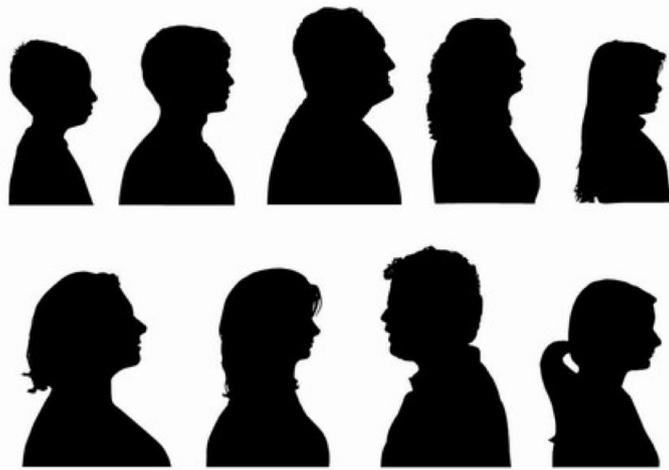


Holy Spirit Parish Wall of Mercy

*A special Parish project for the
Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy
2015 -2016*



Who am I?

*We honour those who stand out in our own life,
family & parish community as a 'Face of Mercy'
and explain why they were chosen.*

Plaque 1: LOUISE HINDS

I chose Louise Hinds because during her 76 years of life, Louise quietly and humbly came to the rescue of so many acquaintances, friends and family. She was a warm haven to anyone in need. One-on-one Louise eased people through grief, loneliness, fear and practical needs.

Her vocation in life was to serve others.

By Pauline Williams

Plaque 3: JOHN MICHAEL HAYES AKA MICK/POPPA

I chose Poppa, our great grandfather because Poppa was the father of 2, grandfather of 9 and great grandfather of 18. Born in 1916, he died 3 months short off a century. He joined the military police during the 2nd World War. After, he was a district inspector for the Melbourne Tramways for over 40 years. He and Nana moved to Rye when he retired – he LOVED the ocean! He cared for Nan until she died at 73. For the next 26 years he lived independently, volunteered for the blind association for 10 years, gave up a 60yr smoking habit and sat for hours on the beach with friends each day. He was very active in his care home up until his last week. His warm heart, caring ways, cheeky manner and great humour ensured he was loved by and loved many people during his life.

By Manson Family

Plaque 6. MARYANNE SCOTT

I chose my Nana, Maryanne Scott, because she touched our lives very much. She also had a strong faith with God. Anyone she came across she gave the same respect as she did to others. We love her very much and may she rest in peace.

By Tori and the Stone Family

Plaque 7: LEO BROPHY

I chose Leo Brophy because his great love for people from all walks of life saw him set up schools in Africa, support others to get on their feet. He was most well-known for his advocacy through the many years he spent writing articles to bring attention to the plight of the disadvantaged.

**By Carmel Brennan
Cathy and Nathan Donnison**

Plaque 8: PATRICIA O’SULLIVAN

I chose my Mum because she was very dedicated to her faith and family - that was her life. The mother of 7 children and living on a farm, she encountered many challenges – floods, droughts and raising 7 children, but always made the most of the little that she had. Mum passed away on 19th December 2015, a week before her 90th birthday, with all her family around her.

By Maureen Taffe

Plaque 9: NANCY D’ALLENSNDRO & MARJORIE STORY

I chose Nancy and Marjorie because these two ladies have been a part of my life for almost 70 years. One of strong Catholic Italian back ground, the other equally strong Church of England. To me they represent grace, humanity, charity, love and kindness. Always there when needed, no questions asked, ready to help whatever the situation.

By Shirley Graham

Plaques 11: ANNIE THERESE NOLAN

I chose my grandmother because she was “A light of mercy in my life”...The mother of 9 children and a mentally ill husband. This woman had a tough life. The love, care and mercy that she showed everyone whom she met on her path of life changed people. Nana came to live with our family (of 9) before I was born. She was my second mother. Her unconditional, love and mercy gave me the tools of which guide my life.

By Tina Toomey

Plaque 12: FR. CARMELO SIMONCELLI

Fr. Simoncelli came to Japan in 1950 as a Salesian priest and worked at our parish in Tokyo from 1975 – 1985. His mottos are “if it’s God’s will”, “our eyes are for others”, “our hands are for others”, “our heart is made to love others”. He showed these words by emptying himself to love others. He is 89 years old now.

