



Sisters of Saint Joseph Goulburn - Founding Sisters


PROFILES OF FOUNDING SISTERS


The following Sisters were leaders amongst the Sisters at Goulburn.

Here are their stories....

Sister	Photo
<p>Sister M. Evangelist Duggan</p> <p>Sr. M. Evangelist Duggan was born in Mill Street, County Cord, Ireland on 15th August 1859 and was named Margaret by her parents, Cornelius Duggan, a merchant, and his wife, Margaret (Hickey). At the age of 16 she travelled to Australia on board the <i>Samuel Plimsoll</i>, as an assisted migrant, occupation dairy maid, arriving on 22nd October, 1875 and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph at Perthville on 1st November 1875 where she was known as Sister M. Bridget. She was received on 7th April 1876 and professed on 15th August 1877, her eighteenth birthday. She renewed her vows in Perthville on Christmas Day, 1879. She was chosen by Mother Benedict Hickey to lead the founding community to Goulburn, arriving on 13th August 1882. She made her final vows with Sr. M. Ignatius, another of the founding group of sisters, in Goulburn on 8th July 1884. Sr. M. Teresa Fallon, also in the founding community, renewed her vows on the same day.</p> <p>Sr. M. Evangelist led the Congregation from 1882 to 1892. She died in Goulburn on 3rd March, 1951, aged 91. She had been in NSW for 75 years. Her funeral was on 4th March 1951 with Fr. Laurie Gallagher as chief celebrant. She is buried in St. Patrick's cemetery, Goulburn.</p>	

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<p>Mother M. Clare Gorman</p> <p>Sr.M. Clare Gorman was born in Cashel, County Tipperary, Ireland on 13th May 1861. She was named Ellen by her parents Joseph Gorman and his wife Ellen (Prout). At the age of twenty three she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in Goulburn on 21st June 1884. She was received on 6th January 1885 and professed on 4th November 1886. She renewed her vows on 8th January 1890 and made her final vows on 4th January 1894. She led the young Congregation for three years from 1897 to 1899. She died on 17th March 1916 at Sacred Heart Convent, North Goulburn, aged 54 years. She had been in NSW for 33 years. Her funeral was on 18th March 1916 with Fr. W. Cahill as celebrant. She is buried in the Catholic Cementery, Kenmore.</p>	

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<p>Mother M. Augustine Doyle</p> <p>Sr. M. Augustine Doyle was born in Murrumburrah, NSW on 20th June, 1869. She was named Margaret by her parents, John Doyle, a farmer, and his wife Ellen (Hogan). At the age of seventeen she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in Goulburn on 5th April 1887. She was received on 18th September 1887 and professed on 19th March 1889. She renewed her vows on 19th March 1892 and made her final vows on 6th January 1897. She had four terms as Congregational Leader, between 1899 and 1905; 1911 and 1914; and 1932; and, 1935. As Mistress of Novices she trained many of the young Congregation's Sisters. She died on 10th August 1947 in St. John of God Hospital Goulburn, aged 78 years. Her funeral was on 12th August 1947 with Fr. S. O'Donnell as celebrant. She is buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Kenmore.</p>	

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<p>Mother M. Bernard Corbett</p> <p>Sr. M. Bernard Corbett was born in Goulburn on 25th June 1870. She was named Anne by her parents, Mortimer Corbett, a railway employee, and his wife, Catherine (Brady). At the age of sixteen she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in Goulburn on 5th April 1887. She was received on 18th September 1887 and professed on 19th May 1882 and made her final vows on 6th January 1897. She was Congregational Leader from 1921 to 1923. She died on 10th March 1945, aged 74 years. Her funeral was on 12th March 1945 with Fr. J. Blakeney as celebrant. She is buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Kenmore.</p>	 A black and white photograph of Mother M. Bernard Corbett, a nun in a dark habit, standing next to a large floral arrangement. She is wearing a dark, long-sleeved habit with a white collar and a white veil. The floral arrangement is in a vase and includes various flowers and greenery. The background is a plain, light color.

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<p>Mother M. Benedict Seymour</p> <p>Sr. M. Benedict Seymour was born in Temora, NSW on 14th February 1872. She was named Annie by her parents, William Seymour, a hotel keeper, and his wife Bridget (Cooney). A week before her fifteenth birthday she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in Goulburn on 2nd February 1887. She was received on 18th september 1887 and professed on 19th March 1892, and made her final vows on 6th January 1897. She was Congregational Leader for thirty-three years - 1905 to 1991; 1914 to 1920; 1923 to 1932; and 1935 to 1947. Between 1905 and 1947, when she was not Congregational Leader, she was deputy leader to Mother Augustine or Mother Bernard. The beautiful Chapel of Our Lady of Dolours, erected in memory of Fr. Julian Tenison Woods, and opened in 1941 stands as a lasting legacy to her determination and perseverance. She died at Sacred Heart Convent, North Goulburn on 19th February 1950, aged 78 years. Her funeral was on 21st February 1950 and she is buried in Catholic Cemetery, Kenmore.</p> <p>Sources: <i>Beginnings</i>, Anne V. Player rsj</p> <p>History Room Profiles, Goulburn</p>	