

Little Company of Mary

Royal Connections

King George V

1935 Silver Jubilee Medal



Mother Malachy Harney - to the great and good throughout the empire

Mother Malachy was Superior of Morisset and Ryde (1922-1924) and Superior of Adelaide (1930-1937). She then moved back to Ryde as Superior from 1937-1940 before returning to Adelaide where she was Superior from 1940-1946. Leaving Adelaide Mother Malachy went to Morisset for a short time and was then appointed Superior of Mary's Mount in Christchurch, New Zealand.



King George VI

1937 Coronation Medal



Mother Ambrose McMahon - for work with charitable causes

Mother Ambrose was Assistant Superior at Ryde before becoming Superior in Adelaide (1922-1927), Christchurch (1927-1937), Adelaide (1937-1940), Ryde (1940-1946), Wellington (1946-1952). She was appointed to Local Council at Lewisham, retiring in 1963.

King George VI

1949 Order of the British Empire (OBE)



Mother Michael Connery - for services to the sick

Mother Michael was one of the Foundation sisters of Adelaide arriving in 1900. She was appointed Assistant Superior in 1937. She died in Adelaide in 1958.

Queen Elizabeth II

1953 Coronation Medal



Mother Oliver Carter - for community contribution

Sr Oliver Carter was appointed Assistant Superior of Lewisham Hospital in 1938 before moving to Ryde as Assistant Superior and then as bursar. In 1943 Sr Oliver was appointed Assistant Superior at Wagga Wagga and then moved back to Ryde as Superior in 1946. In 1949 she was appointed Superior of Lewisham and then Provincial in 1954. Mother Oliver remained as Provincial until her appointment as Provincial for the USA Province in 1960.

Queen Elizabeth II

1969 Order of the British Empire (OBE)



Mother Bernard Martin - for services to New Zealand

Mother Bernard was appointed Provincial of New Zealand Province in August 1965. The Order of the British Empire was awarded to Mother Bernard as an acknowledgment of the work of the Little Company of Mary in New Zealand since its foundation in 1914.

Queen Elizabeth II

1974 Member of the Order of the British Empire - (MBE)



Sr Oliver Plunkett - for services to Psychiatric Nursing

Sr Oliver Plunkett was a Registered Psychiatric Nurse who worked in both Christchurch and Wellington, New Zealand.

Australian Honours



The Australian honours system began in 1975 with the creation of the Order of Australia, to recognise services to the nation or humanity. The Order of Australia has four levels. The Queen can still recognise Australians through the British Imperial system within her own gift.

Officer of the Order of Australia - AO



2003 Sr Berenice Stubbs

For services to the community, particularly through the initiation, organisation and implementation of palliative care services in the Australian Capital Territory and surrounding region, and through support for the development of new and national health information technologies.

Member of the Order of Australia - AM



1998 Sr Juliana Coulson

For services to Community Health and to Hospital administration as a Senior Administrator and Director of Calvary Hospital, Hobart.

Medal of the Order of Australia - OAM



1993 Sr Marie Hedigan

For services to Hospital Administration and Hospice Home Care.

Medal of the Order of Australia - OAM



1999 Sr Shirley Raffin

For services to nursing and to the community, particularly through the Mary Potter Hospice, Adelaide.

New Zealand Honours



The Queen's Service Medal was established by the Government of New Zealand in 1975. It is awarded to recognise and reward volunteer service to the community and also public service in elected or appointed public office. The ribbon design is based on the Maori Putama (stepped) pattern used in Tukutuku wall panels. It is usually interpreted as the 'stairway to heaven,' but in this case alludes to 'steps of service.'

Queen's Service Medal (QSM)



1976 Sr Julianna Campbell

For services to the elderly.



2015 Sr Margaret Lancaster

For services to the community especially hospice.



2016 Sr Mary Scanlon

For services to the community especially hospice.