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Marie-Madeleine

## Celebrating the Heroicity of Marie Madeleine de Bonnault d'Houët

Who was this woman and what does her 'heroicity' mean?

Marie Madeleine Victoire de Bengy was born in France in 1781 and experienced the social unrest that followed the French Revolution. In 1804 she married Joseph de Bonnault d'Houët. Just ten months later she was widowed. Their baby son, Eugène, was born a month after Joseph's death.

As a young, single mother she lived a committed Christian life as she cared for her child. Marie Madeleine enjoyed a social life too and considered remarrying, but deep in her heart she sensed she was called to something else. Step by step she followed this call. Mary Magdalen and the women of the Gospel were an inspiration to her. The words 'I thirst', spoken by Jesus on the Cross, touched her heart dearly. This ardent young woman, known for her generous spirit, strong social conscience, zest for life and firm will, became what she was called to be, a faithful companion of Jesus. God led her to form a Society of apostolic women who lived a life based on Ignatian spirituality.

The Society, the Faithful Companions of Jesus, began in a small way in Amiens in 1820 with the education of poor children and the instruction of female factory workers. At the time of Marie Madeleine's death in 1858 her Society was at work in several European countries, and over the past 150 years it has extended its apostolate to Australia, The Americas, South East Asia and Africa.

In 1970 Pope Paul VI signed the declaration that Marie Madeleine Victoire de Bonnault d'Houët had lived a life of heroic virtue. In this 40th anniversary year the FCJ Society celebrates with joy this holy woman's contribution to the life of our world and our Church.

*(See page 6 for more details of Marie Madeleine's heroicity.)*



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## FROM THE PROVINCE LEADER



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the FCJ Sisters, Companions in Mission, co-workers, friends and all the people who are associated with us in the Philippines, Myanmar, Australia and Indonesia for the wonderful warm welcome I have received as I have taken up

this role in the province. So many people have helped me to discover and understand what is entailed in this very varied ministry.

Recently all the Sisters from the Asian FCJ communities (Myanmar, Indonesia and Philippines) gathered together for a Cosmology Retreat, in which the Australian Sisters had participated in 2009, and which all our Sisters throughout the world have now had the opportunity to attend. The retreat was offered as a response to our General Chapter Decree 2008:

*In the context of the developing theology of the cosmos, we are invited to read anew the Scriptures, our Constitutions, the Spiritual Exercises and the events in the world around us, so as better 'to run in the path of Christ our Lord' who is the heart of our evolving universe, and through whose cross and resurrection the whole of Creation journeys into transformation.*

We were led through a time of reflection on the cosmic reality of the interconnectedness of all things and the consequent response of amazement and respect, and of finding ways to acknowledge this fact in our daily living.

An experience which helped me to grasp this happened one day at coffee break. I suddenly became aware of all the people and parts of creation involved in making this cup of coffee. I thought of the beans – which often are a mix coming from more than one place – the person who harvested the beans, who nurtured the tree, who planted it. What tools were used? From where was the water supply? How many hands were involved in the process before the beans were packaged, and who made the packaging? Then I was aware of the cup holding the coffee, then the table I was sitting at, and its history. Subsequently, it was quite a long time before I could actually bring myself to drink the coffee – but when I did, it was with a different view and sensitivity. I felt enormously grateful and in touch with all those involved on the journey of this cup of coffee.

This was a very simple, yet profound experience for me. In all our lives there are moments when we feel somehow 'in touch' or connected or aware. Let's treasure these times and, when we have the chance, share them with others.

Judith Routier fcJ



## Where is God?

From the little penny catechism of bygone days, in our first year at school we learned: 'Where is God?' – 'God is everywhere'. I have often mused in latter years why the concept of 'God is everywhere' was not fully developed to embrace the whole of creation in the pedagogy of those days.

We are fortunate to live in an age now where we are becoming more and more aware of the presence of God through the explorations of science and the marrying of science and theology, to recognise the true meaning of our catechism answer, 'God is everywhere'.

In our documents from the last General Chapter of the FCJ Sisters (an international gathering of Sisters to discern the needs of the times for the FCJ Society), we were encouraged to read anew the Scriptures, our Constitutions and the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius in the context of the developing theology of the cosmos.

The Chapter also encouraged Cosmology Retreats throughout the Society. We had one in Australia in 2009 and in Asia in January 2011.

I thank God that I am living through this exploration of 'where is God?' We are fortunate in Melbourne to have many places to assist us in this exploration.

*The beetle  
cannot live without the tree,  
and the tree cannot live  
without an invisible partner,  
a fungus so humble that it cannot be seen ...  
Fungus, beetle, bird, tree,  
and the human sitting in its shade ...  
Our world of interdependencies  
woven so tightly  
it sometimes becomes love.*

Here on Earth: An Argument for Hope, by Tim Flannery.  
Published by The Text Publishing Co. Australia, 2010. Reprinted with permission.

### Websites for further exploration

Centre for Ecology and Spirituality: [www.edmundrice.org/glenburn](http://www.edmundrice.org/glenburn)

EarthSong: [www.earthsong.org.au](http://www.earthsong.org.au)

Wellsprings Centre: [www.wellspringscentre.org.au](http://www.wellspringscentre.org.au)

Catherine Flynn fcJ



# Getting to know Sr Afra Primadiana



Afra fcJ with a chicken gift from a village.

Name: Afra Primadiana  
 Place of Birth: West Papua, Indonesia  
 Family: Third of five children  
 Education: Bachelor of Mathematics, Master of Theology

‘We are all made as part of God’s plan – God’s love is unconditional and boundless.’

I was born in Merauke, West Papua, on 2 August 1968. My family is originally from Yogyakarta and I grew up in Jakarta. When I was in primary school I wanted to be a Sister because I was interested in their way of life. In upper secondary school this desire became stronger because I wanted to serve the poor. I wanted to go to Papua and live with the people in the villages there. When I was at high school I attended an Ignatian Retreat and after that I always wanted to pray using contemplation. At university, I was introduced to the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises and learnt about discernment and Magis, the giving of more.

I met the FCJ Sisters through a friend, now Sister Agnes, and she invited me to accompany her to visit the FCJ Sisters in their home. While at university I had an experience that changed my life. I was looking at a baby, and I was amazed at the revelation that God never makes any mistakes in creating anything – we are all made as part of God’s plan – God’s love is unconditional and boundless.

I became a postulant on 29 September 1991 and a novice on 26 August 1992. I took first vows on 18 September 1994 and my final vows in Yogyakarta on 5 October 2002.

As an FCJ I have been involved in pastoral work in the Cathedral parish in Kupang, West Timor. I worked with the joint Jesuit Refugee Service in Kupang (for the East Timorese people) and later in Aceh (after the tsunami). I have been involved in the social, economic and pastoral development of young people in the Purwokerto diocese, Central Java. At present my ministry is pastoral work with young people in Ende, in the Archdiocese of Flores. I find working with young people fascinating, challenging and a privilege. Their enthusiasm and openness to learn many things energise me to respond to their desires

I have several hobbies: reading, travelling, having an adventure, and I still have a dream to go paragliding! When I was 10 I studied pop organ, and since the age of 11 I have been a church organist! When I was in high school I learnt classical organ.

In answer to the question ‘What is important in my life?’ I would say that it is a call to embrace and live the four companions – humility, obedience, gentleness and poverty.

In my life I am particularly grateful for the LOVE that I receive from God, from my family, from the FCJ Society and from all the people with whom I have shared my life.



# Mary MacKillop –A ‘heart of gold’

At Penola an interesting aspect of Mary MacKillop’s character emerged: her recognition of the inherent right of all persons to be accepted and valued for their unique gifts of mind and spirit.

This recognition was obvious in her treatment of a neglected Aboriginal girl, whose father worked on the station and whose mother had gone ‘walkabout’. Mary found time to wash the girl, treat her sores and clean her hair, as well as giving her some religious instruction.

In the 1890s Mary was most enthusiastic about setting up a mission for the Aborigines on the Daly River in the Northern Territory. The Sisters were to work from the base established by the Jesuit Fathers (Mary’s brother, Fr Donald MacKillop SJ, worked for years on the Daly River mission). When the Jesuit Fathers withdrew from this mission in 1899 Mary’s dream had to be abandoned.

The boys at Kincumber Home loved her visits. They would meet her at Woy Woy and row her across Brisbane Waters in a leaky boat – one boy bailing out water all the time. Bill McLeod, who was 103 years old when he died in 1994, speaking of his memories of Mary MacKillop when he was an orphan at Kincumber, said: ‘She had a heart of gold and was as strong as a bar of steel’ (*Herald Sun*, November 1991).

