

PORTLAND GROUP HELP TO CELEBRATE

A group of All Saint's Parishioners travelled from Portland on Saturday, March 19 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart by Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Father Julian Tenison-Woods.

The group led by Fr Gregory Tait, travelled via Mt Gambier and returned via Dartmoor. The Portland party took part in the open air Mass at the Mary MacKillop Stable Park about 1 km from St Joseph's Church, Penola.

The Anniversary Mass, attended by about three hundred people including seventy-eight Josephite sisters from around Australia and overseas, the Governor of South Australia, Hieu Van Le, AO and Mrs Lan Le, was celebrated by the Archbishop of Adelaide, The Most Rev. Philip Wilson.

Following the unveiling of a plaque at the Stable Park to mark the occasion, the Penola parish hosted a light lunch at the Mary MacKillop Memorial School after which visitors toured the Mary MacKillop/Fr Julian Edmund Tenison Interpretive Centre.

The programme for the day also included the opening and blessing of the Cameron Home which was the original home of Alexander and Margaret Cameron, uncle and aunt of Mary MacKillop. The restored home and displays are adjacent to the Church and the unveiling of St Mary MacKillop statue and plinth took place in the Interpretive Centre.



The All Saints Portland parishioners that travelled to Penola to help celebrate the Sesquicentenary Mass of the founding of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart.