

# Sisters of Mercy, Goulburn Congregation

1859 – 12 December 2011

**Other Names:** • Goulburn Sisters of Mercy

## Details

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The Sisters of Mercy, Goulburn Congregation, a Catholic religious order of women from Ireland, was established in 1859. In 1907 the Sisters of Mercy started to consolidate the number of congregations across Australia and amalgamated Goulburn with the congregations in Albury (1868) and Yass (1875). The Sisters were responsible for the administration of several children's homes owned by the Catholic Diocese of Goulburn including St Joseph's Orphanage, 1864-1975 and St John's Home, Goulburn, 1905-1975 which amalgamated into St John's Home, Auburn Street in 1975. In 2011, the Sisters of Mercy, Goulburn Congregation was dissolved and merged with 15 former Australian congregations to become the Institute of Sisters of Mercy Australia and Papua New Guinea.

## More info

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### Chronology

- **Sisters of Mercy, Goulburn Congregation (1859 – 12 December 2011)**
  - Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea (12 December 2011 - current)

### Related Entries

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- [St Joseph's Orphanage, Goulburn \(1864 - 1975\)](#)  
Date: 1864 - 1975
- [St John's Home, Goulburn \(1905 - 1978\)](#)  
Date: 1905 - 1975
- [St John's Home, Auburn Street Goulburn \(1976 - 1987\)](#)  
Date: 1976 - 1987
- [St John's Orphanage, Thurgoona \(1882 - 1978\)](#)  
The Goulburn Sisters of Mercy took over the Albury foundation of the Sisters of Mercy in 1907 and assumed control of St John's Orphanage, Thurgoona.  
Date: 1882 - 1978

#### Related Organisations

- [Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea Archives and Heritage Centre \(2012 - current\)](#)

## Resources

- McCowen, Sharyn, [Website memories of orphanage life](#), Catholic Weekly, 9 September 2012
  - [St John's Orphanage for Boys Memorial Website](#), 2012
  - [The Cry of the Children: Mr P McGarry Introduces a Deputation: The Chief Secretary's Sympathetic Words](#), Freeman's Journal, 25 November 1915
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