



The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception in Kilsyth

1972 - 2006

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| Sister Adelaide | Sister Agnes | Sister Andrew | Sister Angela McFaul |
| Sister Anne Mary | Sister Assumpta | Sister Bernard | Sister Clement O'Connell |
| Sister Dolores | Sister Francoise | Sister Gertrude | Sister Helena |
| Sister Joseph | Sister Michael | Sister Raphael Swan | Sister Regina |
| Sister Winifrede | | | |



Fr Gerry Hand PP **Sr Mary Angela, Sr Mary Joseph and Mother Felicity.**

Superiors at St Andrews Convent Kilsyth

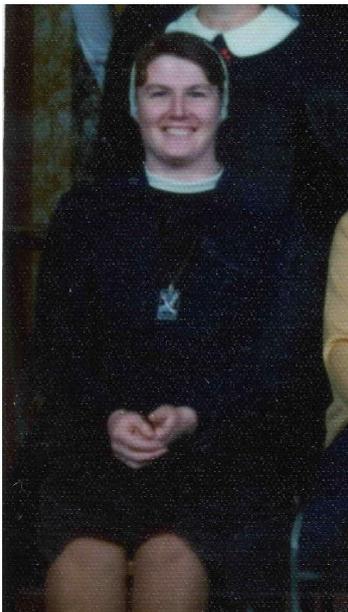
Sister Dolores	1974 - 1976
Sister Agnes	1976 - 1983
Sister Andrew	1983 - 1986
Sister Dolores	1986 -



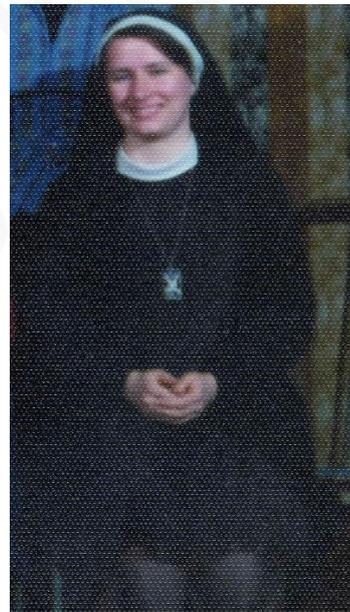
Sister Agnes



Sister Agnes and Jim Connor larking around



Sister Adelaide who taught at St Patrick's School before being posted to Nigeria.



Sister Andrew who taught at St Patrick's School. She was posted to Kilsyth for two periods 1972 – 77 then came back to Kilsyth around 1983 and was diagnosed with cancer Sept/October 1985 and died on 21st June 1986. Her funeral Mass took place at St Patrick's.



Sister Gertrude gets a bouquet of flowers from Jim Connor on her birthday c1980.



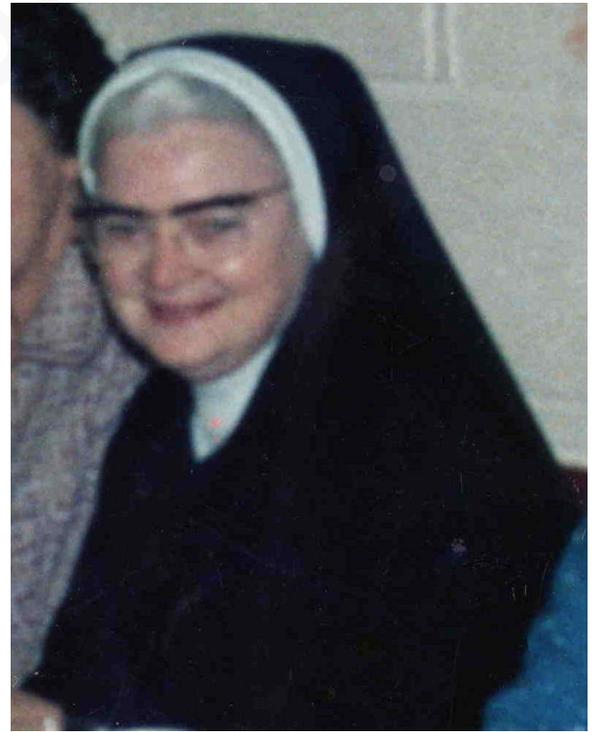
Fr Hand's Presentation at St Patrick's School L-to-R Fr William Brennan, Fr Scott Deeley, Cathie Craigie MSP, Sr Bernard, unknown, Mrs Anna Harkins, Fr Gerry Hand and Fr James Tracey c2006. This is one of very few photos we have of **Sr Bernard**.



