


Mary MacKillop sites close by

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MARY MACKILLOP

{ 1842 - 1909 }



Artist: Jiawei Shen
Mary MacKillop of Australia
Oil on canvas 152 x 112cm



Australia's First Saint

Penola, South Australia
Where the work of the
Sisters of St Joseph began

Penola – Where it all Began



In 1860, when Mary was 18, she left her Melbourne home to become governess to her Aunt Margaret and Uncle Alexander Cameron's children at Penola Station.

She soon met Father Julian Tenison Woods, Penola's parish priest and a noted scientist. They shared *a dream* of providing a free Catholic education for the district's poor and isolated children.



Artist: John Maitland
*Nothing could come between
her and a child in need*
Acrylic on board 121 x 90cm

However, for family reasons Mary moved to Portland in 1862, working there as governess and school teacher. In 1866 she returned to Penola, where she and Father Woods co-founded the Australian order of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, whose work was to be conducted in a *spirit of poverty and prayer*.

They opened the first St Joseph's school in a converted stable, its site now a Memorial Park. This is where Mary's journey began. In 1867 Mary moved into the Schoolhouse on the corner of Petticoat Lane.

An Extraordinary Australian

Born in Melbourne on 15 January 1842, Mary dedicated her life to God through service to the poor and the marginalised, mainly through education. She had a deep sense of social justice, respected the dignity of the individual, and showed charity to all regardless of religion, race or culture.

Mary was a strong and inspirational *pioneer and leader* of her Sisters of St Joseph who, regardless of colonial boundaries, moved wherever they were needed, opening schools and ministering to the poor in Australia and New Zealand.

Of those founding days in Penola with Father Woods, Mary later commented:

*'Little did either of us then dream
of what was to spring from so small a beginning.'*

Mary died on 8 August 1909 and is buried in the Memorial Chapel at Mary MacKillop Place, Mount Street, North Sydney.



Mary MacKillop Schoolhouse

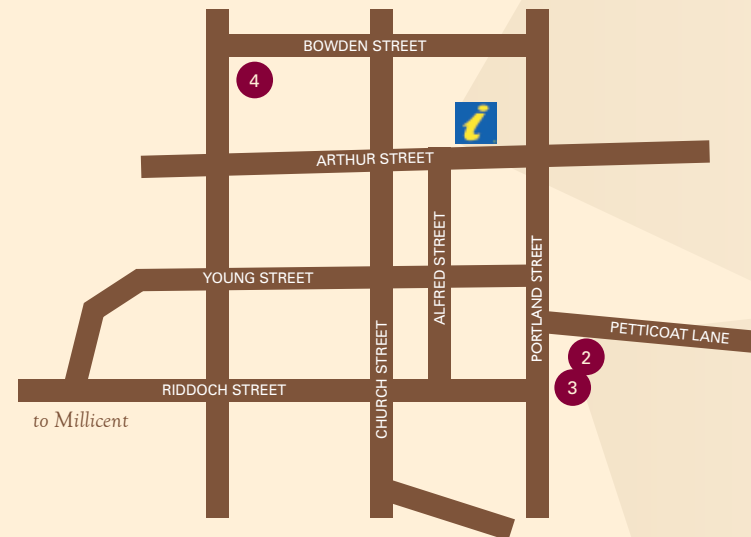
Her Story continues

Today over 1000 Sisters of St Joseph continue ministering to those in need throughout Australia and New Zealand, as well as Ireland, Peru, East Timor, Scotland and Brazil.

They are a living tribute to the life, work and faith of Mary MacKillop, a Saint for All Australians.

Beatification – Sydney. Pope John II - 19th January, 1995

Canonisation - Rome, Pope Benedict XVI – 17th October, 2010



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Saint Joseph's Catholic Church(3)

Mary MacKillop Memorial park (4)

Highlights - Must See in Penola

A visit to the John Riddoch Centre is an ideal place to start your journey. Make it your first stop to view the history of the district in the Local History Display and trace the history in the well resourced Research room, enjoy the John Shaw Neilson Acquisitive Art Prize Galler and collect your souvenirs and tourist information, including the 'Walk with History brochure'. This brochure traces the steps of 'Mary', the Mary MacKillop Memorial Park (the site of her first stable school), the Mary MacKillop Penola Centre and Woods MacKillop SchoolHouse and other sites. Open 7 days a week.



John Riddoch Centre



Must Visit in Penola

The Mary MacKillop Penola Centre is open 7 days a week and includes the restored Woods MacKillop Schoolhouse, featuring a re-created schoolroom and the Sisters' living quarters. There is also the Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre, which contains major exhibitions on the lives and work of both MacKillop and Woods. The shop carries a range of books and mementos. St Joseph's Church is open for prayer and reflection. Enter the

Mary MacKillop shrine through the church to see the beautiful stained glass window of Mary.



Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre