
ENFIELD LONGCASE CLOCK

from Lewisham Novitiate to Mascot Administration Office



The Enfield oak Art Nouveau chiming longcase (Grandfather) clock, crafted between 1929-1939, once stood proudly in the Novitiate at Lewisham (Sydney), near the Chapel. Its three brass weights, pendulum and Westminster chimes marked the passage of time, offering a gentle nudge to Novices who feared being late. Many Sisters fondly recall hurrying to the Chapel, hoping to arrive before the final chime.

After the Lewisham Novitiate closed, the clock is thought to have been relocated to Kogarah Hospital in Sydney, and later to the Region Administration Centre at Hurstville (Sydney), when Kogarah also ceased operations.

In recent years, the clock has fallen into disrepair, its chimes silenced — a relic of a bygone era, now rendered obsolete by mobile phones and digital technology.

In late 2024 the LCM Region Leadership had the Grandfather Clock repaired. The Clock Restorer kindly donated his time and skill to restore the clock to good working order.

The clock now stands proudly keeping time in the reception area at the LCM Region Administration Centre's Office in Mascot (Sydney), a reminder of the days at Lewisham before the Novitiate was moved to the Calvary Hospital site at Kogarah in 1966.
