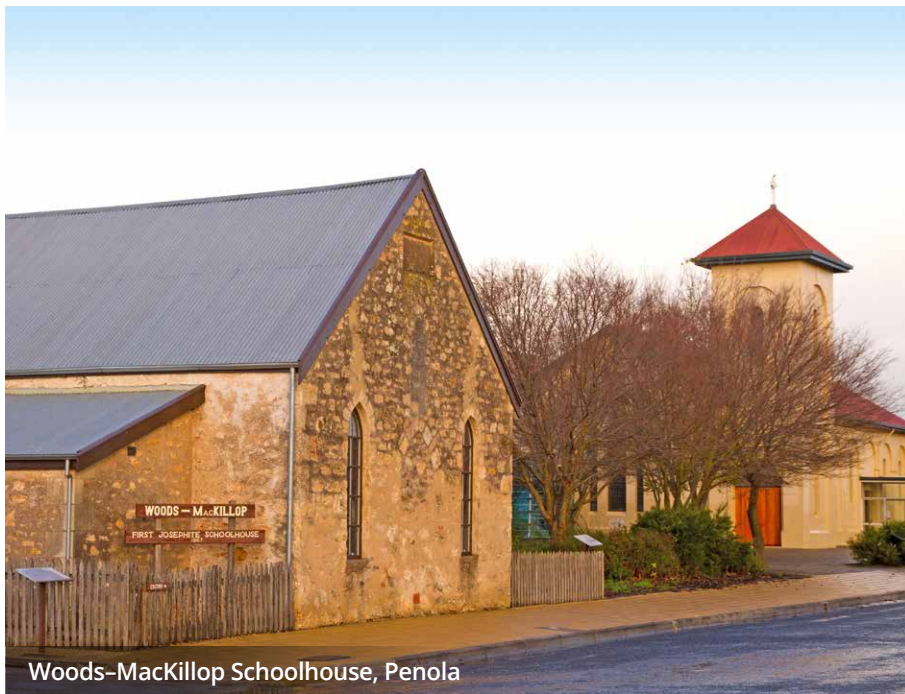
Sisters of Saint Joseph
of the Sacred Heart



INCLUSIONS: Economy Class Airfare: Adelaide to Sydney • Based on moderate standard accommodation • Meals as per the itinerary • Deluxe Air-Conditioned Touring Coach • Professional Driver / Guide throughout the program • Entrance fees as per the pilgrimage itinerary • All sightseeing and entrance fees as listed • Quality Harvest pilgrim pack including Harvest backpack, Pilgrim Journal and Travel Wallet.

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Woods-MacKillop Schoolhouse, Penola



Meal codes: (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

Itinerary

DAY 1: TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2026 - MELBOURNE - WELCOME DINNER

This evening, meet and greet your fellow pilgrimage companions as we gather together for a special welcome dinner, marking the beginning of our pilgrimage in the footsteps of **Mary MacKillop**.

Melbourne overnight (D)

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER - MELBOURNE - MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE & ST FRANCIS CHURCH

Today we travel by luxury coach to the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne, where we will be welcomed by the Centre Director. Here we will hear the story of these historic buildings and their connection with Mary MacKillop.

The day begins with an introduction to the meaning of pilgrimage followed by a Commissioning Liturgy. After lunch we celebrate Mass in the Heritage Centre Chapel.

In the afternoon we visit **St Francis' Church**, where Mary MacKillop's parents were married in the original church. Mary herself was baptised here and later received her First Communion and Confirmation.

We then travel to **Point Ormond** where we remember the arrival of the ship Glen Huntly in Port Phillip Bay carrying Catherine MacDonald and her children Flora and Donald.

At **St Kilda Cemetery** we pause to pray at the graves of Peter MacKillop, Mary's uncle, and her sister Annie. We remember and pray for all those who are dear to us.

We conclude the day with dinner before returning to our accommodation.

Melbourne overnight (BD)

DAY 3: THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER - MELBOURNE - MARY MACKILLOP BIRTHPLACE & CATHEDRAL

This morning we visit the site of Mary's birth at St Mary of the Cross Square and Chapel at Australian Catholic University.

Returning to the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre we enjoy morning tea before touring the Mary MacKillop Museum where we learn more about Mary's life and ministry.

After lunch we travel to the historic "Little Lon" district on Lonsdale Street in central Melbourne. Here the Sisters ministered among the poorest of the poor.

Later we visit **St Patrick's Cathedral**, one of Australia's most magnificent cathedrals, before returning to our accommodation where we conclude the day with dinner.

Melbourne overnight (BD)

DAY 4: FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER - MELBOURNE - HAMILTON - PORTLAND

Today we journey through the beauty of the Australian countryside as we travel towards Hamilton.

Lunch will be at St Mary's Parish Centre. Our lunch donation helps support a drug rehabilitation centre in Melbourne.