By Yasuharu and Hiroko Sugimoto

Plaque 13: FR. EUGENE SAN

I chose Fr. Eugene because I see him as a genuine face of mercy. Through working with him while he was at our parish, he began to be an inspirational model for me – a faith-filled Catholic who lives out his beliefs in everyday life.

Fr. Eugene is a caring, considerate, understanding and always willing to assist in his own humble way. He is how I imagine Jesus would be in our world today.

By Karen McQuade

Plaque 14: NONY CHONG

I chose my oldest sister, Nony, because she represents the word “mercy” in every sense – graceful, compassionate and exudes kindness in all that she does.

There was one day in my early 20s when Nony was driving me to the airport. I got angry when the car in front of us suddenly made a right turn without indicating but Nony said calmly, “maybe he didn’t realise his indicator wasn’t working”. That’s very her, always slow to anger, always seeing the good rather than the faults in others. That incident made me realise how much I wanted to be like her, and to raise a God-loving family, just like her.

To this day she continues to inspire me with her unwavering faith in God and leading a prayerful life. She’s my oldest sibling but more importantly, she’s a role model to me in more ways than she ever realised.

By Cecilia Chong

Plaque 15: MRS. ETHEL HUNT

We chose Ethel because she was a loving, caring and compassionate woman to family and beyond. In humble, unassuming and practical ways, Ethel supported people suffering from mental illness, depression and disabilities. She cared for the poor, Aboriginal community, and orphans. She had an incredible sense of justice. Ethel lived the words, “To know all is to forgive all”. Her life has inspired successive generations!

By Noel and Marea Richardson

Plaque 16: JOHN FOLEY

I chose my Grandad because he always rings his 97 year-old mother every day at 11:00 to see how she is. He takes communion to people in nursing homes. He always makes his 13 grandchildren laugh and makes us spoilt. We love our Grandad.

By Phoebe Brown (age 8)

Plaque 17: ELLEN CATHERINE ENGLISH (1898 – 1987)

I chose my mother because she was gentle, generous, consistently hardworking with James, gave their 3 children Catholic education unlike her education (Catholic) relinquished in favour of siblings.

Possibly ahead of her time, in believing she shouldn't have to remain a worker for her birth family. She ran farms (dairy) rising at 4 am, seven days, plus shops. Fasting, 18 hours before Holy Communion, Sundays.

By Annette Heskett

Plaque 18: AUNTY MAGGIE

I chose Aunty Maggie because of her generous works of love and kindness in caring for us siblings as we were growing up. Always giving of herself in meeting our needs, without question, without complaint. In spite of the darkness, her light shone through her acts of love and mercy.

By Ingrid Jansz

Plaque 20: WENDY VENABLES

I chose Wendy because she inspired me with her compassionate and caring nature towards all people regardless of colour or creed. My friendship with Wendy started 15 years ago with our mutual love of craft. Staunch in her religious beliefs as a "Salvationist" and caring for people with disabilities for many years. I am grateful that Wendy is still my patchwork friend to this day.

By Margaret Anderson

Plaque 23: KATH YOULTEN

I chose Kath Youlten because for the past 35 years Kath has volunteered her time as a committee member for Trefoil Guiding Group and Thornbirds Ladies Group. Kath is a wonderful example of living a merciful life through the tireless hours she has spent on these committees fundraising for charity. Kath and her friends have supported well over 50 different charities showing much kindness compassion and love.

By TBA

Plaque 27: SISTER ROWENA (the little nun)

Sister Rowena serves in a nursing home in New South Wales where my grandmother was a resident until she passed away in May. Sister Rowena was with us throughout my grandmother's last days. We dubbed her the little nun, due to her small stature, but as we got to know her, we thought of her as "little" also due to her great humbleness.

One particular memory will stay with me forever. As we sat together by Nonna's side, she said to me "Aren't they amazing" talking about the dementia residents we could see out the window. I quickly quelled my immediate reaction to dispute her, as I considered their lack of mental capacity. I found myself actually "seeing" these people, seeing them the way Sister Rowena did, as Jesus in the flesh. "Yes, they are amazing" I replied to her. It was one of those remarkable moments when God's presence is palpable.

The little nun, has an amazing way of seeing Jesus and showing mercy the way he did, in her care, both of the residents and of the families who's loved ones are at the end of their lives.