As Mother General she was always a welcome visitor to the schools she had established. An elderly Sister of Mercy recalled one of these visits when she was a Josephite pupil: ‘I remember her eyes, the lovely way she had with children, her nice stories and the tin of boiled lollies (Stedman’s) she always brought’.

Mary was ecumenical in times when much bigotry existed in Australia. She was certainly a ‘fighting Scottish Catholic’ like her father but she had good friends who were not Catholics. An outstanding example was Emmanuel Solomon, a prominent South Australian Jew, one of the founders of the Adelaide Hebrew Congregation. During the trouble in Adelaide, when Mary was excommunicated and the Sisters disbanded, Mr Solomon provided a rent-free house for them. On many other occasions the Sisters were grateful for his generosity. Mary once wrote: ‘The kindness of the Jewish community has been remarkable – but, then, St Joseph was a Jew!’

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## Reflections of FCJ Sisters who were taught by Saint Mary MacKillop’s Sisters

‘Mary MacKillop was the nun whose picture was in a beautiful frame in each classroom as I progressed through the eight years of my primary schooling. I took for granted the wonderful women who came after her and I knew that my mother and sister worked together to help make me the person I am today. When I reflect on the women who followed Mary MacKillop, I can understand that they did all in their power to help the children in my class to have the best opportunities to achieve their potential.’

Margaret Olsen fcJ

‘My memories of my days in the Primary school being taught by the Sisters of St Joseph are happy ones. They were good teachers and prepared us well for our secondary education. They were prepared to go into city and country areas to bring faith and education to Australian children. They set up a curriculum that included not just the three Rs but also subjects of enrichment and interest. Our parents loved and esteemed the Sisters and we knew that whatever we reported at home that ‘Sister said ...’ it would be adhered to and carried out!’

Mary Kennedy fcJ

‘When I reflect on the lives of the Sisters of St Joseph who taught me in primary school, I am full of gratitude for their dedication and hard work. They were good and confident teachers, very energetic and determined that we would get the best education possible. They were patient, caring and demanded high standards. I marvel at the amount of work we did each week. There were tests and competitions which challenged us and there were happy times also when we had singing lessons and practised for concerts. Every child was treated the same with particular care for those who were needy. Our head Sister used to spend Saturday morning giving extra classes to those students who would not be going to secondary school. She taught them typing skills and business principles to enable them to obtain good positions in the public service when they left school. No wonder that the whole of Australia claimed Mary MacKillop as our Saint. Everyone has been touched by the heroism of her Sisters!’

Margaret Mary Kennedy fcJ



# Limerick – Ireland Celebrates St Mary MacKillop

On Sunday 7 November 2010, St John’s Cathedral, Limerick, was packed; it was standing room only for the Eucharist to celebrate the canonisation of St Mary MacKillop, Founder of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. It was a jubilant, joyous, colourful occasion. Forty Josephite Sisters, having spent their lives in Australia and New Zealand, and now mostly back in Ireland, processed up the aisle wearing colourful blue scarves. Banners of St Mary decorated the cathedral.



Sr Syra Sheehy fcJ

As most of the Sisters come from North Cork and Kerry, West Limerick, and a few from Clare, their families, friends and associates attended. Elderly people were bussed into the city where the Sisters now live and minister. Friends and associates wore colourful neck scarves; Beatrice Molyneaux fcJ wore one sent by her brother, Kevin, in Australia.

Many priests from the diocese concelebrated with Fr Chris O’Donnell, who is a young diocesan priest. Chris had been to Mary MacKillop’s grave when he was leading the Limerick Youth in Sydney for World Youth Day. Chris is the grand-nephew of Sister Syra Sheehy fcJ, who is buried in Melbourne.

The liturgy was impressive, with the local West Limerick Church very involved. An adult choir, a children’s choir and a soloist from Ballingarry/Granah led the music. Noirin Ni Riain, a well-known singer, sang and spoke a thanksgiving hymn, *If I Could Tell the Love of God*, by Christopher Willcock sj.

*If I could tell the love of God  
I’d sing of women working hard  
Receiving bits of broken bread  
And poor enough to serve the poor.’*

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Two young girls in brilliant white enacted a very beautiful liturgical movement up through the cathedral as the Book of the Gospels was brought to the altar. Their movement on the altar steps, while the children’s choir sang a recessional hymn, *A Tribute to Mary MacKillop*, was superb.

