

A SPECIAL PLACE:

Set in 500 hectares of pleasant bush and pasture land, *St Mary's Towers* is gifted with an atmosphere conducive to prayer and reflection.

A PLACE OF SILENCE:

We work with passion and patience, to shape, to hold, and to be the particular space in which God does in people's hearts that which God needs and desires to do.

THE HOME OF A SPIRIT:

Environment and silence, though precious to us, are but a preparation for what God alone can achieve.

St Mary's Towers is home to a way of life. The people at *The Towers* are motivated and formed by their personal experience of the divine and human love of God in the heart of Jesus, now glorified and living on in all creation.

This spirit and life find expression in a natural and normal living out of the kindness of God among those who live here and those who visit.

RETREAT TEAM 2012:

Fr Doug Smith msc

Dr Kerrie Hide msc

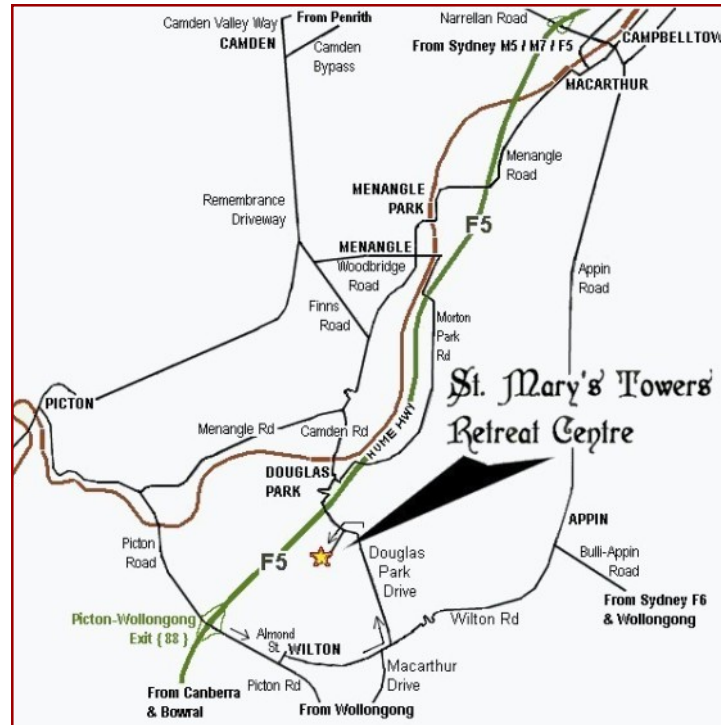
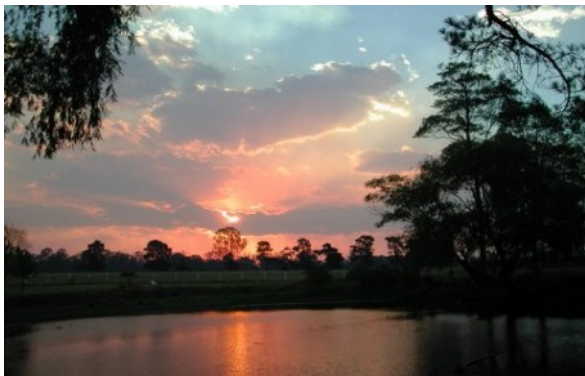
Ms Michelle Vass

Fr Terry Naughton msc *Emeritus*

[Sr Patricia Naughton ssps finishes on 31 Jan 2012]

Several Visiting Directors serve with us each year.

{Photograph by David Taylor}



BY CAR:

FROM SYDNEY or CANBERRA:

Leave the M5/F5 at EXIT 88 (Picton / Wollongong exit). Drive towards WOLLONGONG. After 3 km turn left at the WILTON / Almond Street sign, then immediately right at the APPIN/ Argyle Street sign. After 3km, turn left into DOUGLAS PARK DRIVE. Follow this for 4km to St. Mary's Towers front gate on the left.

FROM WOLLONGONG:

Leave Wollongong on the PICTON ROAD and continue until you reach MACARTHUR DRIVE on the right. Continue on to the 'T'-junction. Turn right and then immediately left into DOUGLAS PARK DRIVE. Follow this for 4km to St. Mary's Towers front gate on the left.

