



## Sister Mary Ann McCart



Sr. Mary Ann McCart was a native of Kilsyth and was a member of the Order of the Helpers of the Holy Souls. She served out all of her vocation in the United States of America after her parents together with her brothers and sisters emigrated from Kilsyth to the USA at some time in the 1920's.

Born Ann McCart on the 18th September 1905 in Kilsyth she was one of 10 children of William McCart and Annie Glancy who lived in the Brick Rows now Kingston Road. Her siblings were Patrick, William, Michael, Elizabeth, Jane, Hendry, Charlotte, James and George. Notably her elder brother Patrick McCart is listed amongst the Parish War Dead – he was killed in action at Bazra, Iraq during World War 1 whilst serving with the 1st Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry.

Sister Mary Ann was educated at St Patrick's School Kilsyth and then at Charlotte Street School for Girls in Glasgow.

After emigration to the USA she entered the Order of the Helpers of the Holy Souls at Chappaqua, Westchester New York on the 5th of December 1928 as a Novice. She received the Habit on the 16th June 1929. Sister McCart took her first vows on the 8th September 1931 and her final profession was made on 19th August 1937. A couple of years before her death, she celebrated her Platinum Jubilee in 1999.

During her vocation she was stationed with the Helpers of the Holy Souls in Los Angeles, California for some time but her last residence was at the Society of Helpers at 303 West Barry Ave Chicago, Illinois. This is the outstandingly beautiful location situated right on Lake Michigan on the edge of Lincoln Park where Sister Mary Ann died on the 2nd November 2001 aged 97 years after serving for 72 years as a Nun.

She is interred at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines in a location marked by a headstone and reserved for Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur within which there is a small grave marker for each of the sisters.

Our thanks to Nan Keim of Alexandria Virginia, Sister McCart's niece, for these details and photographs and also to her great nephew Tom Keim of San Francisco who visited St Patrick's Kilsyth and had Mass said for her in her home Parish in August 2011.

Some more Photos of Sr Mary Ann McCart



Sister Mary Ann McCart c1950



The surviving members of the McCart Family in the USA c1925 having emigrated from Kilsyth. Mary Ann is on the right-hand side standing.



Sister Mary Ann with her family in New York City in 1960.



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**Sister Mary Ann with her brothers and sister.**



**Sister Mary Ann in 1975.**



**Sister Mary Ann on a return trip to Scotland in 1969.**



**Sr. Mary Ann in Los Angeles, California in 1962.**



**Sr. Mary Ann McCart of the Helpers of the Holy Souls taken in May 1958 with her great niece, Beverly Denniston and two great nephews, Robert Keim and David Keim.**



**Sister Mary Ann in Chicago celebrates her 60th Anniversary in 1989.**



All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, Chicago in a location reserved for Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

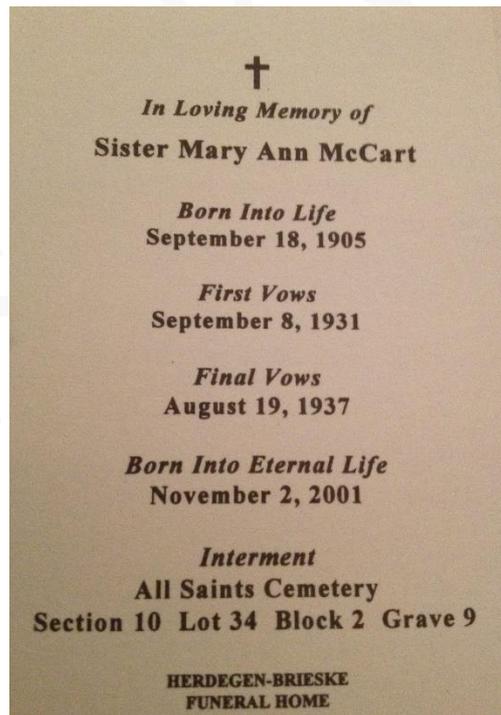


Sister Mary Ann McCart aged 96.

Faithful Servant of God for 72 years - may she rest in peace!



Sister McCart in 1929 in the early style of habit for the Sisters of the Holy Souls



Sr McCart's Memoriam Card