

1842

Eldest of eight children

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Mary Helen MacKillop was born to Catholic Scottish immigrants on January 15th 1842 in the family home in Brunswick Street, Fitzroy – Melbourne.

John 1845 – 1867
Donald 1853 – 1925
Peter 1857 – 1878
Annie 1848 – 1929
Margaret (Maggie) 1843 – 1872
Alexandrina (Lexie) 1850 – 1882
Alick 1847 (who died at 11 months)

The MacKillop children experienced an unsettled childhood where the family home was neither happy nor prosperous due to the many failed and flawed business dealings of Mary's father.

Mary MacKillop was born on January 15th to Scottish parents in Melbourne.

1850

Becomes a governess (Nanny) to the Cameron children in Penola. She meets Fr Julian Tenison Woods.



1863

Becomes a paid teacher in a Catholic school in Victoria



1866

- Mary starts the Stable School in Penola on St Joseph's Day, March 19th. She wears a simple black dress to signify her dedication to God.



1867

Takes religious vows and calls herself Mary of the Cross



1868

- Working in Adelaide



1869

- Takes final vows as a Sister of St Joseph nun and leaves for

Queensland



1870

First state school in Brisbane opens



1871

Mary is excommunicated by Bishop Shiel



1872

Excommunication order removed in February



1873

Mary visits the Pope in Rome and gains approval of the Josephite

Religious order



1874

Mary returns to Australia with 15 young girls from Ireland who want to be nuns (postulants)



1875

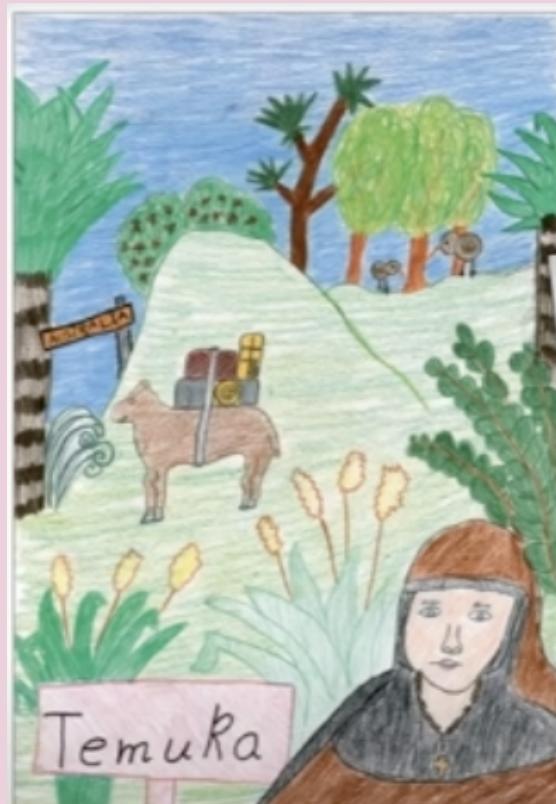
Mary is elected as the first Mother Superior of the first order of

Josephites



1883

First group of Josephite nuns in New Zealand in Temuka



1887

Sisters arrive in Western Australia



1888

Pope decrees Sisters of St Joseph as a regular congregation and the

Mother House is opened in Sydney



1989

First Josephite community opened in Victoria



1891

Josephite nuns are present in 9 dioceses in Australia and New Zealand

- Mary suffers her first bout of many illnesses



1899

Mary is again elected Superior General



1902

Mary suffered a stroke in Rotorua, New Zealand, and becomes paralyzed down one side



1905

Mary again elected Superior General



1909

Mary dies on August 8th, in Sydney and is buried in Gore Hill

cemetery



1914

Mary's remains are interred in the Memorial Chapel



1926

The process to have Mary canonized (Become a saint) begins



1981

Josephite nuns begin in Peru



1993

MacKillop mission begins in East Timor



1995

Beatification ceremony in Sydney, Mary is known as Blessed Mary

MacKillop



2010

Canonisation in Rome, Mary is now St Mary MacKillop



