



2021

Living Contemplatively

*Retreats, Sabbaticals,
Programs and other opportunities
for nourishing the spiritual*



Sisters of Saint Joseph Retreat Centres, Australia



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Retreat Centres

- **St Joseph's House**
Batehaven NSW
- **St Joseph's Baulkham Hills**
Baulkham Hills NSW
- **Villa Maria Spirituality Centre**
Brisbane Qld
- **Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre**
East Melbourne Vic
- **St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre**
Kincumber South NSW
- **Kilmolee**
Safety Bay WA
- **St Joseph's Heritage and Conference Centre**
Perthville NSW
- **St Joseph's by the Sea**
Williamstown Vic

Please see Centre Contact Information on pages 17-22.



Registration

- For weekend, four, six and eight day retreats please send the application form included at the back of this brochure, plus deposit to the appropriate centre
- For sabbaticals, summer and winter schools please request an application form by emailing: frontdesk@stjosephscentre.org.au

Information

- All retreats commence with the evening meal on the first date and close after breakfast on the last date unless stated differently.

The Retreats

8-12 March

Batehaven
NSW

\$400

"Come Away and Rest Awhile"

(Mark 6:31)

During this three-day silent, guided retreat there will be the opportunity to pause and reflect as we invite God to renew and refresh us as we continue to live with the reality of Covid19.

Maureen McDermott rsj

11-18 April

Baulkham Hills
NSW

\$700

Inscape

Our Geography is our biology and vice versa. Together they help shape our spirit.

On this retreat we will explore our inscape, the shape our life journey has taken to bring us to this place, this time, this now. Our life journey has many dimensions, conscious and unconscious. The "Now" is the time to step into our experience more deeply. How has our God accompanied us on this journey? Where and how is our God leading us into the future God dreams for us?

Colleen O'Sullivan rsj

16-23 April

Kincumber
South
NSW

\$700

Would you like to experience some time in/with "The Shack"?

This retreat uses imagery as a tool/window through which we capture essential understandings of God.

The Shack is a 2017 American Christian drama based on the 2007 novel of the same name by William P. Young. Despite having attracted much comment, questioning and criticism, Young himself says that we all need to go "to that place of greatest loss" to experience healing, forgiveness, and growth. Viewed with an open mind and heart, this movie can lead us to develop our own faith story and challenge each of us to recognise where God is active and inviting us.

Ann Morrison rsj

16-23 April

Kincumber
South
NSW

\$700

Embracing Mystery

"One thing the hermitage is making me see is that the Universe is my home and I am not part of it." Thomas Merton

This retreat will offer opportunities for contemplative prayer arising from the writings of Thomas Merton and poetry of Mary Oliver.

Lyndall Brown rsj

16-23 April

Kincumber
South NSW

\$750

Directed Retreat

John Hay

18-25 April

Williamstown
Vic

\$700

A Contemplative Journey

The writings of the classical mystical tradition and of contemporary spiritual writers will be used for reflective experiences during these days, inspiring an ever-deepening journey of contemplative prayer and contemplative listening.

Moya Unthank rsj

18-25 April

Villa Maria
Brisbane
QLD

\$700

The Treasure Within

St Paul likens us to Earthen Vessels and how each one of us is created with treasure – a gift. Through prayer and reflection, we will seek to discover afresh the treasure within ourselves.

Michael Hickey cp



18 April-3 June *Retirement For Mission –
Sabbatical*

Baulkham Hills
NSW

\$8,320

This sabbatical is suited to those who have recently retired from full time active ministry or intend retiring from such in the near future. This is an opportunity to consider Mission in a new stage of life.

**Fr Graham Neist and a team
of Australia-based presenters.
Lianella Girardi rsj co-ordinator**

2-9 May *“For me to live as Christ”*

Perthville
NSW

\$700

On the road to Damascus something happened to Paul, and this changed everything. In a rural setting in late Autumn, this 6 day silent retreat will reflect on the experience of Paul and the Christ he lived and invited others to share. This retreat draws on insights of the late Fr. Kevin O’Shea cssr and the Pauline scholarship of the late Fr. Jerome Murphy O’Connor op.

Virginia Bourke rsj

9-16 May *A glimpse into the spirituality of
Fr. Julian Tenison Woods”*

Batehaven
NSW

\$700

What was Julian Edmund Tenison Woods really like? What better opportunity to peek into Julian’s spirituality than by walking contemplatively with his writings and works to draw inspiration for our own living. This retreat will give us a glimpse into his ministry with our early Josephites.

Ann Morrison rsj

9 -18 May *Re-Entry Retreat*

Baulkham Hills
NSW

\$960

This retreat will provide an opportunity for participants to reflect on their experiences and re-enter their “home” culture in a gentle and reflective way.