BY TRAIN:

The Retreat Centre is 4km from Douglas Park Railway Station. As there are no taxis available, we will gladly meet your train. If you are coming from Sydney Central you may need to change trains at Campbelltown for the Southern Highlands Line.

St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre Douglas Park NSW



RETREAT PROGRAM 2012

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NSW*

**Website:
http://**

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Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

RETREAT PROGRAM 2012

*Complete silence is observed throughout all retreats.
The Celebration of Eucharist is a part of each retreat
and Reconciliation is available on request.*

DEC 30 '11 - JAN 29 '12: Life's Journey Experience

31- 08 JAN 8-Day Guided Retreat - *Walking with Jesus* - Retreat Team

31- 08 JAN Directed Retreat

10 - 18 Life's Healing Journey

10 - 18 Directed Retreat

20 - 28 Directed Retreat

{St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre will be closed February for annual maintenance and cleaning.}

MAR 01 - 07 6-Day Directed Retreat

30 - 01 APR Prayer Weekend - *Palm Sunday*

30 - 07 APR Directed Retreat [Easter]

APR 01 - 07 Guided Retreat [Easter]

05 - 07 Triduum [Easter]

13 - 15 **Men's Weekend** Retreat

20 - 26 Guided Retreat - *Leaving self Behind*
- Chris Chaplin msc

20 - 22 Prayer Weekend - as above

APRIL 30 - MAY 30: Life's Journey Experience

MAY 01 - 09 8-Day Guided Retreat - *Peaceful Living* - Retreat Team

01 - 09 Directed Retreat

11 - 19 Life's Healing Journey

11 - 19 Directed Retreat

21 - 29 Directed Retreat

JUNE 01 - 03 **Couples' Weekend** Retreat

JUNE 08 - 14 Guided Retreat - *Presence & Absence of God* - Kerrie Hide

08 - 10 Prayer Weekend - as above

29 - 05 JULY Guided Retreat - *Christian Meditation* - Doug Smith msc

29 - 01 JULY Prayer Weekend - as above

JULY 09 - 15 Guided Retreat - *One Love: Praying Contemplatively* - Kerrie Hide

JULY 30 - AUG 30: Ignatian Exercises

JULY 31 - 08 AUG Directed Retreat

AUG 10 - 18 Directed Retreat

20 - 28 Directed Retreat

SEPT 14 - 20 Guided Retreat - *Spirituality of Aging* - Retreat Team

24 - 30 Guided Retreat - *Sheer Silence*
- Kerrie Hide

OCT 04 - 10 Guided Retreat - *Jesus' Spirituality*
- Doug Smith msc

13 - 21 Life's Healing Journey

13 - 21 Day Directed Retreat

26 - 01 Nov Guided Retreat - *Heart of God, Heart of Creation* - Retreat Team

26 - 28 Prayer Weekend - as above

NOV 09 - 11 Prayer Weekend - *Centring Prayer*
- Michelle Vass

13 - 19 6-Day Directed Retreat

23 - 29 Guided Retreat - *Mirror of Eternity: Praying with Clare* - Kerrie Hide

23 - 25 Prayer Weekend - as above

DEC 07 - 13 Guided Retreat - *Advent*
- Retreat Team

07 - 09 Prayer Weekend - as above

DEC 31 '12- JAN 30 '13 : Life's Journey Experience

JAN 01 - 09 8-Day Guided Retreat - *Peaceful Living* - Retreat Team

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DATES: All retreats commence with the 6pm evening meal followed later by Eucharist, on the first date shown. They conclude after a 2pm Eucharist on the last date.

TARIFF: Our basic cost is \$90.00 per day.

Deposit (non-refundable) to confirm your booking:

\$30.00 for 8 days or less;

\$150.00 for longer retreats.

MasterCard or Visa are accepted.

Prayer Weekend - \$180.00

6-day Retreat - \$540.00

8-Day Retreat - \$720.00

Ignatian Exercises - \$2790.00

Life's Journey Experience - \$2700.00

Tariff is all inclusive. Concession tariffs are negotiable with the Director.

(Brown Corridor Rooms \$80.00 per day)

Ongoing Spiritual Direction is offered by our Directors. It is recommended that you contact your Director of choice personally regarding appointments.

APPLICATION FORMS for ALL Retreats:

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