

This Month in History

August

1885

24th

Mother Mary Potter, suffering from typhoid fever and inflammation of the lungs, travels from Rome to Naples to farewell the sisters on their way to Australia.



1885 Foundation sisters to Australia

1889

12th

Our first little patient, who was suffering from pneumonia admitted - Lewisham Hospital

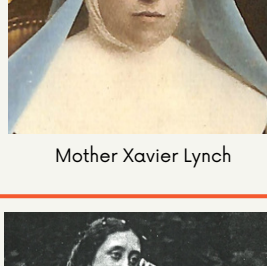


1887 Lewisham Hospital, Sydney

1899

21st

Mother Xavier Lynch arrived in Sydney as new Mother Superior. She would remain as Mother Superior for over thirty years, establishing hospitals in Adelaide, Christchurch, Wagga Wagga, Wellington and South Africa.

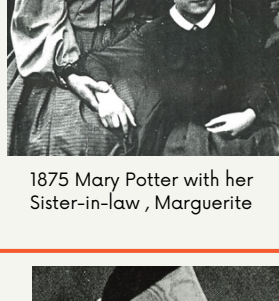


Mother Xavier Lynch

1901

24th

Marie Potter, Mother Mary Potter's niece and daughter of her brother Thomas and his wife Marguerite, died at San Girolamo, Fiesole from tuberculosis after making her profession of vows on her death bed. Mother was in Rome when Marie (Sr Florida) died but knew of Marie's death before the telegram arrived.

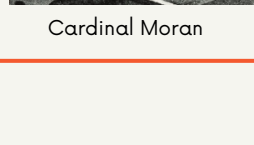


1875 Mary Potter with her Sister-in-law, Marguerite

1911

16th

Cardinal Moran, friend and guardian of Lewisham, died aged 82



Cardinal Moran

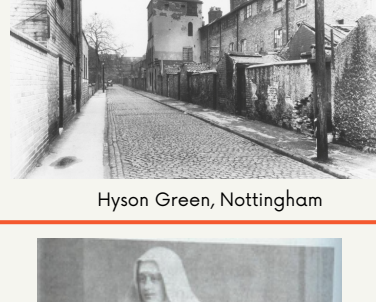
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September

1880

11th

Mother Mary Potter went from Hyson Green to Eastwell, where she opened a mission 'Convent of the Holy Ghost'



Hyson Green, Nottingham

1882

24th

Mother Mary Potter, Mother Philip Coleridge and Mother Cecilia Smith leave for Rome to seek permission for a written Constitution



1882 L-R Mother Philip, Mother Cecilia and Mother Mary Potter in Rome

1885

16th

Five sisters, Mother Magdalen Bryant, Sr Pierre Dillon, Sr Josephine Wroughton, Sr Pius Kelly, Sr Raphael Byrne Farrar and Sr Brigid Rosser, set out from Nottingham to board the S.S. Liguria for Naples, the first leg of their journey to Australia. In Naples they would be joined by Sister Rose Mowles, while Mother Magdalen Bryant would remain in Naples.

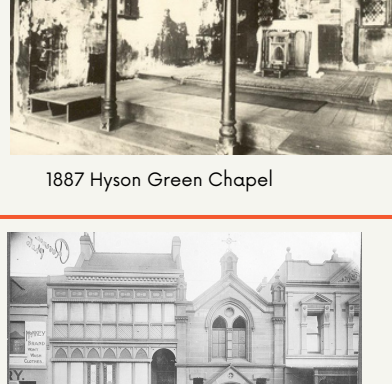


SS Liguria

1886

15th

Mother Mary Potter and four of the pioneer sisters, Mothers Philip Coleridge, Magdalen Bryant, Agnes Bray and Cecilia Smith, make their Final Profession in the Chapel at Hyson Green



1887 Hyson Green Chapel

1886

16th

Australian community move to Carlton House, 123 William Street, Woolloomooloo. They would move four times, before moving into their own convent

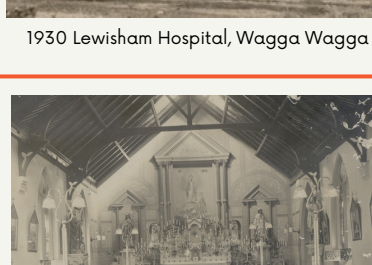


1916 - 123 William Street, Woolloomooloo

1926

29th

Foundation of Calvary Hospital, Wagga Wagga. As it was a branch from Lewisham Hospital it was known as Lewisham Wagga

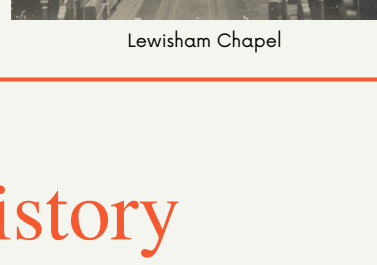


1930 Lewisham Hospital, Wagga Wagga

1927

18th

Chapel at Lewisham Hospital, Sydney, opened in celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Little Company of Mary



Lewisham Chapel

This Month in History

October

1887

4th

Sisters move into their first convent at Petersham, Sydney. It was opened on Rosary Sunday by His Eminence, Cardinal Moran.



c.1887 Possibly first convent

1888

10th

Mother Mary Potter travels to Ireland to celebrate the Foundation of the LCM in Ireland with the opening of St. John's Hospital, Limerick.

