



# Corpus Christi Village Newsletter



Mary MacKillop 1842 - 1909

## Back to normal

After some weeks when Sister Cletus was hard-pressed to find priests to celebrate our daily Masses, we are now thankfully back to normal, with daily Masses at 11 am. Thank God, Fr Roger is able to celebrate Mass. Fr Kevin, however, will need to spend some more time getting fit.

## Residents' annual meeting

The annual meeting of residents will be held in the Community Centre at 2 pm on Tuesday, September 29. All residents are invited to attend this important meeting.

## Celebrating Christmas

Keep free Thursday, December 10, when our village Christmas Party will be held in the Community Centre. This will start at 6 pm and go late. Bookings will be taken from October onwards.

## Getting to know Mary MacKillop

Sr. Lynette Young, a Sister of St. Joseph, gave a most enlightening talk about the life and times of the Order's foundress, Mary MacKillop, or Mary of the Cross MacKillop as she will be known once she is canonised.

Pope John Paul II noted that "Mary MacKillop embodied all that is best in our nation and its people" – openness to others, hospitality, generosity, justice, perseverance and kindness.

Sister Lynette illustrated her talk with photographs of Mary's family and Mary herself at different stages of her life.

Mary was born in Melbourne of Scottish immigrants. She was the eldest of seven children, learning early in life to care for her younger brothers and sisters. Because of financial difficulties, the family moved house several times, often depending on the hospitality of wider family.

Mary knew suffering from early in life. One of her brothers died in childhood, while four other siblings died in early adulthood. Her mother, Flora, drowned after a shipwreck off Eden on her way to help Mary. Deep pain through ill-health, misunderstanding and attack from many in society and church accompanied her life. But she never allowed herself to become embittered or vengeful, refusing to speak ill against those who persecuted and harmed her. She was noted for her endurance, forgiveness and compassion. With her co-founder, Fr Julian Tenison Woods, she made a huge contribution of education that spread throughout Australia and New Zealand, as well as operating homes for women and children, known as Houses of Providence – depending on the providence of God, given through the generosity of others. (See over.)

The Sisters are sometimes referred to as brown or black Josephites. The brown Sisters are a pontifical institute under the governance of one Leader and council directly responsible to Rome. The black groups are in separate congregations belonging to a particular diocese, under the leadership of the local Bishop. The colours refer to their original habits. While governance structures differ, the spirit of both groups of Josephites is the same and they work together in a variety of ministries.

### Fathers' Day lunch

A Fathers' Day lunch, to which ALL residents are invited, will take place in the Community Centre at 12.30 pm on Friday September 4. There will be a spit roast of lamb, beef and pork, lovingly prepared by our manager and former chef, Mark. All residents are asked to bring a potato dish, salad or sweets to be shared by everyone. Bookings are now open.

### Who won the footy comp?

One of the highlights at the lunch will be the announcement of the winners of our football-tipping competition. Suspense will be high, since there has been a blackout on the weekly standings over the last four weeks of the comp.

### Expressions of interest

A lunch will be held at Zest at Waverley (Holmesglen TAFE) where budding chefs are trained. A three-course menu will be served, including entrée, main course and dessert plus coffee – all for \$20 per person. The function will be held at 12 pm on Wednesday, October 14. Please let Mark know so that he can confirm our booking. A flyer will be out shortly.

### Mission Lunch

The Ladies Group of Christ Our Holy Redeemer Parish, East Oakleigh, will hold a Mission Lunch in the Community Centre at 1 pm on Tuesday, September 22. The function is being held to raise funds for Our Lady of the Missions in Senegal and Kenya. Films showing their work around the world will be shown.

Musical entertainment from "Show Biz" will follow. Admission is \$20, which includes the lunch, a raffle ticket and a door-prize ticket.

Bookings are essential, by September 15, to Joan Waters.

### Conundrum – Terrific Puzzles!

Last months answer: Sting:  
each of the words end a,b,c,d,e,f,g in turn.

What is an ACOLYTE?

- A follower or disciple
- B administrative officer
- C bulb of the snowdrop family
- D synthetic resin

### Birthdays

Happy Birthday this month to:

Ken, Sr Therese, Michael and Sr Margaret

Birthday congratulations will be at Happy Hour on the last Friday of the month.

### Building update

As you are aware, building of our final units is going ahead at a good pace. The gutters and roads to Swing and Harmony courts will be completed within the next three weeks. The brush two-metre perimeter fence along Clayton Road and Bayview Avenue will be begun within the next three weeks, for completion by October 1. This will make the village more secure.

### Gate reminder

As discussed at the Manager's afternoon tea, the front gates open at 6 am and close at 7 pm. The rear gate, onto Carlson Avenue, opens at 9 am and closes at 4 pm. You can open the front gates with your remote control at any time.

### Fixing a problem

A resident had discussions with Mark about the dangers at the corner of Clayton Road and Bayview Avenue, due to cars parking too close to the corner along Bayview Avenue. Following discussions and a visit from Monash engineers, "No Parking" signs will be erected 20 metres from the corner to provide better vision for motorists.

### Filling up fast

Our village is quickly reaching completion. Only three units are left in Stage II, with residents to start moving into these units in mid-October.

### A hearty welcome

Welcome to our three new residents, Joan Clark, in 1 Opera Court, and Reg and Lily Linden, in 7 Music Drive. Make them feel at home.