



# *Living* CONTEMPLATIVELY

2022

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

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*Sisters of Saint Joseph Retreat Centres, Australia*



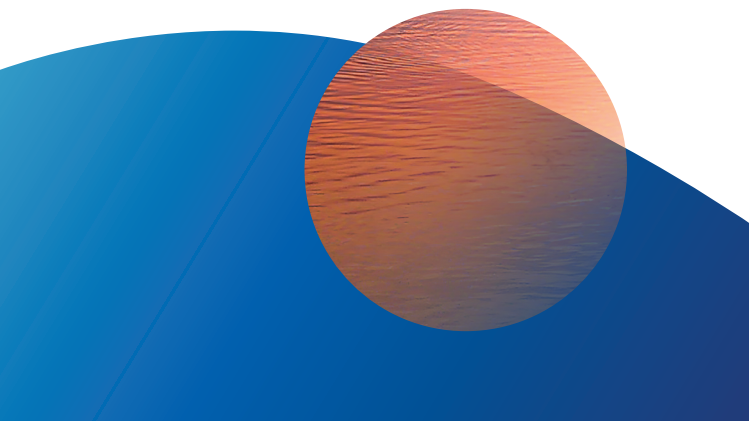
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## Retreat Centres

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- **Mary MacKillop Place**  
*North Sydney 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*

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- 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: [bookings@stjosephscentre.org.au](mailto:bookings@stjosephscentre.org.au)

## *Information*

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

## The Retreats

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25 February –  
8 April

Baulkham Hills  
NSW

\$8,550

### *“An invitation to Wisdom- Mission, Conversion and Transformation”*

*This Sabbatical focuses on transitions and is suitable for those who are at the Crossroads of life and ministry. The invitation is to Openness, Vulnerability and Spiritual Growth.*

*The Sabbatical is integrative and holistic in its approach.*

**Lianella Girardi rsj**

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Villa Maria  
Spirituality  
Centre

Brisbane QLD

### *Throughout the Year*

*You are welcome for private or small group retreats. The sacred space and silence of the chapel, where the laity continue the daytime eucharistic adoration is indeed nourishing for the body, mind, and spirit.*

*Come apart and rest awhile at a time best suited for you. Retreatants will be accommodated in comfortably ensuited rooms.*

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7-12 February

The Heritage  
Centre

Melbourne VIC

\$700

### *Directed Retreat*

**Yvonne Harte rsj**

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28 March –  
3 April

Williamstown  
VIC

\$700

### *A Contemplative Journey*

*Oneness of Being. In this reflective, contemplative time, opening to the Spirit of Love, we embrace our Oneness with Earth, Stars, Universe – Our Cosmic Communion.*

**Kateri Duke rsj**

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10-17 April

Mary MacKillop  
Place NSW

\$700

*If you love me take off your shoes*

*Holy Week gives us the opportunity to stop and give ourselves time to breathe. Time to take off our shoes and ponder what it's like to walk with Jesus into the great mystery of Easter. This retreat is enhanced by the artwork and inspiration of German priest Sieger Koder (1925-2015) and prisoner of war during World War 2.*

Ann Morrison rsj

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6-13 May

Kincumber  
South NSW

\$750

*Directed Retreat*

John Hay

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6-13 May

Kincumber  
South NSW

\$700

*"In Christ we live and move and have our being" This retreat will draw on the work of Richard Rohr and his book 'The Universal Christ' as well as other authors who write on the same subject.*

Colleen O'Sullivan rsj

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6-13 May

Kincumber  
South NSW

\$750

*Directed Retreat*

Maureen McDermont rsj

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8-17 May

### *Re-Entry Retreat*

**Baulkham Hills  
NSW**

**\$1,050**

*This retreat will provide an opportunity for participants to reflect and deepen their understanding of their experiences of living in another culture, as they continue to re-enter their "home culture". A brochure giving further details about the retreat will be sent to interested participants.*