One reflection on Mary’s life by the celebrant was very striking. He chose the kangaroo, an animal with only a forward movement, to represent Mary’s thrust in life. Chris reiterated that Mary’s motto was, no matter what, ‘to keep going forward’.

Led by a Scottish piper, the Sisters processed down the aisle after Mass to continuous applause from the congregation. It was a memorable and proud day for the families and friends of the Sisters.

Sr Phyllis Halpin fcJ



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# The Heroicity of the Virtues for Marie Madeleine de Bonnault d'Houët

This year the FCJ Sisters are celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Vatican's declaration in November 1970 that Marie Madeleine d'Houët had lived a life of exemplary virtue and may be considered a model of Christian virtues. This is an important stage in the canonical process towards Beatification and Canonisation.

Marie Madeleine d'Houët died in Paris in 1858. In 1876 the FCJ Superior General, Mother Josephine Petit, approached the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris on the subject of introducing the Cause of Madame d'Houët for sainthood. Already thousands of petitions and testimonies relating to the holiness of the Foundress had been sent to the Convent. Accordingly the Cardinal Archbishop delegated Father Apollinaire de Valence to gather the preliminary information. In 1886 an ecclesiastical tribunal was established in Paris to examine the witnesses who had given testimonies to the holiness and heroic virtues of Marie Madeleine d'Houët. About this time FCJ Sisters had made foundations in other countries, in France, Italy, Switzerland, England, Ireland, Canada, Australia and the USA and knowledge

of the holiness of the Founder had spread far and wide.

In 1894 all the documentary evidence of the many witnesses who had been examined and given testimony to the heroic sanctity of the Founder was sent to Rome to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. It is related that all these testimonies were supported by letters from 14 cardinals, 33 archbishops and 127 bishops from around the world. Again in Rome the testimonies were examined by theologians, cardinals and bishops and every letter or document attributed to Marie Madeleine was authenticated to ascertain that she acted with heroic virtue through all the trials and difficult times of her life. Finally, evidence of her holiness was presented to the Vatican.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI proclaimed that Marie Madeleine's virtues were heroic. The next step on the road to Canonisation is Beatification when, if a miracle can be attributed to her, this Venerable servant of God will be known as *Blessed*. A second miracle is necessary for her to be canonised and proclaimed a saint.

Margaret Mary Kennedy fCJ



Prayer for the Beatification of Marie Madeleine d'Houët and to obtain through her intercession a grace, healing or other favour.

*God our Creator*

*Jesus our Companion*

*Holy Spirit, Source of Wisdom*

*Marie Madeleine believed*

*in your power*

*hoped in your promises*

*and lived for your glory and service.*

*We ask her to pray for us... (name intention)*

*Through her prayer*

*May your healing presence be shown*

*And your name glorified.*

*We make our prayer in the name of Jesus the Christ.*

*Amen.*

Marie Madeleine d'Houët, Founder – Faithful Companions of Jesus

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Were Marie Madeleine d’Houët to visit Australia in 2011, she would be very happy to see the young people of Benalla and Kew striving to achieve their personal best and to work in a spirit of harmony and good will with teachers and students.



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1. Retreats were a priority for Marie Madeleine and the tradition continues. FCJ College Benalla, Year 11, 2011.



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2. Music was a feature in the life of Marie Madeleine and, later, in her convents and schools, and so it continues to this day. This year Genazzano girls performed to full houses every night in *Annie*.

3. This year Genazzano celebrates 25 Years of Rowing. Outstanding results have been achieved in both the National Trials and Head of the River.

4. Jacob Chacko, Benalla, was a delegate to the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in 2010 and this year he received a bursary to attend the Asia Pacific Youth Science Festival in Bangkok.

**Drama at Genazzano!**

5. Julia Christensen playing Mrs Lovett from *Sweeney Todd*. As a VCE Top Class Theatre Studies and Drama student, Julia was chosen to perform at the Recital Centre.



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**Benalla Rural City Young Citizen of the Year**

6. Congratulations to Chloe Bennett from FCJ College’s Graduating Class of 2010, who was awarded ‘Benalla Rural City Young Citizen of the Year’ at the Benalla Australia Day Awards. Chloe was a Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholar, and an accomplished tennis, cricket and soccer player. She involved herself with a range of social justice activities and participated in the reference group for Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the Extent and Nature of Disadvantage and Inequity in Rural and Regional Victoria.