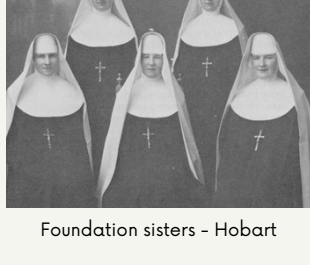


St John's Hospital, Limerick

1938

31st

First group of sisters arrive in Hobart, Tasmania - Sr Theophane Deegan, Sr Denis Healy, Sr Fedilma Duffy and Sr Jeanne Hyland

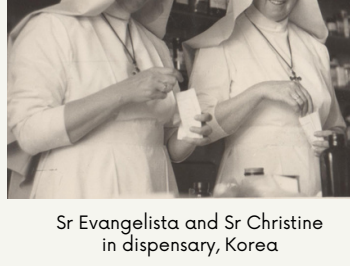


Foundation sisters - Hobart

1963

17th

Mother Boniface O'Connor (Mother Provincial), Sr Evangelista Hedigan and Sr Christine Astell leave for Korea



Sr Evangelista and Sr Christine in dispensary, Korea

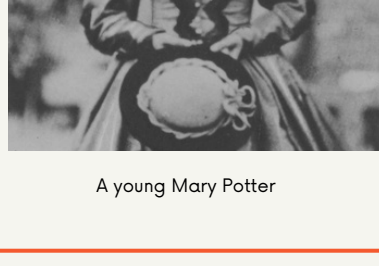
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November

1847

22nd

Mary Potter is born in London, the youngest of five children and the only girl.



A young Mary Potter

1906

30th

Sisters pass the first State Nursing examinations. As only LCM sisters were ready to sit for this first exam, it was held at Lewisham, Sydney



1906 Australian Trained Nurses Association badge belonging to Sr Ignatius Darlinson

1926

28th

Construction of a three-storey hospital commences in Wellington, New Zealand

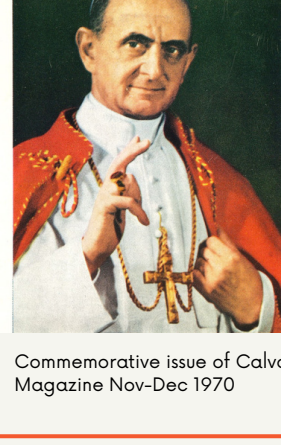


Sisters in front of new hospital, Wellington

1970

30th

Pope Paul VI became the first Pontiff to visit Australia during his reign



Commemorative issue of Calvary Magazine Nov-Dec 1970

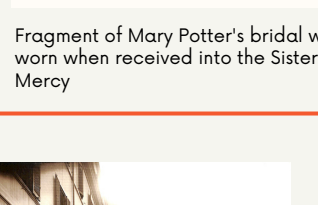
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December

1868

7th

Mary Potter enters the Mercy Convent, Brighton, England. On the 8th Mary receives her postulants cap.

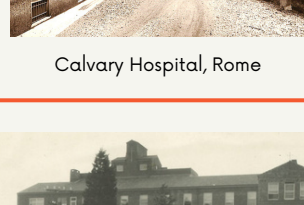


Fragment of Mary Potter's bridal wreath worn when entered into the Sisters of Mercy

1904

15th

Cardinal Respighi, lays the foundation stone of the Church of the Maternal Heart of Mary and the Hospital of Calvary in Rome - built in the shape of a Latin cross in an abandoned vineyard behind a rundown church.



Calvary Hospital, Rome

1940

15th

Calvary Hospital, Hobart is opened by Archbishop Simonds

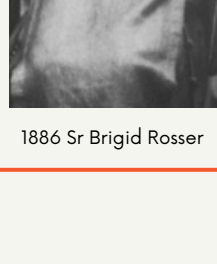


Calvary Hospital, Hobart

1944

16th

Sr Brigid Rosser, the last remaining Foundation sister, dies at Ryde. Sr Brigid was a novice when she arrived in Australia, and worked mainly at Lewisham and Ryde. Her diaries provide a wonderful insight into the early years in Australia.



1886 Sr Brigid Rosser