**Coordinators:  
Nicole Rotaru RSM and Cathy Solano  
RSM**

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9-15 May

### *Living in a Christ-soaked world*

**Williamstown  
VIC**

**\$700**

*In 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 Christ. Over the days we will explore our own drops of experience to discover a Christ-soaked world. Based on "The Universal Christ" by Richard Rohr. (it is preferable to have read this book as preparation)*

**Ann Morrison rsj**

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**13-19 May**

**Kilmolee WA**

**\$700**

### ***Exploring Images of God through Seeking and Finding God in all Things***

*This retreat provides a 'how' to appreciate God through the means of our lived experience. How might we explore and come to know the traces and presence of God in the rich tapestry that composes our lives, our world, and the universe?*

*Whenever the images of God we offer, and given the effects of them spiritually and socially, I have come to the personal conclusion over the years that it is precisely our idea of God that is the measure of our spiritual maturity.*

*What we believe about God colours everything we do in the name of God.*

*It forms everything we think about other people. It shapes everything we determine about life itself, and it touches, corrodes, or elevates and deepens our prayer.*

*Joan Chittister*

**Brendan Kelly SJ**

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**22-29 May**

**Perthville NSW**

**\$700**

### ***A Field of Grace***

*Living contemplatively this retreat invites us to deepen the contemplative life we are living. It will draw on Scripture, the works of Richard Rohr, Carolyn Myss and Joanna Macey. As well we will explore art and literature as pathways to contemplation.*

**Colleen O'Sullivan rsj**

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3-10 June

Kincumber  
South NSW

\$700

### ***“The Embrace of Belonging”***

*There is no limit to the implications of the Incarnation. The Incarnate God is local and personal. Daniel O’Leary says that*

*That God comes to us disguised in ordinary, as pain, as what is.*

**Carmel Drew rsj**

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3-10 June

Kincumber  
South NSW

\$700

### ***Celebrating what really Matters....***

*Come away and spend time with self and God. You will be immersed in creative energies through painting, writing, walking the labyrinth, gardening, and praying...all within pristine glorious natural surrounds with abundance of God’s creation. This is a six-day silent “guided” contemplative retreat.*

**Therese Carroll rsj**

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19-25 June

Williamstown  
VIC

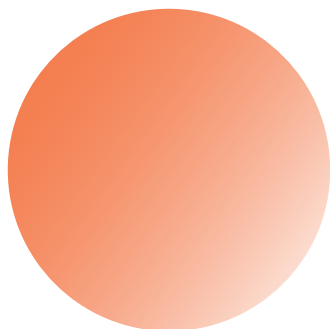
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### ***Seeing God in the Everyday***

*An online guided retreat to discover ways of encountering God’s presence in each moment, in creation, in others, in ourselves, through scripture and through the person of Jesus, Pope Francis, in Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel... “A love capable of seeing the sacred grandeur of our neighbour, of finding God in every human being” EG 92*

**Rita Malavisi rsj**

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24 June –  
1 July

Kincumber  
South NSW

\$750

### *“What’s in a name”?*

*This silent retreat on Jesus, known in Scripture by many names: God’s Word and Mirror, Wisdom-Sophia, Emmanuel. Beloved son, untethering all held back from living authentically human, holy, and happy lives. Eternal Christos, whose Spirit prays endlessly through all creation.*

Virginia Bourke rsj

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24 June –  
1 July

Kincumber  
South NSW

\$750

### *Directed Retreat*

Dr. Kerrie Hide

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27 June –  
2 July

The Heritage  
Centre  
Melbourne VIC

\$700

### *Directed Retreat*

Moya Unthank rsj

Yvonne Harte rsj

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3-10 July

### ***“Entering the Castle”***

Baulkham Hills  
NSW

\$700

*This retreat will invite us into our own interior castle using the works of Teresa of Avila and Carolyn Myss. The scripture teaches us we are immersed in a field of grace which exists within our experience and beyond consciousness. We exist “Deep in Christ”*

**Colleen O’Sullivan rsj**

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3-10 July

### ***“Prism of Love – God’s Colours in everyday life”***

Baulkham Hills  
NSW

\$700

*The invitation of this retreat is to ponder, through the writing of Daniel O’Leary and others, the intimate interplay of relationship between the universe, our own hearts and God.*

**Carmel Drew rsj**

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15-21 August

### ***All Will be Well – Praying with Julian of Norwich***

Williamstown  
VIC

\$700

*Julian of Norwich is the medieval English mystic who has assured us that “all will be well”.*

*This wonderful message was founded on her deep insights into God’s great love for us, which, with her insights about creation, prayer and the Trinity will be the inspiration for our retreat.*

**Moya Unthank rsj**

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12-18  
September

### ***The Garden An earth Conscious Retreat***

Williamstown  
VIC

\$700

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

**Therese Quinn rsj**

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16-23  
September

*Directed Retreat*

Kincumber  
South NSW

Jenny Scally rsj

\$750

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16-23  
September

*“Living in a Christ-Soaked World”*

Kincumber  
South NSW

*In 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 Christ. Over the days we will explore our own drops of experience to discover a Christ-soaked world. Based on “The Universal Christ” by Richard Rohr. (it is preferable to have read this book as preparation)*

\$700

Ann Morrison rsj

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23-30 October

*Directed Retreat*

Perthville NSW

Carmel Drew rsj

\$750

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23-30 October ***“Then there came a voice to  
him that said, ‘What are you  
doing here, Elijah?’”***  
Perthville NSW  
\$700

*Every day we need deep-time,  
Kairos-time, when a lost perspective  
is restored, and we allow God to be  
God. Included in this silent retreat is  
a time for community prayer, a daily  
talk, daily celebration of the Eucharist,  
voluntary sharing in the afternoon and the  
opportunity of seeing the retreat giver.*

**Steve Sinn sj**

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28 October –  
4 November ***Directed Retreat***  
Kincumber  
South NSW  
\$750

**David King cp**

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28 October –  
4 November ***“My Heart Desire”***  
Kincumber  
South NSW  
\$700

*A Retreat for nurture, spirituality,  
community and rest through creative  
expression, journaling, and contemplative  
conversation.*

**Elizabeth Lee**

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6-13 November ***A glimpse into the Spirituality  
of Fr. Julian Tenison Woods***  
Perthville  
NSW  
\$700

*As we celebrate the 133rd anniversary of  
Julian’s death, what better opportunity to  
peek into his spirituality than by walking  
contemplatively with his writings and  
drawing inspiration for our continual living  
in this pandemic period of our lives. This  
retreat will be held on the very grounds  
that Julian walked in his ministry with early  
Josephites.*

**Ann Morrison rsj**

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14-20  
November

### *Directed Retreats*

Williamstown  
VIC

Therese Quinn rsj  
Yvonne Harte rsj

\$700

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1-30 November *Time of Sage – Sabbatical*

**Baulkham Hills NSW** *A Sabbatical for religious living the 80+ years with themes to this time of life.*

\$5,685.00

*An excellent team of Australian-based presenters.*

**Coordinator Lianella Girardi rsj**

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27 November – *“Gazing through Advent Windows”*  
4 December

**Baulkham Hills NSW**

\$700

*This retreat allows us to dip into what we are waiting for, our deepest longing, God-with-us. Attending to our universal quest, we discover ever more deeply the guidance, wisdom, and faithfulness of the ‘God-with-us’ in the ups and downs of our everyday reality. God incarnate calls us more deeply into life every second of every day.*

**Ann Morrison rsj**

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27 November –  
4 December

Baulkham Hills  
NSW

\$700

***“Come Taste and See the  
Living Spirit within Your Own  
Beautiful Story”***

*Are you prepared to be led by the Spirit  
on a wild ride to a revealing, re energising  
experience at the innermost depth of your  
own mystical self? If yes, then come!*

*With the God of Surprises a six-day silent,  
creative experience awaits you.*

*\*contemplating everyday beauty*

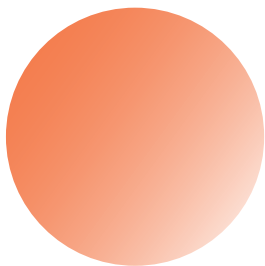
*\*playing with the magic of words in  
poetry.*

*\*singing the song of your heart and  
hearing the music of your life.*

*\*connecting with and healing your own  
story in imagery.*

**Marea Ross rsj, Geraldine Leahy rsj  
Virginia Bourke rsj**

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*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.*

# 'Mary MacKillop Precinct' Kensington SA

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

Our events are for everyone! In addition to reflection and retreat days, we offer spirituality and personal/professional development workshops.