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# FCJ Learning and Development Centre, Bagong Silangan

Late last year the FCJs wrote a 'thank you letter' to the many supporters of the FCJ Mission in The Philippines. An extract is reproduced here for FCJnews readers.

The FCJ Centre runs an integrated community development program in Bagong Silangan, an area adjacent to one of Manila's main dumpsites. Approximately 5,000 people live in the area.

These are some of the programs we offer:

## Health

The Centre runs a health clinic, which 5,690 people attended in the past three years. Five community health workers are making a positive contribution to health care in the area. Regular health education seminars are given both in the clinic each Monday and in the community. Health modules are now integrated into other programs at the FCJ Centre.

Malnourished children and elderly people are receiving additional nutrition several times a week. In the case of the children, the mothers are receiving education in nutrition and other aspects of childcare.

Several people with special health needs are supported on a regular basis. This includes people with mental illness, people in advanced stages of cancer, and children with cerebral palsy or physical deformities.

## Family Support

Through the House Repair Program 154 houses have been renovated and now each one has a good roof, four walls and a cement floor. The family members themselves have done the work. The improved housing has had a positive impact on the wellbeing of the families. The renovations have included 31 mezzanine floors, partitions or bunk beds, which have enabled families with many children to have greater space and privacy. The construction of 68 toilets has created a healthier environment. The 102 water tanks have contributed to greater hygiene.

## Income-generating Projects

Over the past three years the number of women involved in income-generating projects has increased, so that there are now 91 women who regularly earn additional income in this way. The women are now involved in making cards, gift bags, bead jewellery and woven cloth products, all of which are sold abroad. Baking, chocolate-making, food processing and sewing also provide income locally. Some women have branched out and have established their own small businesses after the training they received in the FCJ Centre. Others are now helping in the training of new groups. There is a thriving Cooperative, which has grown in strength. Apart from providing a retail store and credit and savings possibilities to the community, the Co-op has organised many popular social events.



Srs Paola, Elvira and Dewi fcj with some FCJ Centre staff and others from the area

## Education

Twenty-five children from the poorest families have received elementary and high school scholarships. The mothers of these children followed a six-session program on various topics, and further modules are planned. The Alternative Learning System Program has enabled young people and adults (some of them grandmothers) to graduate from high school. Some have obtained jobs, and others have even enrolled in tertiary education. Currently 26 College Scholars are following a variety of courses. These young people offer leadership in the community and tutor younger children every week. Graduates have found jobs and this, as well as their positive contribution to the community, gives an encouraging example to other young people in the area.

## Computer

The Computer Room was completely refurbished during the past three years. There are now 14 computers available to students, there is broadband internet access, and the room is air-conditioned. Various programs are offered. The FCJ Centre has a Memorandum of Agreement with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and in all 40 students have received a TESDA Diploma. Numerous high school students follow courses in Computer Operations, and there are also classes for adults, which are very well attended. The high school students also follow a Life Skills Course as part of their program. Since 2007, 310 people have taken the computer courses.





Reflection day for the scholars, September 2010



FCJ Centre's scholars in a Christmas drama, December 2010

### Skills Training for Out-of-school Youth

Over the past three years 15 young people have successfully completed skills training programs at Marikina Polytechnic College. Eight further students are preparing to start courses.

### Tutoring for Children in the Squatter Areas, Scout Borromeo

Each weekend children from the squatter areas local to the FCJ community house come to tutoring sessions. The children are divided into groups and they receive help with Maths and Language and also enjoy games. In the elementary schools here there are usually 60–70 children in one class, so the children enjoy some individual attention when they come to tutoring.

They are taught by FCJ Sisters and also by seven young FCJ College Scholars, who do the tutoring in return for the support they receive for their studies.

The highlight of the year is the Christmas Party for 200 children (two sessions of 100 each). It is great fun but, as you can imagine, rather hectic!

### St Joseph's Boys' Home, Maasin

This year St Joseph's Boys' Home is catering for 20 children. Twelve boys live in the house, six of whom attend elementary school and six high school. Eight boys have been reintegrated in their families. One of them is in elementary school, four are in high school, and three in college.

Four children passed the Alternative Learning System, which means that from elementary level they will go straight to high school. They had a graduation ceremony on 5 April 2010.



Sr Paola fcJ accompanies St Joseph College students on an exposure experience in Bagong Silangan, 2010

### Scholars

There are 10 FCJ scholars in Maasin City; three of them graduated in March 2010. A Recollection & Reunion for the old and new scholars was held on a beautiful island in Canigao, Southern Leyte.

