

## ST JOSEPH'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL & ORPHANAGE UPPER HUTT

St Joseph's Industrial School was also known as St Joseph's Orphanage. It was situated in Pine Avenue Upper Hutt on the Catholic Reserves Land. Later its address was Royal Street but the reserve fronted on both Pine Avenue and Royal Street. Around 1948 a major fire destroyed the Orphanage and it was rebuilt in Gibbons Street Upper Hutt. The School class rooms were not damaged in the fire but required some renovations due to their age.

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### Staff connected to St Joseph's Industrial School and Orphanage

Mother/Sister Mary Ambrose	legal name unknown
Sister M Basil	legal name Mary Dudson
Sister Mary Camillus	legal name Mary Agnes Tracey
Sister M Chanel	legal name Frances Onyon
Sister M Christine	legal name Christina Bengé
Sister M Eulalia	legal name Veronica/Vera Delaney
Sister M Gertrude	legal name Gertrude O'Flaherty
Sister M Ita	legal name unknown
Sister M Jerome	legal name Catherine Wilkinson
Sister M Loyola/Loyla	legal name Frances T O'Sullivan
Sister M Pascal / Paschal	legal name Christina Hayes
Sister M Paul	legal name Margaret Minogue
Sister M Peter	legal name Augustasia Tuealey
Gertrude Quinn (probationer)	Legal name Gertrude Quinn
Sister M Solesastica/ Scholastica	legal name Annie Monaghan
Sister M Thecla	legal name Agnes Gibbs

### Archives New Zealand records

St Joseph's Orphanage 1916/1948 - Inspection of Schools –Inspection & Registration

- September 1916 = Report by Inspector comment on all subjects including Sister M Camillus and her staff are to be highly commended for the work done in the schoolroom
- 25 August 1916 = Report by Inspector Teachers Sister M Camillus, Sister M Pascal & Sister M Ita, pupil numbers on roll 101 numbers present 90
- 11 September 1916 covering memo from School Inspector
- 26 September 1916 = Memorandum to head teacher of St Joseph's school regarding the recommendation to be registered as a primary school in accordance with the Education Act 1914 (section 133)
- 26 September 1916 = letter Education board from Director of Education re inspector T R Fleming on St Joseph's Orphanage
- 10 May 1917 = Letter registration of Private Schools St Joseph's Industrial School Pine Avenue Upper Hutt Sister Mary Ambrose Manage, Sister Mary Camillus Head Teacher Roll number December 1916 = 101
- 06 February 1918 = Letter registration of Private Schools St Joseph's Industrial School Pine Avenue Upper Hutt Sister Mary Ambrose Manage, Sister Mary Camillus Head Teacher Roll number December 1917 = 121
- 10 March 1919 = Letter registration of Private Schools St Joseph's Industrial School Pine Avenue Upper Hutt Sister Mary Ambrose Manage, Sister Mary Camillus Head Teacher Roll number December 1918 = 142
- 26 February 1920 = Letter registration of Private Schools St Joseph's Industrial School Pine Avenue Upper Hutt Sister Mary Ambrose Manage, Sister Mary Camillus Head Teacher Roll number December 1919 = 209
- December 1922 = Statistics for year 1922 Roll boys 145 girls 176 Total 321 total, average attendance boys 132 girls 167 Total 299 ages of pupils 5-6 (26) 6-7- (28) 7-8 (31) 8-9 (44) 9-10 (36) 10-11 (35) 11-12 (40) 12-13 (23) 13-14 (33) 14-15 (19) over 15 (6) Total (321) Staff Mary Agnes Tracey (Sister M Camillus) Christina Hayes (Sister M Paschal) Augustasia Tuealey (Sister M Peter) Agnes Gibbs (S M Thecla) Margaret Minogue (Sister M Paul) Mary

