

This Month in History

January

1914

30th

First party of sisters arrived in Christchurch, New Zealand. Mother Boniface O'Connor, Sr Brendan Greely, Sr Monica Power, Sr Basil McDonald and Mother Xavier. They were joined in February by Sr Philomena Gannon and in March by Sr Clair Halpine. Mother Xavier then returned to Sydney leaving the six sisters under the leadership of Mother Boniface.



Christchurch Foundation Sisters - Mother Boniface O'Connor, Sr Brendan Greely, Sr Monica Power and Sr Basil McDonald

1930

19th

Little Company of Mary hospital is opened in Chicago, USA.



Little Company of Mary Hospital, Chicago

1946

31st

Royal Navy Firefly aircraft crashes into the grounds of Lewisham Hospital, Sydney, killing three people and injuring four. The engine of the aircraft clipped the hospital chapel's bell tower before slamming into the kitchen and bursting into flames.

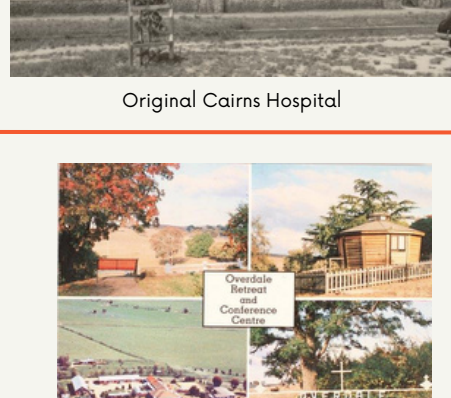


Newspaper report of the crash

1951

26th

Foundation of Calvary hospital, Cairns, Queensland.



Original Cairns Hospital

1960

26th

Foundation of Overdale rest house, Harefield, Junee NSW.



Overdale

This Month in History

February

1887

3rd

Sr Pierre Dillon who had been stricken with TB dies at 123 William Street. She is the first member of the Congregation to die. Stricken by grief Mother Mary Potter designs the cross and wording for the graves of all LCM sisters.

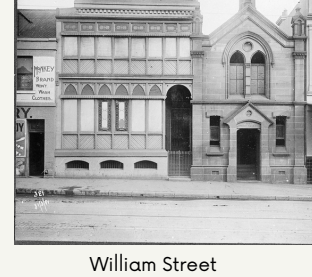


1976 Sr's ZM Lake and M Carrigan visiting the grave of Sr Pierre Dillon, Rookwood Cemetery

1892

4th

William Street reopened for the poor as temporary central house.

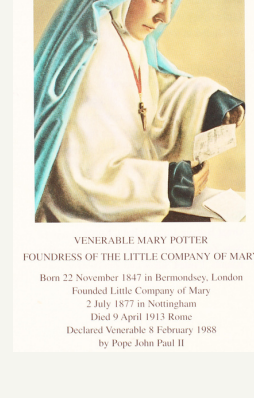


William Street

1988

8th

Mother Mary Potter is declared Venerable by Pope John Paul II. The process for her beatification commenced in 1935 with the publishing of the first works on her life and a leaflet with a prayer for her beatification.



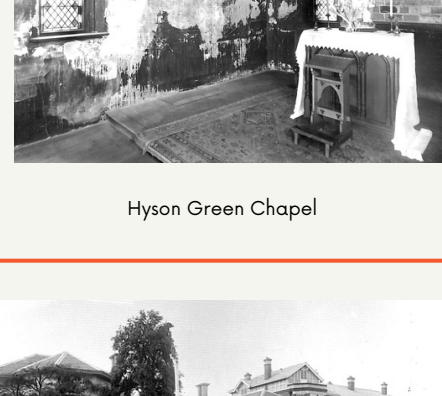
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March

1877

25th

Lease takes effect for use of old stocking factory and adjoining property in Hyson Green as the residence for Mary Potter's new institute. For a beginning it was decided that the community should comprise only three members - Mary Potter, Mrs Bryan (Sister Mary Magdalen) and Mary Bray (Mother Agnes).

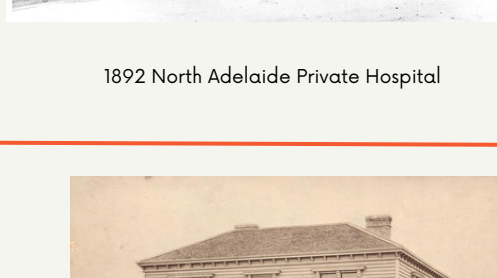


Hyson Green Chapel

1900

24th

Five sisters sent from Lewisham Hospital, Sydney, to take charge of a small hospital in North Adelaide that will accommodate twenty-eight patients.



1892 North Adelaide Private Hospital

1914

15th

The hospital in Bealey Ave, Christchurch, to be known as Lewisham Hospital is blessed and opened by Bishop Grimes, the first Bishop of Christchurch. It contained 40 beds, an operating theatre, onsite chapel and accommodation for the sisters.



1914 Original building in Bealey Ave, Christchurch

1930

30th

The first section of the hospital at Wagga Wagga was opened and blessed by archbishop Michael Sheehan. It provided accommodation for 32 patients with the superior and senior sisters sleeping on the third floor of the hospital while the other sisters slept at Foxborough Hall.



1930 Opening of Wagga Wagga Hospital

1962

25th

The first secular student nurses arrive at Lewisham and are housed in the newly appointed Nurses quarters and receive Benediction in the convent Chapel.



1962 First intake of secular student nurses at Lewisham Hospital, Sydney

1985

3rd

The Forrest Centre, a joint venture with the Anglican Church, was opened and blessed by Bishop Brennan and Bishop Dowling (Anglican). Sr Mariana Keegan is appointed Local Superior.



Forrest Centre, Wagga Wagga