**Geraldine Kearney sgs
Nicole Rotaru RSM**



16-23 May *“Remain in My Love”*

Williamstown
Vic

\$700

These words “Remain in my Love” from part of the Last Discourse of Jesus as found in John’s Gospel. They are a hope-filled invitation to the call of Jesus who desires to “be with us.”

Lynette Young rsj

30 May-6 June *Come and See*

Kincumber
South
NSW

\$700

This retreat invites you, using the metaphor of the open door, to enter your inner space more deeply. To acknowledge both your vulnerable self and your own inner strength to constantly grow in love. We will use the work of writers such as Joyce Rupp and Brenee Brown. Thus, through stillness and silence we will open ourselves further to the contemplative dimension of life and love.

Colleen O’Sullivan rsj

30 May-6 June *Walking as the beloved*

Kincumber
South
NSW

\$700

Central to the Gospel of John is the concept of “belovedness” During these days we will walk in companionship with the “beloved Jesus”.

Carmel Drew rsj



30 May-6 June *Directed Retreat*

Kincumber
South NSW Jenny Scally rsj

\$750

27 June-4 July *Jesus in Relationship*

Kincumber
South
NSW *This is a silent, guided, scripture-based retreat. It will reflect on Jesus' way of untethering people from whatever inhibits their living holy and whole, happy human lives. It will invite participants into prayer.*

\$700

Virginia Bourke rsj

27 June-4 July *Directed Retreat*

Kincumber
South
NSW Dr. Kerrie Hide

\$750

June 28-July 4 *Directed Retreats*

East Melbourne
Vic Lynette Young rsj
Yvonne Harte rsj

\$700

4 July-11 July *Deep in Christ*

Baulkham Hills
NSW *During this retreat we will pray contemplatively with some of the Pauline texts which use the phrase "in Christ". This phrase refers not just to humanity but to all of creation. We will also use the works of writers such as Richard Rohr and Ilia Delio to help us understand the invitation to deepen the love of our God, ourselves and Earth embedded in the phrase.*

\$700

Colleen O'Sullivan rsj

4 July-11 July *"Women of Wisdom, Fire and Love: A Journey into Wholeness"*

Baulkham Hills
NSW *This retreat provides an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate through input, prayer and ritual, the integration of the psycho-spiritual aspects of being fully human and fully woman as we journey into wholeness in religious life.*

\$700

Geraldine Kearney sgs

5 July-16 July *Acculturation Winter Program*

Baulkham Hills
NSW *This program is designed for priests, and women and men religious who come to Australia for ministry. Topics include an introduction to Australia – the land, its peoples and the Church, right relationships – women and the Australian Church, integrity in ministry and child protection, and psychological aspects of entering a different culture.*

\$1,320

Annie Bond rsj
Kelvin Barrett ssc

9 July-16 July *“Living in a Christ-Soaked World”*
Safety Bay
WA
\$700

Is the incarnation a one-time and one-person Jesus of Nazareth event, or is it a cosmic event that has soaked all of history in the Divine Presence from the very beginning? This retreat explores the possibility of opening the ancient door of faith to the proper understanding of the word of Christ. Over these days we will explore our own drops of experience to discover a Christ-soaked world. This retreat is based on Richard Rohr’s book: “The Universal Christ.”

Ann Morrison rsj

8-15 August *Directed Retreats*
Williamstown
Vic
\$700

Yvonne Harte rsj
Therese Quinn rsj

22 -29 August *“Seeking God’s will; discovering God’s willingness; untethering happiness and freedom”*
Batehaven
NSW
\$700

This silent, scriptural retreat is influenced by the spirituality of Sr. Ilia Delio OSF and her book “10 Evenings of God.”

Virginia Bourke rsj

22-31 August *Re – Entry Retreat*
Baulkham Hills
NSW
\$960

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Geraldine Kearney sgs
Kelvin Barrett ssc

5-12
September *The Garden – Place of Intimacy*
Williamstown
Vic
\$700

Exploring the symbolism of the Garden, especially in the Book of Genesis, the Song of Songs, and the Gospel of John.

Therese Quinn rsj

19-26
September *A glimpse into the Spirituality of Fr. Julian Tenison Woods*
Perthville
NSW
\$700

In the shadow of celebrating the 130th anniversary of his death (celebrated 2019) what better opportunity to peek into Julian’s spirituality than by walking contemplatively with his writings and works and drawing inspiration for our own living. This retreat will be held on the very grounds that Julian walked in his ministry with early Josephites.

Ann Morrison rsj

20 September-
26 September *“Seeking the Beloved”*
East Melbourne
VIC
\$700

Teresa of Avila will be the guide of this retreat through insights revealed in her writings. These will seek to inspire a response from us to the invitation of the ‘Beloved’ to ever deepening relationship in our own mystical hearts.