Sr Françoise on the left **Sr Angela** middle and **Sr Michael** on the right – photo taken in Eileen Robinson's house c1994.



Sister Winifrede on the left and **Sister Clement** on the right. Sister Clement left Kilsyth to work in Nigeria and was killed in a car accident in 1991 aged 61. She was an accomplished artist and passionate art teacher.



Sister Dolores



Sister Angela celebrated her 70th birthday in Kilsyth by having a fancy-dress party in the Convent to which some ladies of the Parish were invited. Sister Angela said, *'I came dressed as a Nun!'*



Sister Adelaide worked in Scotland but also spent time in Africa in areas of natural disaster helping the people





Sister Agnes was a great singer and at social gatherings would always be happy to sing a song - her favourite was *'Phil the Fluter's Ball'*. She worked with Alcoholics Anonymous and was an inspirational speaker and great ecumenist.



A party in the old Lesser Hall – right Jim Connor & Elsie McCluskey with **Sister Agnes** middle, **Sister Gertrude** left and **Sister Clement** at the back.



Sr Clement left Johnny Robinson seated **Sr Gertrude** to the right of Johnny and Canon Thomas McGarvey. Back left Lucinda Robinson and back right **Sr Mary Raphael**. This is the only photo we have of Sister Raphael in the parish.



The nuns were very active in Parish life – here is **Sister Angela** being introduced to Archbishop Barbarito, Apostolic Pro Nuncio to Great Britain and Ireland, by PP Fr Denis O'Connell when he visited St Patricks. On her left-hand side is the Rev. Alistair McLachlan of the Burns and Old Parish Church, Kilsyth. Waiting next in line is Mr. Harkins. Archbishop O'Brien follows behind Archbishop Barbarito.



The nuns were active in many aspects of parish life – This is **Sister Adelaide** with the parish folk group.



This is **Sister Joseph** with the Parish girls craft club.



This is **Sister Andrew** at St Patrick's Senior Citizens Parish Concert on 30th March 1977.



This is **Sr Agnes** (left) and **Sr Delores** (right) with some of the elderly parishioners and school staff of St Patricks.



Being a Nun in the Parish was not all about work! **Sister Gertrude** had a wicked sense of humour and was always game for a laugh – here she is Irish dancing.



Here is **Sister Gertrude** (the tramp on the left) singing 'We're a couple of swells' at Hosanna House in Lourdes.



Many personal friendships were made with the Nuns – here is Mrs Rosina MacDonald (left) with **Sister Michael** and Miss Mary McCann (right).



Miss McCann and **Sister Michael** liked to go walking in the Scottish countryside.



Unidentified Nun with **Sister Anne Mary** (left) at Lourdes 2002 with a group from St Patrick's Kilsyth



The then Archbishop Thomas Winning
of Glasgow with **Sister Gertrude**



This is the only photo we have of **Sister Helena** (at the top of the table) seen here together
with **Sister Andrew** (right). The photo was taken at Canon McGarvey's House and the
table is set for Mass with his chalice in the box.



Sister Adelaide at Colzium House Kilsyth



Sister Joseph at Colzium House Kilsyth



Sister Clement is teased by a Gorilla in the shape of Jim Connor watched by **Sister Gertrude**.



Sister Angela left **Sister Joseph** middle and **Mother Felicity** right – outside the chapel house at Kilsyth.



Eileen Robinson the Parish Sacristan was always first to welcome each Nun to the Parish. Here she is with **Sister Angela** (left) and **Sister Michael** (right).



Again, Eileen Robinson with **Sister Françoise** (left) and **Sister Michael** (right) on the right.



The Nuns were a companion for retired priest Thomas Canon McGarvey – here he is at the beach at St Andrews with **Sister Gertrude**.



Here is **Sister Clement** (left) with **Sister Andrew** (middle) and Canon McGarvey.



This photo shows a large gathering of Nuns from the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception at Mass in St Patrick's Kilsyth said by Cardinal Emeritus Keith Patrick O'Brien to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the profession of **Sister Mary Margaret (Pauline) Dempsey** – a vocation from Kilsyth. April 2009