

## Penola Pilgrimage – Goulburn & Perthville Associates



*Pilgrim Group photographed after Mass with Fr Woods Chalice*

*Back (Left to right) Margeret Thompson (Goulburn NSW), Tony Brown (Harden NSW) partly obscured, Pat Donoghue (Dubbo NSW), Pauline & Denis Hally-Burton (Flynn ACT), Fr Kevin O'Grady (The Entrance, NSW) Middle row (Left to right) Melda Clegg (Sippy Downs Qld), Dianne Loadman (Grafton NSW), Jean Cain rsj (Bathurst NSW), Louisa Wykamp (West Bathurst NSW), Laraine Crowe rsj (Lyneham ACT), Front Row (Left to right) Bernadette Donoghue (Dubbo NSW), Jacquie Kruger (Goulburn NSW), Pat Doherty (Wellington NSW), Karen Muir rsj (Goulburn NSW), Dorothea Lenehan (Georges Plains NSW)*

Five of the Perthville Josephite Associates and their Director, Sr Jean Cain, joined the second of two Pilgrimages sponsored by the Goulburn Sisters for their Associates to celebrate the Canonisation of St Mary of the Cross. The Perthville group was commissioned and given a pilgrim's blessing at the conclusion of Mass in the Perthville Chapel on Mary's first Feast Day before travelling to Goulburn that afternoon to join the Sisters there for the evening meal and a short night's sleep. All sixteen pilgrims assembled at Canberra airport in time for a 6.00 a.m. flight, travelling via Adelaide and Mt Gambier and then by car to Penola.

The Penola experience was a prayerful and reflective time - an immersion in the reality of the beginning of the Australian Josephite story in a disused stable in this tiny South Australian settlement back in 1866.



*Bernadette Donoghue taking time for reflection at Stained Glass window of St Joseph's Church*

Places of special significance included Fr Woods Tree, (a spot along the road to Adelaide where he regularly stopped to rest his horse, pray his Office and sometimes offer Mass); Fr Woods Park with its five huge chain-saw sculptures on the opposite side of the highway; Greenrise swamp, where Mary MacKillop rode her horse from her uncle's homestead to attend



*Fr O'Grady speaking to the group at Mary MacKillop Memorial Park, site of original stable classroom*

Sunday Mass in Penola; Mary MacKillop Memorial Park, (site of the original stable school); the original Woods-MacKillop Schoolhouse built in 1867, (classroom and living quarters for the first Sisters); inside Schoolhouse the Mary MacKillop Interpretative Cen-



*Inside original Woods-MacKillop Schoolhouse*

tre with a Talk from local historian, Margaret Muller and hours to tour this Centre's extensive exhibits. Some spare time was spent wandering along the Peticcoat Lane Heritage area and visiting other community attractions. Pilgrims stayed at the Royal Oak Hotel originally owned by Mary MacKillop's uncle, Alexander Cameron, and built in 1872 to replace his original slab hotel of 1848.



*Louisa Wykamp near statue of Alexander Cameron outside Royal Oak Hotel*



*Eucharistic Minister, Sr Laraine Crowe (right) with Pat Doherty receiving Communion from Fr Woods Chalice*

The pilgrims were privileged to have Fr Kevin O'Grady accompanying them as Chaplain and a highlight of the pilgrimage was the Mass in St Joseph's Church and Holy Communion from Fr Woods' chalice. Communion from Fr Woods Chalice

It is hoped this Pilgrimage will be the first of many opportunities for experiences shared by Associates of the various Josephite Congregations.

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