

# Good Samaritan Training Centre

1948 – 1982

**Other Names:**

- St Magdalen's Retreat
- Good Samaritan Convent
- Good Samaritan Centre

## Details

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Good Samaritan Training Centre was the name given to the St Magdalen's Retreat at Tempe, near Arncliffe, in 1948. It was run by the Good Samaritan Sisters and cared mainly for girls committed by the courts. Eventually self-contained home units were established, with a staff member in charge of eight girls. It closed in 1982. The only surviving buildings on the site are Tempe House and St Magdalene's Chapel.

## Gallery

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**St Magdalen's Retreat, circa 1965**

**Description:** In 1885, the Sisters of the Good Samaritan purchased Tempe House and renamed it "St Magdalen's Retreat". It was sometimes referred to as the Good Samaritan Convent.

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## More info

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### Chronology

- St Magdalen's Retreat (1887 - 1947)
  - **Good Samaritan Training Centre (1948 – 1982)**

## Related Entries

### Run by

- [Sisters of the Good Samaritan \(1857 - current\)](#)

### Related Organisations

- [Child Welfare Department, State Government of New South Wales \(1923 - 1970\)](#)

Good Samaritan Training Centre was funded to provide care for girls in the juvenile justice system by the Child Welfare Department

Date: 1948 - 1970

## Resources

- Franklin, James, *Convent slave laundries? Magdalen asylums in Australia*, Journal of the Australian Catholic Historical Society, 2013
- Australian Catholic Social Welfare Commission and the Australian Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes, *A piece of the story : national directory of records of Catholic organisations caring for children separated from families*, November 1999

## Records

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For more information and to access your records, follow the links below:

### Records

- [Records held by the Good Samaritan Archives relating to Children's Homes \(1877 - current\)](#)
  - [Catholic Children's Homes Registers \(c. 1888 - c. 1990\)](#)
  - [Correspondence files, single number series with 'B' \[Child Endowment\] prefix \(1904 - 1974\)](#)
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