

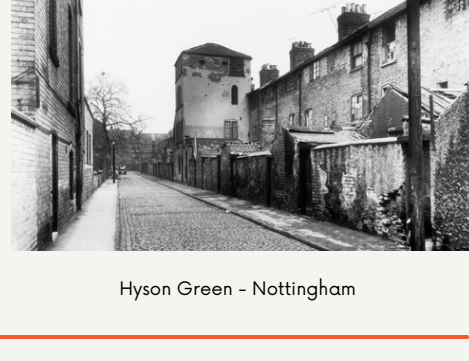
This Month in History

April

2nd

1877

In a derelict stocking factory in an equally derelict district of Nottingham, England, the Little Company of Mary was born. Bishop Bagshawe blessed and declared the convent and mission open and dedicated the chapel to the Maternal Heart of Mary. Mary Potter and her two companions slept on a sack of straw on a bench, and jammed the street door closed with an axe.

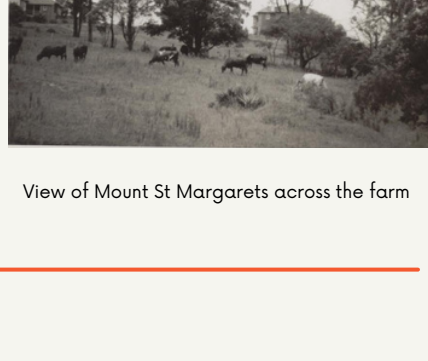


Hyson Green - Nottingham

3rd

1892

Mount St Margaret's is opened. Thomas Dalton saw the need for an institution to nurse women suffering from nervous and mental disorders. He donated 27 acres of land overlooking the Parramatta River at Ryde and offered to pay for the special training in England of two Sisters as psychiatric nurses. He stipulated that it should be called Mount St. Margaret. The property came with a herd of milking cows which remained there until 1974



View of Mount St Margaret's across the farm

9th

1913

Mother Mary Potter's life comes to an end at 6.16pm at the age of 65. On the 12th Mother's body is laid to rest in the Campo Santo outside the walls of Rome. On the 5th May her remains are moved to the crypt beneath the Chapel of Calvary Hospital, the mother house on Colelian Hill, Rome.

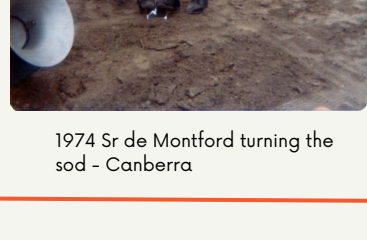


1913 Procession of sisters following requiem mass for Mother Mary Potter

6th

1974

Commencement of Calvary Hospital, Canberra. Sr de Montfort Lake turned the sod with Apostolic Delegate, Bishop Morgan and Father Patrick Dougherty present.



1974 Sr de Montfort turning the sod - Canberra

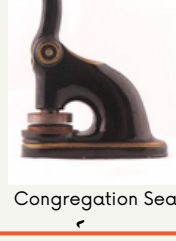
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May

31st

1886

First Papal approval of the Little Company of Mary (Ecclesiastical Approbation). The final seal came in 1893 when Rome was chosen as the Mother House and Mother Mary Potter as the first Superior General.

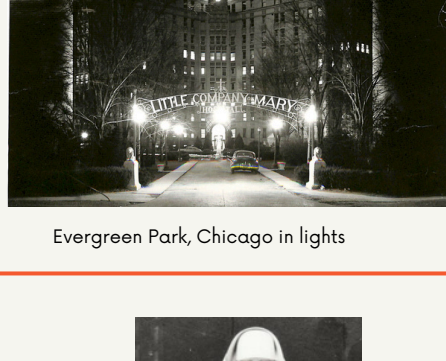


Congregation Seal

9th

1893

Mother Mary Veronica, Mother Mary Patrick and Mother Mary Philomena sail into New York Harbour at the invitation of Mr. Mair. After travelling on to Chicago, Mr. Mair takes them to their new home where they established the first LCM Convent on American soil.



Evergreen Park, Chicago in lights

22nd

1893

Mother Joseph O'Regan, having completed her psychiatric training at Crichton Royal Hospital in Dumfries, Scotland arrives in Australia to be the first Superior and licensee of Mount Saint Margaret Hospital, Ryde. Renovation commenced and a licence was applied for and granted to receive six female mental patients. Originally from Ireland, Mother Joseph made her Perpetual Profession in 1893 at Hyson Green.



Mother Joseph O'Regan

22nd

1966

The Sisters accepted an invitation from His Eminence, Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney to commence a hospital for the "terminally ill" at Kogarah. Later the Novitiate was transferred from Lewisham to Kogarah and remained there until 1982. Calvary Hospital, Kogarah, was officially opened by Mr. Jago, Minister for Health, and blessed by Cardinal Gilroy.