Once again, thank you for your great generosity. We keep you in our prayers and ask you to pray for us and for all the people we accompany.

Maraming Salamat Po – Thank You Very Much,  
FCJ Sisters, Philippines

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# The Eruption of Mount Merapi in Yogyakarta

Mount Merapi is the most active volcano in Indonesia. On Tuesday 26 October 2010, at 5.10pm, Merapi erupted. Dust and sand, followed by hot cloud, poured into the area 10 km from the peak of the mount. The ash rain reached Magelang, Purworejo, Ciamis, and some parts of West Java Province. At midnight on 5 November, Merapi erupted again. This eruption killed 259 people and forced 400,000 people to leave their homes. They had to move to safer places outside a radius of 20 km from the peak of Mount Merapi (Our FCJ community, Soropadan Community, is about 25 km from the peak). Some of the displaced people stayed in government shelters, and the others stayed in a seminary, Muslim boarding houses, or in ordinary households.

After the first eruption FCJ Sisters, in collaboration with CiM and MAGiS members, our Bible Study group and students, began to help provide for the immediate needs of the displaced people. We established our house as an emergency post. Our focus was on sending emergency supplies to those who had been evacuated. We sent drinking water, nutritious drinks, baby food and baby milk, sleeping mats and clothes for adults and children, blankets, medical supplies and cooked food. We are blessed to have a great network of friends to rely on – both young and old. We worked together cooking food and bagging supplies. Thank God for teamwork!

We cooked up to 1000 meals a day. We were peeling onions and garlic and frying smoked fish for days. Early each morning some of the women in our parish community cooked vegetables while others cooked rice. Once the food was cooked it was taken immediately to one of the general kitchens where it was distributed to those in shelters.

Even though most people have returned to their homes, we now have a second disaster. The people who live near the river are affected by cold lava floods. In a situation like this it is hard for some people to hold on to hope. Some families whom we have visited said, 'Please visit us regularly. No need to bring anything. Some people just send their things, but never have time to be with us.'

In our own small way we are trying to help where we can and especially trying to help people to look to the future. We are continuing to supply basic foods and other essential supplies. As schools re-opened, we helped with school supplies, e.g. school bags, books and stationery items. We have at present two major projects: funding income-generating schemes and paying school fees.

In the midst of all the horror and devastation caused by the recent eruptions, we find a great kindness and generosity in people. It is beyond race, religion, and age. Together we can support each other. Together we can ...

FCJ Sisters in Yogyakarta, Indonesia

'In the midst of all the horror and devastation caused by the recent eruptions, we find a great kindness and generosity in people.'



Hot cloud



Ready to deliver the food

(Pictured below) Food preparation: L to R, Clare Hand fcJ, Margaret O'Donoghue fcJ, Winda (a student), and Hartini fcJ.





# New Buildings for FCJ Schools

## FCJ College Benalla: Official Opening of the Language and Senior Study Centre



## Genazzano FCJ College – The Madeleine Centre



## FUNDRAISER for the FCJ Missions:

Romania and The Philippines

*All are invited*

**High tea**, Sunday 14 August, 2.00 – 5.00pm.

**Centenary Hall**, Genazzano FCJ College.

**Plus** a panel of speakers

– young past students who have been working  
as volunteers at the FCJ Centre in Manila.

### Bookings:

Call Julie Chamberlin on 03 9853 6527.

Please refer to the back of the address sheet  
for full details.



## 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of the Heroicity of Marie Madeleine's Virtues

On Saturday 8 October 2011 we are  
celebrating this special event with a Mass at  
11.00am at St Ignatius', Richmond, followed  
by lunch in the Parish Hall.

All friends of the FCJ Sisters are invited:  
family members, past and present students,  
staff of Genazzano FCJ College, Benalla FCJ  
College, The Province Centre, Companions  
in Mission, Associates and lay colleagues  
who work with the FCJ Sisters in various  
ministries. Mark the date in your diary now!

## Associates' meetings

- Frankston** Sunday 5 June at John Paul College at 2.30pm (FCJ Associates and Past Students' Reunion)
- Kew** Sunday 28 August at Genazzano FCJ College at 2.30pm
- Benalla** Sunday 23 October at FCJ College Benalla at 2.30pm (FCJ Associates and Past Students' Reunion)

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