

Federations Sisters Gather at Penola for Unveiling of Sculptures



(Left to right) Sisters Jan Tranter (L), Jean Cain (P), Marie Hughes (L), Colleen Howe (G), Karen Muir, (G) and Ellen Shanahan (L) at the end of proceedings after helping to unveil the sculpture of Fr Woods at the Pulpit and Mary MacKillop with the children.

as a place of pilgrimage, prayer and contemplation. [Click here for photos and account of the celebrations](#)

Appreciation was expressed for the generosity and effort of many people, particularly to the Gartner family who had donated the land for the park and worked tirelessly for its development over many years.



Sculptor Kevin Gilders at work with his chainsaw in Fr Woods Park.

Federation Josephite Sisters from Lochinvar, Goulburn and Perthville Congregations represented their respective groups at Penola S.A. on Sunday 23rd May for the Blessing and Unveiling of Sculptures at Father Woods Park, joining Central Josephite Sisters, relatives of Fr Woods, local parishioners and many others. The day commenced with 8.30 Mass in the Parish church, concelebrated by Jesuit priests, Fr Paul Gardiner and Fr Frank Brennan - the former who had worked for many years preparing, for Rome, the case for Mary's MacKillop's canonisation, the latter who, during the day, revealed the significance of Fr Woods in his own family history. [Click Here for full text of Fr Frank Brennan's talk](#) Fr Woods' own chalice was used for Mass.

For the rest of the celebrations everyone travelled the 19 kilometres from Penola along the highway towards Adelaide for a feast of wonderful talks, lunch and entertainment surrounding the Blessing and Unveiling of Sculptures and re-dedication of Fr Woods Park