By Yvette Collins

Plaque 29: ANNA MASSAROTTI

I chose Anna because she inspired us all be to humble and merciful to everyone. She brought out the best in people fortunate to come into contact with her. She found a reason to make you smile when you were down. Anna never had a bad word to say about anyone. She graciously shared her love with everyone.

By Tony and Fiona Massarotti and family

Plaque 32: KATH HAMILL

I chose Nana Kath because she is very kind. My Nana is honest and helpful to me and my family. My Nana often looks after us, she cooks for us and is very helpful in the community. My Nana is a good Christian and sets a good example.

By Jackson Habib

Plaque 34: JACINTA ROSE DEED

I chose Jacinta because she is kind, loving, and friendly and she always tries cheering people up. She loves everyone she meets including me. Jacinta shows mercy and grace wherever she goes.

By Madison Bell

Plaque 35: ANGELO TROIANI

I chose Angelo because he was my kind and fun-loving Nonno, who had great faith in God. He went to church every Sunday and sang in the church choir. Angelo was very generous with his time and always helped others, especially in the garden. Sadly Angelo passed away in 2011, but we still love him.

By Ethan Troiani

Plaque 38: JAMES BARDEN

I chose James because he does lots of jobs at SPJ but he shows mercy by supporting the whole SPJ community. He drives people to appointments, shops and even the airport. He does jobs at people's homes and spends time with people who need someone to talk to. Some people are new to Australia and he helps them too.

By Teagan Barden

Plaque 39: MARITA NORTH-COOMBES

I chose my Nan because she shows mercy by putting other people's needs before her own. She helps the elderly in their daily life. She also dedicates her time to her family, especially her 12 grandchildren. She is a very kind, compassionate and loving person and we are very thankful for her.

By Chloe North-Coombes

Plaque 42: MARGARET GLUMAC

I chose Margaret because she is a beautiful person who shows mercy in all aspects of her life. At home she has taken in family who have needed support and assistance with no hesitation. At work she eases people's lives by giving comforts such as kindness, a smile, a laugh and reassurance to the patients and their families.

By Charlotte Brown

Plaque 43: GRANDMA (JENNY)

I chose Grandma because she was a loving and caring person. She was devoted to her family and would do anything for them. She was always thinking of other people and would do what she could to help them. Even when she was sick she was still thinking of others, and was determined to make my Communion dress as she knew this would be special to me.

By Ella Motteram

Plaque 44: ANDREW GIBSON

I chose my Dad because he always puts everyone before him. He is loving, caring, smart, and never gives up. Xoxo

By Ava Gibson

Plaque 46: BRIAN HODGSON

I chose my Pop because I think he is a merciful person because he is always willing to help others and their needs above his own! He is kind, generous and a compassionate human being.

By Abbey Fletcher

Plaque 52: NOLA CURRAN

I chose Nola Curran because she is kind, willing to help and inclusive of others. She is a hard worker and shows compassion and understanding to those less fortunate in her daily life and work every day. Nola is a great role model to those around her. She is gracious and is willing with her time for me and by this I know that I am loved. She drives and encourages me to follow my heart and my dreams.

By Rilee Oliver

Plaque 56: SR MARGARET PURCHASE

Our Aunty Margaret (Sister Margaret Purchase) was an example of mercy personified. She said her special gift was hospitality and she certainly made everyone feel welcome and appreciated in a special way. Her years of service to others, through her vocation as a Daughter of Charity for over 60 years was inspirational.

By Maryann Street

Plaque 60: MARITA MILLS

I chose my nanny because she shows mercy to me because she's funny, loving and makes a great friend. She can start a conversation and make it last for hours and it's still not boring. She shares and tries her best in everything she can, and I love her just the way she is.

By Makedde Hartman

Plaque 61: TINA BUCCHERI

I chose my Grandma because she has been a volunteer at Meals on Wheels for many years. Meals on Wheels is somewhere that provides meals to people in their homes who are unable to cook for themselves, like elderly people and the disabled.

By Siena Martucci

Plaque 64: DORIS HOLMES

My Great Grandma Doris Holmes, is a very special person who represents the "Face of Mercy" for me. She is a model of love, compassion and inspires me in many ways. She is the oldest in my family being 94 years old and I love her so much and I am so lucky to still have her. She inspires me by being able to live for this long and is still driving and telling me what to do. I love touching her hair which she hates as she gets it done at the hairdressers before she sees us. She is funny and tells us great jokes even when she laughs all the way through it.

