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## Inside this month

Welcome to the March 2021 edition of *Keep in Touch*, where the focus is on the four Sisters who are celebrating their Jubilees at this time – Srs Joan Stapleton, Colleen Noonan, Judith Christy, and Pam Grime.

We also look at one of the Sisters' educational establishments, St Mary's Cathedral Commercial College. Accompanying the story are wonderfully evocative black and white photographs.

This month, *KIT* also celebrates the life of one of the Congregation's most loved Sisters, Sr St Jude Doyle, who died on Christmas Eve.



## A time for reflection and goodbye

Welcome to the first edition of *Keep in Touch* for this year, and the last one from me as Congregational Leader.

The Councillors – Srs Margaret Beirne, Cate O'Brien and Suzette Clark – and I have had a time in office which none of us could have envisaged when we were elected in 2014 for six years.

A Chapter meeting – the 28th in the history of the Sisters of Charity of Australia at which the new Congregational Leader and Council were to be elected – should have taken place in September, and the new CL&C inaugurated on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2020. But the coronavirus pandemic put paid to those plans.

We will now hold our 28th General Chapter meeting this month and elect a new Congregational Leader and Councillors for the coming six years. The new Congregational Leader and Council will take office before the end of March.

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Sr Clare Nolan with the Archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher OP, at the opening of the Heritage Centre

# A time for reflection and goodbye

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At Chapter, we will review the past six years, reflect on the present situation and challenges in the context of the signs of the times, and discern the future directions.

This period has given all of us on the CL&C time to reflect on this phase of the Congregation's life, and on what has been accomplished. I recall particularly the 37 of our Sisters who have died during these six years, after long lives of faithful, loving service. They include Sr St Jude Doyle, who is remembered in this edition of *KIT*.

I think, too, of our Jubilarians for January – Srs Joan Stapleton, Colleen Noonan, and Judith Christy – who mark Diamond and Golden



Jubilees in these COVID-19 times and of Sr Amanda Nguyen, finally professed in August 2020.

The coronavirus has made us prepare for this next Chapter in a completely different way. Because interstate and face to face meetings were out of the question, our RSC Online Portal was developed. The electronic connection we have been able to create is a great, and unexpected gift.

During this time in leadership, we have opened the Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre, rehoused the Archives, participated in the celebration of the two hundred years since the Sisters of Charity were founded by Mary Aikenhead, seen three of our Sisters (Anthea Groves, Jacinta Fong and

Sesarina Bau RIP) receive Papal medals, commemorated 170 years of the Sisters in Tasmania, published three books – *The Love of Christ impels us ... to the ends of the earth*, *Ministry of Love and Being Extensively Useful* – republished *A Cause of Trouble*, provided governance to the Society of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, and marked the 20th anniversary of the Sisters of Charity Foundation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support of the CL&C during the past six years, for the many kindnesses you have extended to us, to our Sisters, and to our Congregational staff.

I appreciate everyone of you, and will take the memory of so many friends with me as I move into the next stage of my life as a Sister of Charity.

May God bless and keep you all in His loving embrace.

- Clare rsc

#### Clockwise, from top:

At the launch of *Ministry of Love*, the author Danielle Achikian, and Srs Suzette Clark, Genny Walsh, and Moira O'Sullivan

Sr Clare with the Foundress, the Venerable Mary Aikenhead  
The Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre



# A glimpse into St Mary's Cathedral's educational history

Recently, the Congregational Archives received a donation of seven photographic prints from an ex-student of St Mary's Cathedral Commercial College. The photographs include student groups from the early 1950s, largely identified by the donor and present a valuable addition to our collection.

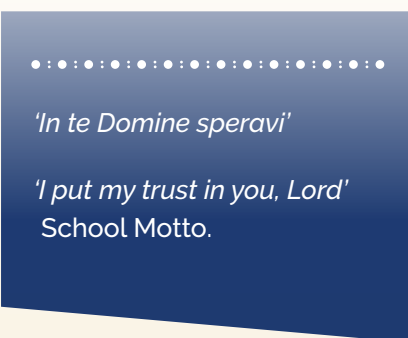


**Above, from left:** Sr M. Ursula Bruton, ca 1885-ca 1889  
Students of St Mary's Cathedral Commercial College participating in the Grand Parade, Sisters of Charity Combined Sports, Sydney Sports Ground, NSW, ca 1960-ca 1965

The donation prompted the Archives to undertake further research on the schools at St Mary's Cathedral, to enhance our understanding of their relationship with the Sisters of Charity.

