



Welcome to the Spring edition of 'Providence Lane', Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre's quarterly newsletter. Mary MacKillop established us as a house of providence and, as the audio in Mary's Room states, "all people are welcome here as in Mary's time." We hope our newsletter reflects that ongoing welcome.

OPEN DAY - 6th AUGUST



Our Open Day saw a gathering for author Sr Judith Geddes book signing and talk on Mary MacKillop's family. Many of the group went on to participate in the walking tour and to join us for Mass in honour of Mary's Feast Day. Our volunteers were kept busy in our refreshments area preparing options for our guests and the education teams interactive activities attracted our younger visitors. Thanks to all who contributed to the day.



**Next Open Day Saturday
26th November.**

INAUGURAL MMHC PILGRIMAGE

Fifteen pilgrims from Melbourne Archdiocesan Catholic Schools headed off on a pilgrimage from Melbourne to Adelaide titled "Missionary Spirit in Catholic Education: A Journey with St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop".

The pilgrimage began at MacKillop College in Werribee, a school steeped in Catholic Identity in the spirit of the Josephites. We were met by Noreen McLeish, a Josephite Associate in Hamilton where we prayed at the grave of Alexander MacKillop. Another highlight was drawing water from the Mary MacKillop Well at the back of our accommodation in Portland. Flora MacKillop lived at this site and drew water from the well from 1868 till 1871.

As we had two nights in Penola, the pilgrims were able to retrace the footsteps of Mary MacKillop, learning the story of Nancy Bruce a young Aboriginal girl who Mary once taught at Penola Station. Naracoorte Caves gave us a tour of Blanche Cave, which is normally closed to the public at this time, where Fr. Julian Tenison Woods visited many times.

The last part of the journey was based in Adelaide, visiting the newly opened Mary MacKillop Museum in Mary MacKillop Precinct, where we were all emotional listening to the stories of the early Sisters, and visiting the Chapel where Mary was excommunicated at St. Mary's College, Adelaide.





SR JOANNE LINH LE VISITS MMHC WITH HER FAMILY

Sr Joanne recently attended MMHC with her family. One of Joanne's ministries is sharing the Legacy of Mary MacKillop to the Vietnamese Catholic Communities in Australia and in Vietnam. With a team of others Joanne has produced books for young people to communicate the story of Mary and the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Vietnamese. We thank Sr Joanne and her team for being inclusive of others.



Sr Joanne & Ted Javernik (Director) and with her brother Peter Thuc Le and his wife Anna Kim Hong Vu.



SHARING THE NUMURKAH HISTORY

The Parish of Numurkah, where St Mary MacKillop established her first Victorian foundation was grateful to be gifted the display panels from the Numurkah Exhibition held in 2014 that had been stored at the Heritage Centre.

Numurkah has long been aware of their uniquely privileged part in the Mary MacKillop story but to this point haven't had a parish focus for visitors. Plans are now being developed for a Mary MacKillop Native Garden and a Josephite Heritage room in the Parish House.

Kerry Stone Chair Numurkah Parish Council

WITH THANKS FOR OUR VISIT ..

.. Holy Trinity Parish Laverton

Upon arrival we were warmly welcomed by Ted and shared in a lovely morning tea. Sister Audrey opened with a beautiful introductory talk on Saint Mary. We learnt a lot about Mary's family life, vision, challenges and achievements. The power of faith can be extraordinary, and it was at work with Sr Audrey, she spoke with great passion about Saint Mary and as a Sister of Saint Joseph'.

...Legion of Mary

On behalf of the Legion of Mary group I would like to sincerely thank you, Sr Patricia and Anna for your warm hospitality, and especially Sr Audrey for her inspiring presentation on Mary MacKillop's life and spirituality. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day and I am sure we all took something home from Mary's faith that we can apply to our own lives. Thanks again and may God bless you.

...Catholic Womens League

What a wonderful afternoon to meet and engage with many of the followers of CWL and learn more about Mary Glowrey and meet the next generation and custodians of the CWL.



Thanks so much for a wonderful visit to the MMHC and your kind companionship: many blessings! CWL



"MARY'S MELBOURNE' MURAL OPENING & BLESSING 7 SEPTEMBER

On September 7th 2022 a newly designed and created mural was unveiled and blessed during the 120 year anniversary celebrations at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre by Sr. Geraldine Larkins and Archbishop Peter Comensoli.

Mary's Melbourne Mural was designed and created by Hullabaloo Studios, and it depicts Mary MacKillop's life in Melbourne from the time she was born. It also echoes the ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph in various places in Melbourne and Victoria. The mural will be used with students visiting, with the education staff having developed activities for students as well as audio narrations for the stories

The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart have had a presence at the site in East Melbourne since 1902 when the then Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr. Thomas Carr blessed the building.

Students from Thomas Carr College, Hoppers Crossing were part of the Ritual of Thanksgiving, adding their voice to the importance of being students of a College in the name of Thomas Carr.

Thomas Carr and Mary MacKillop both believed in the education for the poor, and channelled their ministry and energy to achieve this.

We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart for their spirit, vision and passion in providing safe places of learning, care and respite for marginalised people and in the most remote places.



Listen to the audio to find out more about Archbishop Carr and his request to the Sisters



If we have love in our hearts we shall have God with us,

Mary MacKillop 1890

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AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLIC PRESS ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday the 7th September delegates from the Australasian Catholic Press Association visited Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre as part of their 2022 conference program "Witnesses of the Truth". After attending MMHC, these journalists indicated that they loved the Q&A in the Chapel, the Providence bag with Sr Rita and the Mary MacKillop mural. Of great interest to the delegates were the letters, that were set up for display, that Mary had written throughout her life, in particular those to Julian Tenison Woods and her mother Flora. The tour and presentation was described as informative, engaging and inspiring and we thank Fiona Basile (Melbourne Catholic, Melbourne) for including MMHC in the program.



Rebecca
- Sacred Heart



Mark
- paper weight



Joe
- rosary beads

PLAQUE FOR FLORASTON

On 2nd of August Sr Patricia was finally able to pick up the commemorative plaque which will be placed at Floraston, the site of the 3rd Providence. The plaque is currently on temporary display with other items relating to the four Melbourne providences in the Temporary Gallery.



HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Mary MacKillop wayfinding signs have been installed along Albert Street, Nicolson Street and Gisborne Street. With gratitude to the City of Melbourne Council.

Thanks for
organizing the
Footy Tipping
Lloyd.



FLORASTON

Between 1896 - 1901, Floraston became the "Providence" used by Mary MacKillop and her Sisters of St. Joseph to support disadvantaged women. In 1902 the Providence moved to 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne, now the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre.



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