By Amelia Chapman

Plaque 66: LYN DAVEY

I chose Lyn Davey because she knits hats and clothing for babies in hospital and the under privileged. Lyn always welcomes you with open arms. She spends so much time helping others and it's important to her to pay her respects to God in church. When I grow up I would like to be like Lyn.

By Ella Davey

Plaque 70: MAUREEN POTE

I chose Grandma because if I was worried she would always pray for me with her Rosary Beads. She was a loving and caring person. When I would see her she would give me a hug and kiss. She had such a good mindset. She loved praying and helping people in need.

By Starly Pote

Plaque 71: POPPY ALF

I chose Poppy Alf because he is so kind. When I was a baby he sang songs to me. I chose him because he made wooden toys for people who could not afford toys at the toy shop.

By Ava Leonard

Plaque 74: IMRE GUETH

I chose my Papa because he is a wonderful great grandfather that is always interested in what I am doing and trying to help me in any way he can. He is always giving us fresh fruit and vegetables from his garden because he knows how much my family and I love them. He is selfless and always puts our needs before his.

By Taline Gaudion

Plaque 75: ROSE POTE

I chose Nana because she shows the gifts and fruits of the Spirit. Nana Rose is compassionate because she has worked with people with special needs for the last 8 years. Nana Rose cares for these people and shows kindness. Nana is a mother of six children and grandmother of 10. She cares for everyone and loves her family. Nana is patient and forgiving.

By Thomas Rees

Plaque 77: SUZI FAULKNER

I chose my mum Suzi, because she is a kind forgiving person, I find she can be forgiving even when tough times come. She is very compassionate and is understanding towards myself and others. I think she is merciful.

By Isabella Faulkner

Plaque 78: BERNARD DOSSETTER

I chose Grandad because he was a Staff Sergeant Signals Training Officer of the Nigerian Army in the 1960's. Grandad helped the Nigerians protect their country. He often had to show compassion to his troops knowing the times they had been through.

By Luke Dossetter

Plaque 79: CLARE QUINN

I chose my Nanny because she shows that she can be and is a role model. Clare goes to Church nearly every weekend. My Nanny is also very nice and caring for her grandchildren, even the oldest. Clare shows mercy to each and every person.

By Alexandra Quinn

Plaque 83: NEIL ARMSTRONG

I chose my Grandpa because I thought he was merciful in his life. My Grandpa was part of the Lions Club and showed mercy by helping those in need. He would donate money and food and other things to the less fortunate countries. We should be more like my Grandpa and show love and compassion to others.

By Sofia Alonso

Plaque 84: PETER NEWTON

I chose my Pa, Peter Newton because he is the dedicated President of Ryder Cheshire Foundation Australia. When he was volunteering for the Ryder Cheshire Foundation he developed a plan to build a house in East Timor which is called Klibur Domin. He created the home for the sick and disabled East Timorese people, which he visits a few times a year. He has also written a book about his experience with running the home

By Charli Newton

Plaque 85: MARY SULTANA

I chose Mary Sultana because she gives up her time and goes to church every Sunday. She donates money to the church to help Caritas. She also visits her sister in a nursing home to keep her company.

By Caitlyn Sultana

Plaque 87: AMBER GIBSON

I chose my Mum because she always puts everybody before her. She is kind, caring, loving, and never gives up and you look after me safely. Xoxo

By Ava Gibson

Plaque 89: CHRISTINE PUNTURERE

I chose Christine because she would always forgive me for my mistakes. She would care for me and she loves me! Also, in times of need or stress, she would be there to care for me.

By Jacob Kingston

Plaque 95: ANNA NORTHEY

I chose Anna because she volunteered to go and live in Bali to help a volunteer organisation that provides clean energy products to people in places like Bali. These people don't have access to electricity and clean water. She distributes solar lights and things like that. This organisation is spread worldwide.

By Benjamin Sette

Plaque 96: KAY FICINUS

I chose my Granny because she is very thoughtful and helpful to all of her six children and all of her 11 grandchildren. She is kind and loving and spiritual. My Granny is a model of Mercy to me because she is Merciful.

By Daniel Ficinus

Plaque 98: SUSAN GITTINS

I chose my Nanna because she is a very caring, loving and generous person. She cares for me and my family and is always there for us even though she lives far away.