For almost two centuries, Catholic schools have operated on the site of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. The first school, known as the Chapel School, Hyde Park, was built in 1824 under the direction of Fr John Joseph Therry and conducted by Thomas Byrne.<sup>1</sup>

In 1838, the Chapel School was joined by St Mary's Seminary, a secondary school for both ecclesiastical and secular students previously located at the home of Bishop Polding in Woolloomooloo.<sup>2</sup>



Whilst the Seminary closed in the early 1860s, the Chapel School, renamed St Mary's School, continued to operate under lay teachers. Several of these lay teachers would later join the Sisters of Charity including Maria Bruton (Sr M. Ursula), headmistress from 1877-1882, Ellen Bruton (Sr M. Cecilia) and Anne Daly (Sr M. Berchmans).<sup>3</sup>

- 1 Charles McGee, *The Forgotten Ones: Teachers in the Catholic Schools of New South Wales before 1880* (Sydney: Catholic Education Office, 2012), 23; "Advertising: The Roman Catholic Chaplain," *The Australian*, June 16, 1825. <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-page4248551>
- 2 Vincent Crow, *A History of St. Mary's Cathedral Schools* (Sydney: Christian Brothers' High School, St Mary's Cathedral, 1984), 1-2; Frances O'Donoghue, *The Bishop of Botany Bay: The Life of John Bede Polding Australia's First Catholic Archbishop* (Sydney: Angus and Robertson Publishers, 1982), 36-38
- 3 "Presentation at St. Mary's School," *Freeman's Journal*, June 4, 1881. <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-page12664164>; Edna M. Skewes, *Mother Mary Berchmans Daly: Foundress of St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne* (Melbourne: Spectrum Publications, 1989), 14-15

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# A glimpse into St Mary's Cathedral's educational history

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St Mary's Cathedral and the 1912 School Building (right), *Aerial view of Sydney CBD and Hyde Park North, 1928* (detail). [A-00014555]. City of Sydney Archives, <https://archives.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/nodes/view/577694>

Under Maria Bruton, the school achieved excellent reports and according to the *Freeman's Journal*, became the "largest denominational school in the colony" with a daily attendance of 260 children in the primary school and almost equal number in the infant's department.<sup>4</sup>

Following Maria Bruton's decision to enter the Sisters of Charity in March 1882, Anne Daly, now Sr M. Berchmans returned to St Mary's and despite being a novice, took up the position of headmistress after consent was given by the Council of Education.<sup>5</sup> In 1883, St Mary's School reopened as St Mary's Cathedral Girls' School, a Catholic parochial school with an enrolment of over 700 pupils and a staff of Sisters led by Sr M. Berchmans.<sup>6</sup>

At the same time, St Mary's Cathedral Boys School was opened by the Marist Brothers in the old pro-Cathedral at the opposite end of the Cathedral site. The staffing of these schools by the Sisters of Charity and the Marist Brothers was undertaken in response to the passage of the NSW Public Instruction Act (1880),

and subsequent withdrawal of Government aid in December 1882.

In 1885, the Girls' School moved into a new school building that incorporated the ruins of the old Cathedral and expanded to offer post-primary courses.<sup>7</sup> However, it was obliged to move once again in 1910, as the 1885 structure had to be demolished to make way for the completion of the current Cathedral building.<sup>8</sup> It was decided that a new three level structure would be built to house both the Girls' and Boys' School on the Cathedral site.

On October 23, 1910, Cardinal Moran laid the foundation stone and 18 months later, on April 25, 1912 the new school building was blessed and opened by Archbishop Kelly.<sup>9</sup> The first and second floor was reserved for the Girls' School while the ground floor was given to the Boys' School now conducted by the Christian Brothers.<sup>10</sup>

The building measured 150 feet in length, 50 feet in width and contained two wings which projected out from the main building. Each floor contained an assembly hall and six classrooms

with cloak, hat, and storerooms.<sup>11</sup> Interaction between the schools was limited as each used separate stairways and playgrounds.