Keep up-to-date with our programmes via our website:  
[www.marymackillopadelaide.org.au](http://www.marymackillopadelaide.org.au)

## *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, and a cafe, set in beautiful surroundings - open every day.

## *St Joseph's Chapel*

Mary MacKillop's much-loved place of prayer. Now heritage-listed, it has become a place of pilgrimage, prayer and peace for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Open to the public daily: 10.00am - 4.00pm

## *Contact Information*

**Bethany/Chapel:** 4 High Street, Kensington SA 5068

Email: [infosasosj.org.au](mailto:infosasosj.org.au)

**Telephone:** 08 8130 5900

**Museum:** 19 Phillips Street, Kensington SA 5068

PO Box 57, Kent Town SA 5071

Email: [info.mmprecinct@sosj.org.au](mailto:info.mmprecinct@sosj.org.au)

**Telephone:** 08 8130 5910

**Website:** [www.marymackillopadelaide.org.au](http://www.marymackillopadelaide.org.au)





## Contact Information

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

### North Sydney NSW



**Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney**

**Phone: 02 8912 4818**

Mary MacKillop Place

PO Box 1081 North Sydney NSW 2059

Email: [retreats@mmp.org.au](mailto:retreats@mmp.org.au)

Website: [www.marymackillopplace.org.au](http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au)

*Please make cheques payable to Mary MacKillop Place.*

### Baulkham Hills NSW



**St Joseph's Baulkham Hills**

33 Barina Downs Road, Norwest NSW 2153

PO Box 7386 Baulkham Hills BC NSW 2153

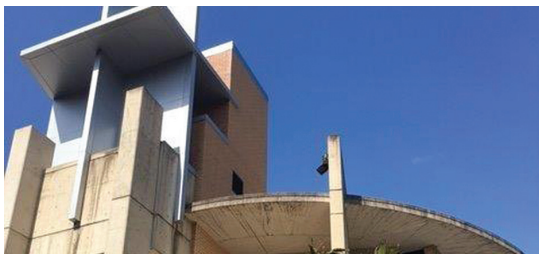
Email: [bookings@stjosephscentre.org.au](mailto:bookings@stjosephscentre.org.au)

Website: [www.stjosephscentre.org.au](http://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](mailto:admin@adorationsrs.org.au)

**Telephone: 0408 864 388**

*Please make cheques payable to the  
Sisters of Perpetual Adoration.*

## East Melbourne VIC



### **Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre**

362 Albert Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002

Email: [admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au](mailto:admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au)

Website: [www.mmhc.org.au](http://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.*

*Retreat begins on Monday at 9.30 (Retreatants arriving  
Sunday afternoon no night meal supplied) Retreat  
concludes on the Sunday after breakfast.*

## Kilmolee Safety Bay WA



### **Kilmolee at Safety Bay**

182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay WA 6169

Email: [safety.bay@sosj.org.au](mailto:safety.bay@sosj.org.au)

Telephone: **08 9527 3240**

## Kincumber South NSW



### **St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre**

8 Humphreys Rd, Kincumber South NSW 2251

Email: [reception@stjosephsretreat.org.au](mailto:reception@stjosephsretreat.org.au)

Website: [www.stjosephskincumber.org.au](http://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](mailto:Perthville.coordinator@sosj.org.au)

Website: [www.stjosephspertthville.org.au](http://www.stjosephspertthville.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.org.au](mailto:admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au)

**Telephone: 03 9926 9300**

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

# Application Form for Retreats

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Retreat Location (Please tick)

- Mary MacKillop Place 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*

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- 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.







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*of the Sacred Heart*

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