By Nicholas Zito

Plaque 107: KATHLEEN DESMOND

I chose Nan because in her younger years she suffered due to illness and spent a long time away from her family. As a consequence, she had a lot of empathy and compassion for anyone in need. Due to her physical restrictions, her way of helping people was to pray for whatever needs they had.

By the Loughron and McCartney family

Plaque 108: MARY FLORENCE MORRISON

I chose my mother because she was for all who knew her, an example of mercy in action. With love, she welcomed and gave comfort to all, sheltered those in need treating them with respect, caring for them and giving them a new start. The tragedy of losing a four old son she bore with patience and without bitterness.

By Nola Ryan

Plaque 110: PAM HEGARTY

I choose my wife Pamela Hegarty. We were both widowed and met through a mutual friend. I was a non-practicing catholic and we were married by a civil celebrant. Pam had a strong feeling for the catholic faith and encouraged me to attend Mass and came with me. When on holiday in Queensland the priest spoke about the RCIA programme. Later that day Pam said going to Mass and not receiving communion was not enough and she wanted to become a catholic.

On our return home Pam contacted Father Allan Mithen at Holy Spirit and arranged to attend the RCIA meetings. I attended every meeting with her in addition to making an appointment with Father Mithen to make my peace with God. Pam was accepted into the church at the Easter Vigil at Holy Spirit on 19th April 2003. On our 17th wedding anniversary we renewed our marriage vows at Holy Spirit.

Pam has been a communion minister, taken communion to the sick at home and in hospital and we conducted Lenten meetings at our home for a number of years.

By Brian Hegarty

Plaque 111: ELEANOR WHITE

I chose my daughter Eleanor because she is a model of mercy to me and to all her family and friends. She does not only visit those in prison, comfort the sick, sad and lonely and wisely counsel the troubled, but she does so with generosity, kindness, grace, love and compassion. She gives forgiveness freely, willingly with abundant love

By Kate Graham

Plaque 120: AGOSTINO ZORDAN

I chose my father because he believed in living a life of humility. He was loved by all who knew him. Born Agostino (Gus) Zordan in 1915 in Northern Italy. During WW11, as a soldier in the army, he would write letters back home to loved ones for his fellow soldiers that were illiterate. In 1950 he moved to Australia to give his family a better way of life and greater opportunities

By Marg Kyle

Plaque 121: TINEKE ELDERHORST

I chose my sister because she always told me to be good. Just before she died, just after her first Communion, she held my hand and said "I'll be waiting for you in heaven, always love Jesus". These words are in my head every day.

By Ann Gysberts

Plaque 123: SHIRLEY GRAHAM

I chose Shirley because she is truly inspirational in her energy and passion for helping people. Apart from her total dedication to her family, Shirley volunteers her time to 'Very Special Kids' and has been seen in the company of a very large pink pig on more than one occasion!

Her involvement with Holy Spirit is enormous – from Evergreens, to the Grief and Loss Support team, Altar Servers training, and the Liturgy Team, her dedication and care is unending.

By Jenny Philp

Plaque 124: THELMA CLARK

I chose Auntie Thelma because she was not only my aunty, but also my best friend. When I was growing up she was the person I could talk to about anything. She never had children of her own but we spent a lot of time together going on holidays and I used to spend a lot of time at her house. She was always so kind and pleasant to everyone she met and loved me unconditionally.

By Barbara McGowan

Plaque 125: BEATRICE AND LESLIE ELIAS

I chose my parents because they helped many people throughout their lives. During WW11 by “slightly overbrowning” pies and pasties in their pie shop and reducing prices (or giving for free) to enable needy people to have a meal with dignity, then over many years taking food to families in need. They never had much money but helped many in need.

By Yvonne Dowsey

Plaque 126: JAMES DESMOND

I chose Grandpa because he was dedicated to his faith and living how God wants us to. Leading by example and passing on important Christian values, including being kind, compassionate, faithful, respectful and loving. Admired by his 5 children, 17 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and everyone who met him.

**By John & Bernadette Loughron
Belinda & Xavier McCartney**

Plaque 128: WHO AM I?

Look for a ‘face of mercy’ in your life during the coming week and say thank you to them and thank you to God for them.