In 1926, the Sisters of Charity established St Mary's Cathedral Commercial College, offering a one-year "Complete Business Course" supplemented by training in speech, deportment, drama, singing and physical culture.<sup>12</sup>

Commercial subjects were also taught alongside a classical curriculum to First, Second and Third Year Intermediate.<sup>13</sup>

The College was located in the 1912 building, occupying several rooms from the Girls' School including "one great hall, on to which open three large rooms separated by glass partitions."<sup>14</sup>

4 "St Mary's Girls' School," *Freeman's Journal*, March 4, 1882. <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-page12541023>

5 "St Mary's Girls' School"; Skewes, *Berchmans Daly*, 14-15

6 Skewes, *Berchmans Daly*, 15

7 Crow, *Cathedral Schools*, 12-15

8 Crow, *Cathedral Schools*, 15-16

9 "St. Mary's Cathedral New Schools: Blessed by the Archbishop of Sydney," *The Catholic Press*, April 25, 1912. <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-page11849830>

10 "St. Mary's Cathedral New Schools: Blessed by the Archbishop of Sydney"

11 "St. Mary's New School," *Freeman's Journal*, April 25, 1912. <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-page12411496>

12 SER/4/380 A461.7/973; Crow, *Cathedral Schools*, 17-18

13 SER/4/378 A461.7/55

14 "Cathedral Commercial College: Conducted by the Sisters of Charity," *The Catholic Press*, September 22, 1927. <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-page11818840>

15 "Cathedral Commercial College"





**Above, from left:**

Two students using the duplicating machines, St Mary's Cathedral Commercial College, Sydney, NSW, ca 1947  
 Students at work in the typewriting room, St Mary's Cathedral Commercial College, Sydney, NSW, ca 1930-ca 1937  
 Sr Margaret Lee interviewing a prospective pupil, St Mary's Commercial College, Paddington, NSW, ca 1968-ca 1970  
 Sr M. Leonore Murphy teaching 'Words in Colour' to primary school students, St Mary's Cathedral School, Sydney, NSW, ca 1964

The main hall was reserved for typing lessons, with students in the adjoining classrooms learned shorthand, bookkeeping, business principles and how to operate Wahl-Adders and comptometers.<sup>15</sup>

The College was well-regarded among the business community of Sydney and its graduates enjoyed high placement rates.

However, by the 1960s it was becoming clear that the 1912 school building, which had originally been built for 550 students but now accommodating over 1200, could no longer support the Boys' and Girls' Schools.<sup>16</sup> It was decided that the Girls Junior Secondary School would close, and the Primary School would be transferred to the Daughters of Charity at the end of 1964.<sup>17</sup>

The Commercial College remained on site until 1967, when it transferred to the former Mount St Patrick's Ladies College in Paddington and came to be known as St. Mary's Commercial (later Business) College.<sup>18</sup>

Following the move, the College, then under the direction of Sr Margaret Lee continued to offer a high standard course and maintained its strong reputation.<sup>19</sup> Despite its success the College faced significant challenges in the mid-1970s following a sharp increase in operating costs and issues over funding with the Federal Government.

By 1977, the Federal Government decided to withdraw financial support to all non-government tertiary institutions including St Mary's College, although interim

funding was granted for 1978, pending a review.<sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, it was decided by the Sisters that St Mary's Business College would close at the conclusion of 1978,<sup>21</sup> ending a relationship of nearly 100 years between the Sisters of Charity and the Schools of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.

16 SER/4/378 A461.7/7  
 17 SER/4/377 A471.7/15; Crow, *Cathedral Schools*, 19  
 18 SER/3/8 31 October 1967  
 19 SER/4/374 A461.4/55 - 100% placement rate in 1977  
 20 SER/4/374 A461.4/31 Letter addressed to Sr Margaret Lee from John Leslie Carrick, Minister for Education  
 21 SER/4/374 A461.4/37 Letter addressed to Archbishop James Carroll from Mother Marion Corless, Superior General of the Sisters of Charity of Australia

# A Silver Jubilee celebration

## Sr Pam Grime

Motto: 'Abide in My Love'

I go back to my time with you at St Joseph's Hospital Auburn. You were my senior nurse in the male surgical ward. I remember a wonderful nurse, a skilled, caring committed woman.

You loved your Nurse Training and graduated magnificently. Nursing continues to be the core of your ministry.

The Florence Nightingale Nurses Pledge was a spirituality for the nurse. It stands beside your religious vows we celebrate today.



Sr Pam Grime

You instil confidence in the other and get on with it.

Your knowledge, professionalism, and confidentiality are so appreciated. You are respected by all, especially by your Sisters.

I thank God over these past six years plus I have had someone like you to be my right-hand woman. You are someone who has pain as your constant companion, but you are always willing to help where you can.



You are a woman of love and your motto chosen on your Profession day, *Abide in my Love*, has been a guiding light for the path ahead.