Moya Unthank rsj



3-10 October *Missionary Discipleship Today*

Williamstown
Vic

\$700

The Strength of Women's Witness

We consider how we are called today to Missionary discipleship and leadership roles as were the Samaritan Woman at the well, Martha of Bethany and her sister Mary of Bethany and Mary of Magdala.

Therese Quinn rsj

10-17 October *"Rhythms of Rest and Renewal"*

Batehaven
NSW

\$700

As we journey through life, we need times to pause, clean the lens of our eyes and refocus so that we can see anew God and our own desires for life. Come, allow yourself to see how your "lens" needs refocusing by God's loving touch.

Jenny Scally rsj

25 October-
31 October *Directed Retreats*

East Melbourne
VIC

\$700

**Jennifer Sanders rsj
Yvonne Harte rsj**

29 October-
5 November *Loving response of the Mystics*

Kincumber
South

NSW

\$700

This retreat centres on the mystery of Divine Love-energy and lessons of love gleaned from the lives of Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, Julian of Norwich, John of the Cross and Ignatius of Loyola. God's Call and the graced response of these Mystics was unique and interwoven as revealed in a rich tapestry of Mystery.

Colleen Leonard sgs



29 October-
5 November

Kincumber
South
NSW

\$750

Directed Retreat

David King cp

31 October-
7 November

Perthville
NSW

\$750

Directed Retreat

Carmel Drew rsj

1 November-
30 November

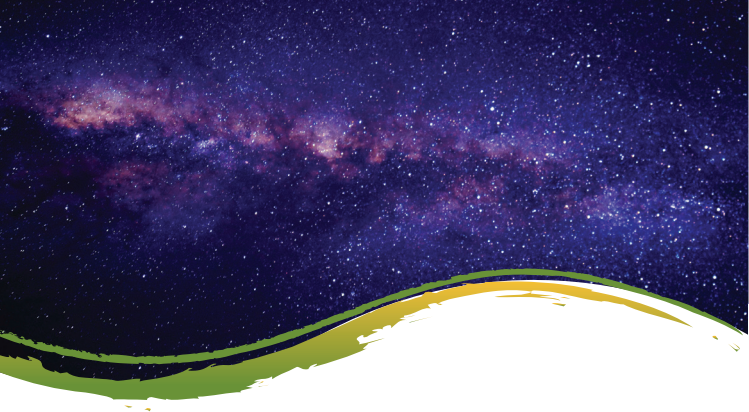
Baulkham Hills
NSW

\$5,615

The Time of Sage - Sabbatical

A Sabbatical for religious living the 80s years, with themes relevant to this time of life.

**A team of Australia-based presenters.
Lianella Girardi rsj coordinator**



28 November-
5 December

Praying with Art

Baulkham Hills
NSW

\$700

This retreat is open to all who simply desire to experience the Mystery of God through creative sacred art.

"Art and prayer have much in common... we learn to slow down and to see more deeply with graced vision" - Awakening the Creative Spirit p.23 Painter and Beckman,

Geraldine Kearney sgs
Veronica Griffiths sgs

While we do endeavour to keep dates and prices consistent as at the time of print, retreats and sabbatical prices and dates may be subject to change. Please contact the relevant centre to confirm.

28 November-
5 December

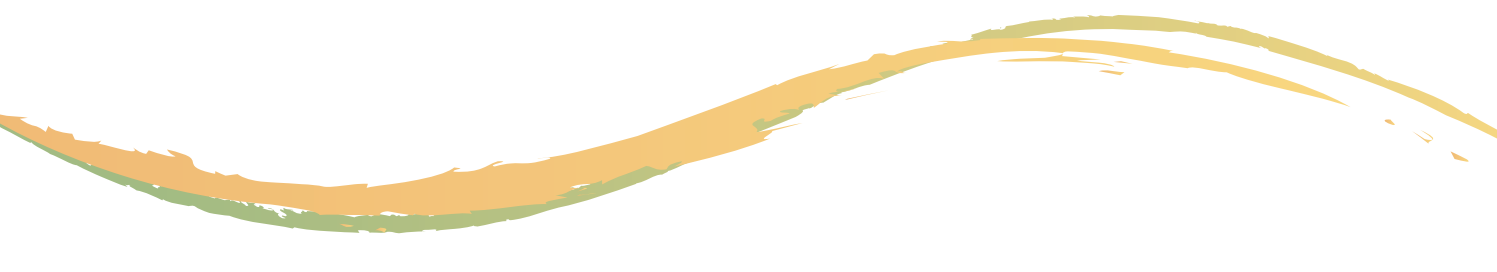
I will love them and reveal myself to them. John 14:21

Baulkham Hills
NSW

\$700

In the Gospel of John, the words of Jesus reveal his identity, his origin and his relationship with the Father. This retreat offers an opportunity to listen to the "I AM" statements of Jesus and to ponder the mystery and invitation they hold for us.