We spend time praying in the church, remembering Alexander MacKillop and Flora MacDonald, before visiting Alexander's grave and recalling him as a man of justice and kindness.

As the day draws to a close we continue on to Portland where we enjoy dinner before settling into our overnight accommodation.

Portland overnight (BLD)

DAY 5: SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER - PORTLAND - PENOLA VIA MOUNT GAMBIER

We begin our day in Portland by gathering at the well from which Flora MacDonald and the local residents drew water for their daily needs.

We then visit the original site of Fitzroy Cottage where Mary lived with Mrs Duncan Cameron and worked as governess to the Cameron daughters.

Next we visit Bayview House (now Bayview College), the family residence where the MacKillop family were happily reunited for a short period.

At **All Saints Church** we remember the many hours Mary spent here in prayer and take time to pray ourselves.

Travelling onward to Nelson we enjoy lunch beside the picturesque river before continuing to Penola via Mount Gambier. Time permitting we visit the spectacular **Blue Lake** and the **Umpherstone Sinkhole**, famous for its beautiful sunken garden.

We arrive in Penola for dinner and overnight accommodation.

Penola overnight (BLD)

DAY 6: SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER - PENOLA - MARY MACKILLOP SITES

Today we join the Penola community for Mass.

After morning tea we visit the Penola Interpretative Centre, the Schoolhouse and the Penola Station House where we see the chalice used by **Julian Tenison Woods** and the Clarke Medal he was awarded.

After lunch we visit Stable Park where the Josephite story began. We also enjoy a short tour of the historic township of Penola.

Later in the afternoon we gather for prayer and reflection before sharing dinner



St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne



St Mary MacKillop's tomb

hosted by the parents of the local school.
Penola overnight (BD)

DAY 7: MONDAY 19 OCTOBER - PENOLA - ROBE - THE COORONG - ADELAIDE

Departing early we travel to the seaside town of **Robe** where we visit Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, one of the churches commissioned by Fr Julian Tenison Woods. The Sisters once lived behind the church and conducted their school in the church building itself.

Continuing on we travel through the unique landscape of **The Coorong** and view the famous Pink Lakes.

Lunch will be enjoyed in Meningie on the shores of Lake Albert where pelicans can often be seen gracefully landing and gliding across the water.

Our journey continues alongside the Murray River before descending through the Adelaide Hills to our accommodation in Adelaide.

Adelaide overnight (BLD)

DAY 8: TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER - ADELAIDE - PORT ADELAIDE & KENSINGTON

Our first visit today is to St Mary's Church in Port Adelaide where Fr Julian Tenison Woods welcomed Mary MacKillop and Sr Rose Cunningham upon their arrival from Penola.

Lunch will be at the Mary MacKillop Centre in Kensington, once the original Mother House before it was relocated to North Sydney. Here we will explore the museum and learn about the early Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Later we visit **St Francis Xavier Cathedral** where we take time for personal reflection and prayer.

We return to our accommodation for dinner.
Adelaide overnight (BLD)

DAY 9: WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER - ADELAIDE - SYDNEY

This morning we return to Kensington to celebrate Mass in the chapel where Mary spent much time in prayer.

This afternoon we transfer to the airport for our flight to Sydney.

Upon arrival we travel across the iconic **Sydney Harbour Bridge** to Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney where we will stay for the next three nights.

Dinner will be served at our accommodation.
Sydney overnight (BD)

DAY 10: THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER - SYDNEY - THE ROCKS, WAVERLEY & GORE HILL CEMETERIES

After breakfast we drive through **The Rocks**, where the Sisters once ministered among the poor providing food, accommodation and education.

We then visit **Waverley Cemetery**, the burial place of Fr Julian Tenison Woods, whose grave overlooks the Pacific Ocean.

Lunch will be enjoyed in Centennial Park before visiting **Gore Hill Cemetery**, where Mary MacKillop was originally buried and where many pioneer Sisters are laid to rest.

Later we return to Mary MacKillop Place for prayer at Mary's tomb.

Sydney overnight (BLD)

DAY 11: FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER - NORTH SYDNEY - MARY MACKILLOP PLACE REFLECTION DAY

Today is dedicated to prayer and reflection on our pilgrimage journey.

We begin with prayer in the Tenison Conference Room, formerly St Joseph's Chapel which Mary had built in honour of Fr Julian Tenison Woods.

A guided tour of the museum and

the Mother House will deepen our understanding of Mary MacKillop's life, the early Sisters and their ministry today.

Following lunch we gather again for reflection and sharing before celebrating Mass in the **Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel**.

At the end of Mass we gather at the tomb of Mary MacKillop for a final blessing before concluding our pilgrimage with a celebratory farewell dinner.

Sydney overnight (BLD)

DAY 12: SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER - DEPART SYDNEY

Our pilgrimage concludes after breakfast as we bid farewell to our fellow pilgrims. (B)



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