Sr Mark Maher turning the sod - Kogarah

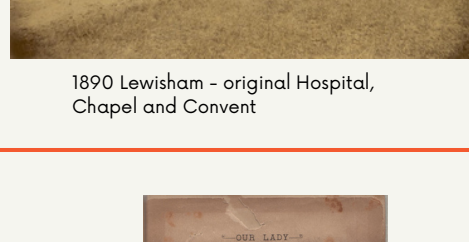
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June

9th

1889

Cardinal Moran opens the first wing of the new hospital at Lewisham. With only children as patients it is to be known as the Hospital of the Holy Child

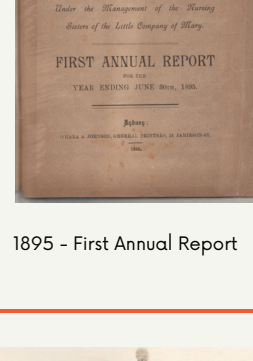


1890 Lewisham - original Hospital, Chapel and Convent

30th

1892

William Street becomes a Night Refugee and Soup Kitchen for women and children. William Street had closed when the sisters moved to Petersham convent in 1887 but was reopened in 1892 when six sisters took possession as a Night Refuge and soup kitchen for women and children. It had seventeen beds, and provided food and clothing, with a daily average of 48 for meals. It was closed in 1903.



1895 - First Annual Report

3rd

1910

Arriving in Sliema in 1894, Mother Xavier Lynch, and Srs Anne Vose, Stanislaus O'Connor and Edith Russell open a convent at the Zammit Clapp Hospital on land provided by the Maltese Government. By 1946, administration has transferred from Italy to England and in 1981, all eight sisters in Malta are deported during a period of political instability.

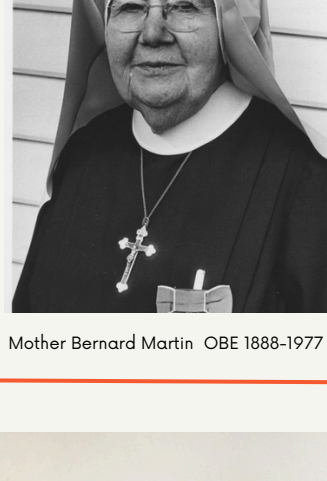


Zammit Clapp Hospital - Malta

6th

1935

Mother Bernard Martin succeeds Mother Xavier Lynch as Superior of Lewisham. She remained at Lewisham until 1941 when she was made Provincial Superior for a second term. In 1947 she was elected the Superior General of the Little Company of Mary, the first Australian to hold the office, and remained in the position until 1959. In 1960 Mother Bernard was appointed as Superior at Ryde before being made Provincial Superior of New Zealand, an office she held until her retirement in 1969. Mother Bernard died at Ryde in 1977.



Mother Bernard Martin OBE 1888-1977

10th

1956

In 1956, the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary were invited to Hawera at the request of Cardinal McKeefry and Monsignor Cullen, who suggested that the Boys Home and Hostel be used as the foundation for a hospital. Calvary Hospital, Hawera was opened by His Grace Archbishop McKeefry, Metropolitan of New Zealand.



1956 Calvary Hospital Hawera - volunteers putting finishing touches to the grounds before the opening

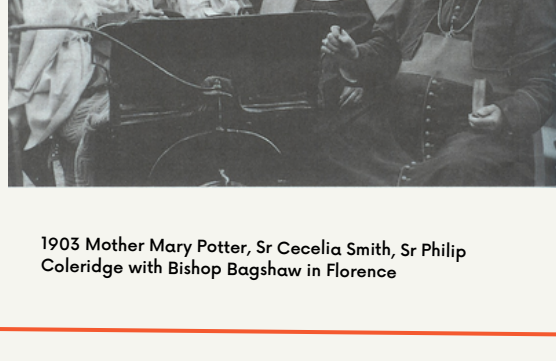
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July

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1877

First Reception of the Habit. Bishop Bagshawe gave the Habit to five sisters - Mother called Angela, Mary Bray called Sr M. Agnes, Mrs. Bryan called Sr M. Magdalen, Mary Smith called Sr M. Cecilia and Edith Coleridge called Sr M. Philip.



1903 Mother Mary Potter, Sr Caecilia Smith, Sr Philip Coleridge with Bishop Bagshaw in Florence

20th

1898

Mother Magdalen Bryan dies in Florence. Mother had been associated with Mother Foundress from the very beginning of the Congregation. A widow studying under Father Seley, she deposited Mother as local Superior in Nottingham while Mother was made Novice Mistress. Although she clashed with Mother Mary, she eventually became a devoted friend.



Mother Magdalen Bryan

22nd

1964

Sr Therese de Dassel and Sr Mark Mulcare are chosen to go to Korea to make up the community of four. They leave by boat and arrive at Pusan and are met by the other sisters before moving to the clinic in Kang Neung.



1964 Sr Therese and Sr Mark before leaving for Korea