You were such a faithful supportive daughter to your parents and a wonderful elder sister to your siblings.

Your devotion to family is outstanding. Your love of the Sisters of Charity was all around you and you were faithful to the sisters also.

After doing your Midwifery and Cardio Thoracic Course I was not surprised to hear that you had

entered the Novitiate. Your journey as a Sister of Charity has taken you on many paths – General Nursing, Pastoral Care, Palliative Care, Sisters of Charity Outreach, hospitality for families of prisoners, aged care and now the care of our Sisters in Victoria and so much more.

Pam it is not about what you do but it is about who you are, and being available to the other. I am so grateful to you for your support of me in ensuring that our Sisters are safe and being cared for.

You are a quiet achiever, Pam, and willing to walk the extra mile.

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*Your Mum and Dad will be rejoicing in heaven with you today. Thank you, Pam for your faithfulness.*

**Above, from left:** Sr Pam Grime's Reception Day, Novitiate, St Anne's, Liverpool, 1994. (L-R) Sr Denise Hannebery, Sr Helen Clarke, Sr Pam Grime, Sr Deirdre Hickey, Megan Groves and Sr Clare Nolan  
 Sisters of the Victorian Rural Community, 22 July 2009. (L-R) Sr Virginia Mahony, Sr Maria Cunningham, Sr Pam Grime, Sr Joan McKenna RIP and Sr Colleen McDonald



# Celebrating our Diamond Jubilarians

## Sr Colleen Noonan

Motto: 'Hidden with Christ in God' Colossians 3:3



Sr Colleen Noonan

Where did it all begin? It began the day of your Baptism when you became a follower of Jesus. As your faith matured you desired to give more which was ritualised on July 2, 1958 entering the Novitiate to become a Sister of Charity.

After your Profession in January 1961 you spent a number of years in the ministry of Education teaching Infants and you were Principal of St Francis School Paddington.

Then it was time for some Renewal which you did through the National Pastoral Institute in Melbourne.

Your education in many areas of need prepared you to give general support where needed.

Some of those areas where you have been "extensively useful" are with the disabled both physical and intellectually, pastoral care, domestic violence with the Outreach Program and Parish Ministry.



You have people with special needs in your mind and you are always looking out for them. I admire the love and energy you put into your ministry over the years.

At the margins, going outside your gate, reaching out to youth on the streets, afflicted by drugs and alcohol and rarely thinking of yourself. I acknowledge your many health challenges that never seemed to stop you.

I remember when you received that special call to the Outback through the VISE program supporting isolated families who could not access education. You have been generous to a T. You are committed to be the Sister of Charity presence at functions and celebrations no matter where they are being held.



*Whatever you do it is with deep love as a Sister of Charity urged on by the love of Christ, and that includes care of the Sisters in your community and those you live with now at Paddington.*

**Clockwise from above, left:** Sr Colleen Noonan on her Clothing Day with Sr Kathleen Munce, Novitiate, Caritas Christi, Wahroonga, NSW, 13 January 1959  
 Sr Colleen Noonan and Sr Judith Christy, Healesville, VIC, ca 1971  
 Five Sisters gathered on Holy Thursday, Bonnyrigg, NSW, 1990. (L-R) Sr Antonita Duthy RIP, Sr Virginia Mahony, Sr Colleen Noonan, Sr Christine Henry and Sr Colleen Jackson

# Celebrating our Diamond Jubilarians

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## Sr Judith Christy

Motto: *'Pater si vis: Father If thou wilt'*

There is no doubt you were called to care for the little ones because you were doing childcare work prior to your Entrance to the Novitiate on July 2, 1958. Your heart has always been open to them.

You trained as an infant/primary teacher and taught in many of our schools during 20 years.

You then felt the need for Spiritual Renewal which you did at Assumption Institute in Melbourne. Many good friends were made in that year.

You returned to Primary Teaching at St Columba's Essendon and became another fanatic in the Bomber's ranks. Then you had many years at St Joseph's Child Care Centre in Tassie.



Sr Judith Christy

In 2000 you returned to Melbourne especially because of the cold aggravating your already severe arthritis. You lived at Essendon and became a very present and loving Sister of Charity to many in St Therese's Parish.

Soon you found God guiding you back to the children again this time as a Volunteer Ward Grandparent at Melbourne Children's Hospital. Some of the children are still very much in your life. Such is your dedication that only an earthquake or a pandemic could keep you away from the Children's Hospital.