Plaque 132: FR EUGENE SAN

Our family has chosen Fr Eugene San, SAC as our Model of Mercy. As parish priest at Holy Spirit we have come to know him personally, in times of joy and sorrow. We find him to be a model of humility and service to others, of dedication and compassion, one who is committed to striving for others. He deserves to be our Model of Mercy although he will be very embarrassed if he ever finds out.

By the Volombello Family

Plaque 135: MY DAUGHTER, GRANDDAUGHTER, PARISH HOUSE AND EVEGREEN FAMILY

I chose the above because they are always there for me. My family always make sure I am alright. The Evergreens are there for me and make sure I get to Mass and trips. The Parish House girls all get me to the shops on Wednesdays and I get a lovely cup of coffee and a chat. Thankyou

By Betty McWade

Plaque 136: KEVIN & PAT CALLANAN

I chose my Uncle Kev and Aunty Pat as models of mercy because of the inspiring way their faith informed their lives. During the refugee crisis in the late 1970's, when thousands of Vietnamese 'boat' people arrived in Australia, they opened their home to one young refugee couple Tuyen and Tuoi Do. Pat and Kevin offered support and a new start in life for them by providing accommodation in their garage which had been recently refitted. All this while maintaining a normal life with their own family, with 3 teenagers still at home. Tuyen and Tuoi stayed with them for 9 months before moving on to integrate into Australian life. In the process they became an important part of Kevin and Pat's family (and our extended family)

Kevin was also a regular volunteer for many years at St Mary's House of Welcome in Fitzroy, a commitment that Pat took over after Kevin's sudden death at aged 56, and continued for another 20 years. The love, compassion and work for social justice they modelled, continues to inspire me and I feel so blessed to have them as a beloved Uncle and Aunty.

By Mary Ryan

Plaque 137: FRANK AND JUNE McCLELLAND

I chose my parents because they were wonderful parents to us 5 children. Each of us had difficulties as we went along. Frank and June supported us financially and emotionally. We were always held in their love, and they showed that love openly. We hold their memory with love, gratitude and honour.

By Sr. Marian McClelland

Plaque 142: RITA IGNATIUS and SR. MARGARET IGNATIUS R.S.M.

I chose my grandmother Rita who had thirteen daughters and was the matriarch of our family. She was a faith-filled person, loving, kind, fun to be with and full of wisdom. Like Grandma, Aunty Margaret, a Mercy Sister, guided me through difficult times.

By Damien Shepherd

Plaque 147: TOMMY BEIRNE

I chose my father because he taught me to treat everyone I meet with courtesy and kindness, always saying....it costs nothing to be nice....

By Ida Brotherton

Plaque 148: PAOLO ULIANA

Mercy is about having compassion and forgiveness towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.

I chose Paolo because as a father and husband and as leader of the family, he showed great compassion towards his children. He would not judge your decisions, especially poorly made ones, but rather was forgiving and understanding.

By Rose Liliana

Plaque 152: THE GOOD SAMARITAN

By TBA

Plaque 157: MARY BRESNAN R.I.P.

I chose Mary Bresnan because she has been a "model of mercy" for me. When Mary was a Parish House Team Member, she impressed me with her faith commitment and down to earth, coping skills, with any issues that came her way. I learned that not all problems are solvable and sometimes, one has to accept people and situations just as they are.

By Jean Smith

Plaque 160: MARIA C GYSBERTS

I chose my mother because she found great strength in her faith and had a great devotion for the Virgin Mary. As a child she experienced WWI in occupied Belgium. As a married woman with eight children faced war again WWII in the Netherlands. She got through all these bad times in silent prayers.

By Keith Gysberts

Plaque 162: BARBARA McGOWAN

I chose Barbara because I have known her for many years but did not fully realise the depth of her love and caring for the elderly of our parish. I am now blessed with a closer relationship and find, without ever having to ask, Barbara is there when I need her and I watch as she spreads her wings throughout the retirement village where I live.

By Roma Canty

Plaque 165: MARIE CAHILL

I chose my Aunt Marie. She has no children of her own, but she has 15 nieces and nephews and has always shown tremendous love, dedication and generosity to all of us and all our children and now our children's children.

She is interested in everything we do and always welcomes any new additions to our family. She has generously and quietly offered help if any of us have experienced hardship, never seeking attention. She has a steadfast faith and I have always considered her to be a person of mercy. I thank God for her presence in our family.

By Annette Young

Plaque 166: SR. KATHLEEN IGNATIUS R.S.M.