- Dudson (Sister M Basil) Manager Sister M Ambrose Head Teacher Sister M Camillus Royal Street Upper Hutt
- December 1924 = Statistics for year 1924 Roll boys 167 girls 154 Total 321 total, average attendance boys 152.6 girls 139.6 Total 292.2 ages of pupils 5-6 (15) 6-7- (32) 7-8 (44) 8-9 (37) 9-10 (39) 10-11 (26) 11-12 (46) 12-13 (35) 13-14 (27) 14-15 (20) over 15 (0) Total (321) Staff Mary Agnes Tracey (Sister M Camillus) Frances T O'Sullivan (Sister M Loyola) Vera Delaney (Sister M Eulalia) Christina Bengé (Sister M Christine) Margaret Minogue (Sister M Paul) Frances Onyon (Sister M Chanel) Manager Sister M Ambrose Head Teacher Sister M Camillus Royal Street Upper Hutt
  - December 1925 = Statistics for year 1925 Roll boys 153 girls 155 Total 308 total, average attendance boys 149.9 girls 146.1 Total 296 ages of pupils 5-6 (13) 6-7- (29) 7-8 (41) 8-9 (35) 9-10 (45) 10-11 (35) 11-12 (24) 12-13 (40) 13-14 (26) 14-15 (16) over 15 (4) Total (308) Staff Frances T O'Sullivan (Sister M Loyla) Gertrude O'Flaherty (Sister M Gertrude) Vera Delaney (Sister M Eulalia) Christina Bengé (Sister M Christine) Margaret Minogue (Sister M Paul) Annie Monaghan (Sister M Solesastica) Miss Gertrude Quinn (probationer) Manager Sister M Ambrose Head Teacher Sister M Loyola Royal Street Upper Hutt
  - December 1926 = Statistics for year 1926 Roll boys 164 girls 141 Total 305 total, average attendance boys 162.4 girls 140.3 Total 302.7 number of Maori children boys 1 girls 2 total 3 ages of pupils 5-6 (16) 6-7- (27) 7-8 (31) 8-9 (46) 9-10 (40) 10-11 (40) 11-12 (28) 12-13 (28) 13-14 (31) 14-15 (15) over 15 (3) Total (305) Staff Frances T O'Sullivan (Sister M Loyla) Vera Delaney (Sister M Eulalia) Christina Bengé (Sister M Christine) Margaret Minogue (Sister M Paul) Annie Monaghan (Sister M Scholastica) Mary Dudson (Sister M Basil) Gertrude Quinn (probationer) Manager Sister M Ambrose Head Teacher Sister M Loyola Royal Street Upper Hutt
  - 14 February 1927 = letter to Sister M Loyola from Director of Education
  - December 1927 = Statistics for year 1927 Roll boys 162 girls 136 Total 298 total, average attendance boys 151.6 girls 130.6 Total 282.2 number of Maori children boys 1 girls 2 total 3 ages of pupils 5-6 (15) 6-7- (12) 7-8 (40) 8-9 (33) 9-10 (47) 10-11 (41) 11-12 (37) 12-13 (29) 13-14 (28) 14-15 (12) over 15 (4) Total (298) Staff Frances T O'Sullivan (Sister M Loyla) Margaret Minogue (Sister M Paul) Vera Delaney (Sister M Eulalia) Christina Bengé (Sister M Christine) Annie Monaghan (Sister M Scholastica) Mary Dudson (Sister M Basil) Manager Sister M Ambrose Principle Sister M Loyola Royal Street Upper Hutt
  - December 1929 = Statistics for year 1929 Roll boys 172 girls 152 Total 324 total, average attendance boys 156.8 girls 138.7 Total 295.5 ages of pupils 5-6 (14b 8g) 6-7- (15b 11g) 7-8 (15b 9g) 8-9 (21b 21g) 9-10 (13b 18g) 10-11 (18b 18g) 11-12 (19b 17g) 12-13 (24b 19g) 13-14 (8b 14g) 14-15 (6b 7g) over 15 (0) Total (153 boys 142 girls ) Staff Frances T O'Sullivan (Sister M Loyla) Vera Delaney (Sister M Eulalia) Catherine Wilkinson (Sister M Jerome) Christina Bengé (Sister M Christine) Margaret Minogue (Sister M Paul) Annie Monaghan (Sister M Scholastica) Mary Dudson (Sister M Basil) Manager Sister M Ambrose Principle Sister M Loyola Royal Street Upper Hutt
  - December 1930 = Statistics for year 1930 Roll boys 157 girls 144 Total 301 total, average attendance boys 156 girls 137 Total 293 ages of pupils 5-6 (11b 9g) 6-7- (20b 9g) 7-8 (15b 17g) 8-9 (14b 18g) 9-10 (19b 11g) 10-11 (19b 23g) 11-12 (22b 18g) 12-13 (19b 19g) 13-14 (18b 10g) 14-15 (5b 9g) over 15-16 (2b 2g0) Total (164 boys 145 girls ) Staff Frances T O'Sullivan (Sister Mary Loyla) Veronica Delaney (Sister M Eulalia) Catherine Wilkinson (Sister M Jerome) Christina Bengé (Sister M Christine) Margaret Minogue (Sister M Paul) Annie Monaghan (Sister M Scholastica) Mary Dudson (Sister M Basil) Manager Sister M Ambrose Principle Sister M Loyola Royal Street Upper Hutt
  - December 1931 = Statistics for year 1931 Roll boys 127 girls 139 Total 266 total, average attendance boys 122.2 girls 130.8 Total 253 Staff Frances T O'Sullivan (Sister Mary Loyla) Veronica Delaney (Sister M Eulalia) Catherine Wilkinson (Sister M Jerome) Christina Bengé (Sister M Christine) Margaret Minogue (Sister M Paul) Annie Monaghan (Sister M Scholastica) Mary Dudson (Sister M Basil) Manager Mother M Ambrose Principle Sister M Loyola Royal Street Upper Hutt
  - 01 May 1936 = Letter to Head Teacher from Director of Education
  - 18 September 1936 = Letter to Head Teacher from Director of Education

- 18 February 1948 = Memo from St Joseph's Orphanage building Controller to Director of Education regarding permit for rebuilding of Orphanage (after fire)
- 23 February 1948 = Letter as above
- 01 March 1948 = Letter to Director of Education from Senior Inspector of School regarding the rebuilding of St Joseph's Orphanage Upper Hutt stating that the Orphanage and not the classrooms were destroyed by fire
- 05 March 1948 = Letter to Building Controller from Director of Education – The senior Inspector states that from enquiries made it is understood that the Orphanage not the classrooms was destroyed by fire. He goes on to advise that the classrooms are certainly out-dated but are usable and in the light of present shortage of labour and materials he hesitates to make a recommendation for the rebuilding of the classrooms. The Senior Inspector is prepared to endorse a proposal for renovations or reasonable attempts to modernise the existing rooms.

*(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington ABFI W3540 box 438 22/6 Private Primary Schools Upper Hutt St Joseph's Orphanage 1916/1948)*

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## **St Joseph's Industrial School & Orphanage newspaper articles**

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