You are faithful to your ministry not only with the children but to the staff, who know what you stand for. You brought a listening ear to them when there were very sick babies, children and distraught parents.

*Life is about 'being' dear Judith, not 'doing', and you reflect to me the life of a person who simply waits in faith for the next step.*

The motto you chose on your Profession Day was *Pater si vis: Father If thou wilt.*

Although your days at the Children's Hospital are shortened now, you have an important role at Mononia as a community member supporting the Staff there, the Sisters, looking out for the little things to do to make community homely and happy.



From above, left:  
Sisters on staff at Sacred Heart Primary School, Cabramatta, NSW, 1978.  
(L-R) Sr Judith Christy, Sr Maureen Parker, Sr Mary Maguire, Sr Kerry Anne Barass and Sr Colleen Holohan

Sisters at Chapter, Caritas Christi Conference Centre, Wahroonga, NSW, 23 October 1996  
(L-R) Sr Loretta Bani, Sr Kerry Anne Barass, Sr Patricia Walker, Sr Judith Christy, Sr Eileen Thynne and Sr Antonita Duthy RIP



# Gold marks 50 fabulous years

## Sr Joan Stapleton

Motto: 'Lord help me to give'



Sr Joan Stapleton

**Congratulations on your Golden Jubilee of Religious Profession. You were a teacher before you entered and after your first Profession you were appointed as secondary teacher to St Mary's Hurstville and you remained in the ministry of education.**

You graduated in Bachelor of Theology in 1986.

You had a lifetime in education with secondary school young women. You formed them through their studies. You educated them in the principles of Social Justice to ensure that wherever they are they had the influence to change the world and make it a better place.

**Above, right:**

Catholic Ladies College Convent Community, Eltham, VIC, 1991. (L-R) Back row: Sr Judith Peart, Sr Margaret Nabbs RIP, Sr Joan Stapleton, Sr Leonore Murphy RIP. Front row: Sr Francis Xavier Purcell RIP, Sr Etienne McMahon RIP, Sr Margaret Dwyer RIP  
Sr Joan Stapleton (second row, third from left) with the Sisters on staff at Mount St Mary's College, Katoomba, NSW, ca 1971-ca 1972

Parents and families were grateful for your example and your care and guidance of their girls.

In 1996, you discerned a call to care for homeless men in Prague House.

You took up the ministry of Pastoral Care at Prague House where you have been mentor and companion to both Staff and Residents.

*Your devotion and commitment to this ministry has been outstanding Joan continues to be as we all try to comprehend the enormity of the pandemic.*

Many demands were made on you as you continued to maintain your ministry at Prague House.

We celebrate with you the past 50 years. Your Mum and Dad will be thanking God for you in Heaven.

You are very close to your family and I am sure they will be celebrating with you.

On your Profession Day you chose a personal motto to live by "Lord help me to give".

There is no doubt with God's help you have done this Joan and Mary Aikenhead would be proud of her daughter.

All Jubilee tributes by Sr Clare Nolan



# Words of remembrance

## Sr St. Jude Doyle

April 7, 1927 – December 24, 2020

Requiem Mass at Mary Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood, Sydney  
January 7, 2021

**Her personal motto:**

*'Amo te Deus meus –  
I love you my god'*



Sr St. Jude Doyle

I have known Jude for almost 60 years. In the early 1960's, I was posted to the primary school at Mt Pritchard where Jude was my first principal. Srs Margaret O'Brien and Myrna Lynch were the other RSCs on staff.

We lived in community at Liverpool and each weekday, would set off to school in the big black Ford car, hoping we would reach Cabramatta Rd as we chugged up the Orange Grove Road hill.

As a young teacher, I learnt so much from Jude. She had a lovely trait of always putting others before herself. When she had a good idea, she would gladly invite additional ideas from others as well. She placed faith and trust in others, and I remember

once when she asked me to train the children for the Sisters of Charity Combined Sports. I felt so honoured to be asked to do such an important job. But that was her way – getting people involved, acknowledging people and never forgetting to thank them. In every instance, our confidence and self-esteem grew.

At the school at Mt Pritchard, Jude was Principal as well as Year 6 teacher, and school secretary. As principal, she ensured that all the students at Our Lady of Mt Carmel had the best education possible. As Year 6 teacher, she loved her classes and helped all her students to reach their potential, but at times, after setting ample work for her students to do, some (mostly boys) were so

Jude was thoughtful and generous. She would hear about a need and act.