I chose Aunty Kathleen because she shows mercy and has always been a special person in my life. She is always kind and caring and gives me advice when I need it. She is generous with her time, taking me on train trips and outings. She shares with me her faith passed on by her mother, who is my grandmother.

By Angela Shepherd

Plaque 167: JOSEPH VAN KONYNENBURG - My Father-in-law

Steel fabricator - Lover of music, singing, enjoyment of life and people.

Lived through two World Wars, was injured and suffered terrible deprivation, fear for his family and witness to many hideous acts of war, but never uttered a word of hatred towards those perpetrators of these acts - Never judged people

THOMAS JOSEPH O'KEEFE - My Father

Road maker, Farmer, Council worker - Lover of poetry, music and people.

"Never make judgements of people - you don't know where they have come from"

"There is never justification for unkindness to man or animal".

How lucky was I to have two men of such mercy in my life?

By Helen Konynenburg

Plaque 170: JANE JACINTO

I chose my mother because my mother was a very simple woman. All the values we have today; love, forgiveness, sharing and kindness are because of her teachings. Most of all she taught us “how to pray”. She loved Jesus, and she taught us to believe and follow him.

By Flavia

Plaque 172: FR TERRY NAUGHTON MSC

I chose Fr Terry Naughton MSC because he has been a friend of our family for over 30 decades. Our family consists of 6 diverse individuals. Whilst journeying with us through life's' travails and joys, Terry has never faltered in expressing his love for our family through his consistency, care, compassion and unconditional acceptance. He is without doubt our family's heart of mercy and compassion

By Denise and David Carl

Plaque 178 SR ANGELA O'DONOGHUE RGS

I chose Sr Angela as my model of mercy because she is also my Aunty Kath, the only sister of my mum. Throughout my life I have been privileged to witness her commitment to her faith and family. She first entered the Good Shepherd order in her early twenties, but returned home before her final vows to care for her mother who had become ill. She nursed both my grandparents until they died and re-entered the convent at the age of 44. She will turn 100 years old on the 11th August. Although now frail in body, her mind and spirit are an inspiration to all who know her.

By Mary Ryan

Plaque 180: PETER REARDON

I chose my Dad, Peter Reardon because he has given decades of service and dedication in his professional, community and family life. His sacrifices ensured our family had the best opportunities growing up and his support enabled my sisters and I to become the women we are today.

By Emily Woodhams

Plaque 184: KATHY REARDON

I chose my Mum, Kathy Reardon because her selflessness and generosity have been a model for me to follow, especially since becoming a mother myself.

I pray that my children will see me the same way I see Mum – someone that will always be there for them and love them unconditionally.

By Emily Woodhams

Plaque 185: ROBYN VORHERR

I chose Robyn because I am very blessed to have been so well loved and cared for my daughter, along with others. Being dedicated for 39 years to nursing thousands of patients, one area being “Casualty Emergency” which is a tough gig.

God’s grace has shone through and that’s mercy.

By Angela Orwin

Plaque 190: SUZIE MASCARENHAS

I chose my mum Suzie because she always puts everyone else’s needs in front of her own. The most significant example is when she hid her diagnosis of breast cancer from us during my wedding time, till I was back from my honeymoon. She did not want to ruin my special day. Thank you mum - my role model. We love you.

By Etta D’souza

Plaque 193: BILL AND SHIRLEY WEBB

I chose Bill and Shirley Webb as they showed unconditional love to everyone they met. Bill was a prisoner of war in Changi in WW2 and suffered for 3 years. But together with Shirley he used this experience to teach their children the power of love and forgiveness.

They taught through example how to live faith filled and compassionate lives to their 7 children and families.

By Phillipa Higgins

Plaque 194: ANGELA MERKEL

Angela Merkel orchestrated the most generous, openhearted gesture of recent history blossoming from Germany, the country that within living memory (and beyond) blew apart the European continent, and then the world, by taking to gruesome extremes all the forces its Chancellor strives to hold in check: nationalism, nativism, self-righteousness, reversion to arms. Angela welcomed refugees with open arms when so many other nations were closing their borders. She showed courage, compassion and mercy, something that many leaders seem to lack.

By Marisa Matthys

Grateful thanks to all those who participated in this special parish project to mark the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

We give thanks also for all those named and honoured here, whose lives and legacy continue to inspire acts of love and mercy in our world.



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