

We'd like to acknowledge the Sisters of St Joseph that served in the Woy Woy Parish.

Since 1922, St John the Baptist have been lovingly nurtured by the Sisters of St Joseph. Like their founder, Mary MacKillop, they filled the needs they saw. We were blessed with many teachers, administration staff and pastoral carers in our community until around 2003. While we have tried to mention all we are aware of below, there well may be important people left off whose contribution is just as important to our history.

Years	Sisters of Saint Joseph
1920-1930	Rita Faulkner (1927-34) Joseph Curtin (1925-25,1951-53) Rodriguez Miller (1925-25,1951-53) Patricia (1930-1940).
1930-1940	Rita Faulkner (1932-38) Mercy Small (1932-38) Marguerite Doyle (1934-38) Agnes King (1938-42).
1940-1950	Vianney Gannoni (1941-43) Michael Leader (1942-44) Therese Benedict McMahan (1943-45) Julitta Condon (1944-46) Clare (Perpetua) Ryan (1945-47) Cecilia (Winifred) Gates (1949-50, 1983-84) Inez McKane, Louis Gonzaga Ryan, Agnes King, Dorothy Starr, Barbara Alexander, Fidelmia, Joan, Oliver (various years in this decade).
1950-1960	Rodriguez Miller, Francis de Sales Hynes, Leila Brown, Patrick, Dominic Walsh, Catherine Mary Carroll, Bernadette (Gerard) Murphy, Idus, Cecilia Gates, Liam Murphy (various years in this decade).
1950-1977	Bride Scally (1959-63) Marea (Xavier) Cox (1958-60) Michael McGinty (1954-58) Benigna Derham (1955-60, 1969-74) Rose Durlin (1955-58) Frances Therese (Treassa), Taaffe, Christine Tancred, Shirley O'Loughlen, Leila Brown, Joseph Ursula Smith (various years in this decade).
1960-1970	Edward Haggerty (1960-62) Cecilia Mahoney (1961-62, 1991-96) Mark Boyle (1965-68) Sheila (Cletus) Curnow (1964-66) Joan (Cornelius) Mulvihill (1969-74) Philomena Burford, Benigna Derham, Helen (Peter) Cooke, Paul Michael, Pauline Mary Wicks, Margaret (Fulgentius) Hegarty, Eulalia Patterson, Teresa Clare Heath, Mary (Fiacre) Keane, Helen Madden, Petra Ries, Clare Ryan, Bride Scally, Anna Maria Trinca, Pauline Wicks, Marea Cox, June (Julian) Barrett, Joan (Patrick) O'Sullivan, Lucille Hegarty (various years in this decade).
1970-1980	Patricia (Aloysius) Farrar (1970-80), 1982-91) Ida (Leontius) Smith (1971-76)

	<p>Judith Ford (1977-79) Joan Gattenhorf (1975-80) Therese Peck (1977-79) Anne Gibson (1978-80) Benigna Derham, June Barrett, Joan Mulvihill, Margaret (Francis Xavier) Candrick, Anne (Irenaeus) Gravenor, Marie Louie, Alice (Thomas) Cooke, Patricia Gray, Clare Koch, Mary Anne Collins, Liam Murphy, Imelda Morrison, and Joanne Gleeson (various years in this decade).</p>
1980-1996	<p>Marie Therese McGuire (1980-82) Theresa Formosa (1981-83) Francis Maria Garrett (1982-88) Catherine Histon (1988-90) Helen Campbell (1989-91) Doris O'Dwyer (1992-95) Kathleen O'Dwyer (1992-95) Margaret Mary Potts (1982-96) Margaret Wall (1991-96) Maureen McDermott, Marcia Brady, Dawn Deloraine, Anne Gibson, Rhonda Gould, Cecilia Gates, Ann Love, Ita Harris, Catherine Teresa Kane, Cecilia Mahoney, Patricia Farrer (various years in this decade).</p>
1996-2021	<p>Margaret Mary Potts (1996-1997) Margaret Wall (1996-2002) Clare Keating (2005-2007)</p>
Further	<p>Sister Clare worked in the Pastoral Care area of our parish and school. Her sister, Joan, was also a member of the Sisters of St Joseph order. The sisters had arrived in Australia as teenagers and took their vows here in New South Wales. Sadly, Sister Joan passed away in 2007 and Sister Clare as promised returned her home to Ireland for her interment. Upon arriving back home and being welcomed by nieces, nephews and other family members, Sister Clare felt the pull of family too great to leave.</p> <p>We in the Woy Woy Parish bid her a sad farewell when she returned here to finalise her Australian links before returning to her homeland for good. Sister Clare worked in Pastoral Care in Ireland until her retirement last year. She was held in high regard by all who knew her and known for her kindness and care. She passed away on Tuesday 7 March 2023 in County Clare, Ireland.</p>