I was delighted in 1976 when I returned from Papua-New Guinea and was assigned to St Mary's Primary School Liverpool where Jude was principal. What a privilege to be on her staff again. Being an innovator, she had devised a new structure for the large primary school which was quite unheard of – Jude at the helm, but three Deputy Principals each leading one of the three sub schools. Quite remarkable.

I connected much later with Jude and the other sisters at Stella Maris Aged Care at Cronulla when I supplied for our Health Care Coordinators from time to time. On my weekly visits, there would be



(L-R) Sr Deirdre Hickey, Sr Myrna Lynch RIP, Sr St Jude, Sr Virginia Wilkinson RIP and Sr Maureen Heffernan at a combined sports event, St Aloysius, Kingston Beach, TAS, 1968

quick to finish, she would have to find other jobs for them to do. How these students enjoyed their "extra-curricular activities."

As secretarial skills were not Jude's forte, her job as secretary, was burdensome. That's when she reached out for reinforcements and parents at the school came to her rescue! Those helpers continued their association with Jude for many years afterwards, generously supporting her in the various ministries she undertook.

shopping expeditions and visits to coffee shops. One of my enduring memories during those times was, that at the end of Mass in the Stella Maris Chapel, Jude would walk over to the residents confined to wheelchairs or the like and greet them with a "God bless you" or "I prayed for you today, darling" and a squeeze of the hand. The smiles on the residents' faces was a joy to behold.

**Sr Gaye Reynolds**





**As a daughter of Mary Aikenhead, Jude was a woman of great vision. For many years, she was in education and was an innovative principal of primary schools.**

Jude accepted the role as Director of the new Sisters of Charity Outreach service from St Vincent's campus in Darlinghurst to research the emerging needs of women and families. In this role, she was always consultative and involved all her Sisters of Charity.

Being professional, she set up volunteer training in 1990 which was to be the human face of Outreach. A little later, an Outreach Committee was formed and services began with a Child Care Centre.

Other initiatives, such as accommodation for country people with appointments or study in the city, court support, the list goes on! Many family members were involved in the administration,

fundraising as well as other services and functions such as the Annual Cocktail Evening to thank volunteers, staff and supporters.

Jude accepted me into Outreach in 1994 to minister in the Enmore Coffee Shop, then the Safe Haven, then the Parent Support Program. I always found Jude approachable, hardworking, very hands on, making jams for sale in the Outreach Shop, a great organiser, always delegating tasks. Jude was an excellent host and inclusive of all.

When I went in to work with Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) for people seeking asylum, in 2014, Jude told her she would pray for a half an hour each day before the Blessed Sacrament for Margaret's ministry. I was overwhelmed and thought that Jude was doing more for JRS than Margaret was in the active ministry.

**Sr Margaret Guy**

**From top, left:**

Sr St Jude Doyle (Principal) with two teachers at St Mary's Primary School, Liverpool, NSW, ca 1978-1981

Sr Denise Hannebery and Sr St Jude Doyle at the Mid Chapter Gathering, Parramatta Female Factory, Parramatta, NSW, 2005

Sr Myrna Lynch and Sr St Jude Doyle, ca 1986

Sr St Jude Doyle standing beside a large Outreach Poster, Congregational Archives, Potts Point, NSW, 15 August 2012

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Sr St. Jude Doyle

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I first met Jude six years ago, although she feels more like having been part of my family for many more years. Jude loved her family, friends and carers more than life itself. She was so proud of their accomplishments and when she wrote her family story, it was more about them than her!

Jude looked forward to our shopping trips each Tuesday even though she was finding it more difficult to get around. She would take a seat outside the supermarket while I went in

and got her shopping. Every time I came out, Jude had a new friend sitting beside her and already knew their life story. She was often giving them advice and always offering her prayers for them.

Jude was a born organiser and wore me out trying to think of new craft ideas that she could make for family and carers. Usually Christmas gifts for the staff at Stella Maris totalled at least 100!

Everyone knew Jude's garden was her pride and joy and I'm sure Flower Power considered Jude

as their number one customer! We certainly visited the garden centre often!

Jude spent many hours organising her stamp club. Organising the people who collected the stamps, those trimming the stamps and sending them off to the Mission Fathers to raise funds for those in need. Jude never stopped following in Mary Aikenhead's footsteps.

Sue Andruskin



Clockwise from above, left:  
Sr St Jude with Sr Margaret Beirne  
Sr St Jude with Dr John Rooney  
Sr St Jude Doyle in her garden, 2018  
Sr St Jude (centre front) and her family at her Jubilee Mass



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