Carmel Drew rsj



'Mary MacKillop Precinct'

Kensington

*Incorporating Mary MacKillop Museum,
St Joseph's Chapel and
Bethany Centre*

Mary MacKillop Museum Adelaide ...

Opened in 2020, the Mary MacKillop Museum offers an interactive, 'hands-on' experience – using audio and visual storytelling to engage and inspire the young and not-so-young. It also includes a beautiful gift shop, with gifts for special occasions.

Keep up-to-date with our programme of events via our website: www.marymackillopadelaide.org.au

■ *8th of the Month*

Honouring and Praying with St Mary MacKillop

Mass at 10.30am in St Joseph's Chapel followed by morning tea (except Sundays).

Evening Reflection: 5.45 – 6.30pm
(except 8 January and 8 August).

Present story around the life of
Julian Tenison Woods with a reflection to follow.

Catherine Clark rsj

Contact Information

Bethany/Chapel: 4 High Street, Kensington SA 5068

Telephone: 08 8130 5900

Email: infos@sosj.org.au

Museum: 19 Phillips Street, Kensington SA 5068

Email: info.mmprecinct@sosj.org.au

PO Box 57, Kent Town SA 5071

Website: www.marymackillopadelaide.org.au



Contact Information

Please mark all retreat correspondence **Attention: Retreats**

St Joseph's House Batehaven NSW



St Joseph's House

12 David Avenue, Batehaven NSW 2536

Email: batehavenretreats@sosj.org.au

Telephone: 0429 383 333

*Please make cheques payable to the Trustees of the
Sisters of Saint Joseph.*

Baulkham Hills NSW



St Joseph's Baulkham Hills

33 Barina Downs Road, Norwest NSW 2153

PO Box 7386 Baulkham Hills BC NSW 2153

Email: frontdesk@stjosephscentre.org.au

Website: www.stjosephscentre.org.au

Telephone: 02 9634 2317 Fax: 02 9899 4249

*Please make cheques payable to Spirituality Ministry
of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.*

Brisbane QLD



Villa Maria Spirituality Centre

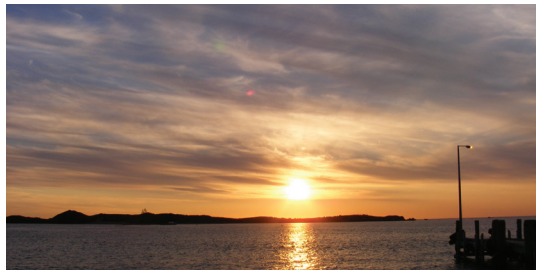
123 Warren Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006

Email: admin@adorationsrs.org.au

Telephone: 0408 864 388

Please make cheques payable to the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration.

Kilmolee Safety Bay WA



Kilmolee at Safety Bay

182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay WA 6169

Email: safety.bay@sosj.org.au

Telephone: 08 9527 3240

East Melbourne VIC



Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

362 Albert Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002

Email: www.mmhc@sosj.org.au

Website: www.mmhc.org.au

Telephone: 03 9926 9300 Fax: 03 9926 9330

Please make cheques payable to the Trustees of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Retreatants are requested to arrive after 11am and in time for lunch at 12.30pm. Departure time is between 10am and 12 noon the following Sunday (no lunch).

Kincumber South NSW



St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre

8 Humphrey's Rd, Kincumber South NSW 2251

Email: reception@stjosephsretreat.org.au

Website: www.stjosephskincumber.org.au

Telephone: 02 4368 2805

Please make cheques payable to Spirituality Ministry of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Perthville NSW



St Joseph's Heritage and Conference Centre

Tenison Woods Ave, Perthville NSW 2795

Email: Perthville.coordinator@sosj.org.au

Website: www.stjosephsperthville.org.au

Telephone: 02 6337 2946

Please make cheques payable to the Trustees of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Williamstown Melbourne VIC



St Joseph's by the Sea

16 Esplanade, Williamstown VIC 3016

FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT:

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

362 Albert Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002

Email: admin.mmhc@sosj.com.au

Telephone: 03 9926 9300

Please make cheques payable to the Trustees of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Application Form for Retreats

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Retreat Location (Please tick)


- Batehaven NSW
- Baulkham Hills NSW
- Brisbane Qld
- East Melbourne Vic
- Kilmolee Safety Bay WA
- Kincumber South NSW
- Perthville NSW
- Williamstown Melbourne Vic

Retreat Title _____

Dates From _____

To _____

Cost _____



*Please return this application form to the relevant
retreat centre with your non-refundable deposit*

Payment

- A non refundable deposit of \$50 applies when booking (unless stated differently for a particular centre).
- Payment by direct deposit (EFT) or credit card is available by contacting each centre directly. Contact information appears on pages 17-22.



Sisters of Saint Joseph
of the Sacred Heart