

# Auckland Pilgrimage

## Surrey Hills (Grey Lynn)

Mary MacKillop visited the Sisters in the Surrey Hills Convent on each of her four visits to New Zealand.

1. The Church-School in Tennyson (now Turakina) Street backed on to Convent building in Sussex Street. It was officially opened on 3 March 1886. It was here that Mary MacKillop examined the pupils in 1894 on her first visit.

This building was also moved to Great North Road and was replaced by the present Church, dedicated to St Joseph, in 1961.



2. There is no photograph of the cottage where the Sisters lived from June 1885, when they moved from Gladstone Street (now St Benedict's Street).

The building pictured on the right was erected on the site of the earlier cottage and was opened by Bishop Lenihan on 6 July 1902 when Mary was convalescing at the Middleton Road Convent, Remuera. This building was later moved to 454 Great North Road. It was replaced by the building, which now stands on that site.



## Newton – St Benedict's – first North Island foundation

3. The Sisters lived in the cottage shown on the right of the later Convent in the photo on the right. They lived in the cottage from March 1884 – June 1885 and from February 1901 until the end of 1906 when the two-storey building was completed. The cottage was demolished in 1918 to make room for the new chapel. This building is still standing in St Benedict's Street opposite the presbytery. The cottage is where Mary MacKillop stayed with the Sisters in 1901.
4. The Church pictures on the left was built by the Benedictines in 1888 and dedicated to St Benedict. Mary would have prayed in this Church when visiting the Sisters in Auckland.



## Newmarket – Remuera

5. Mary stayed with the Sisters at their Convent at 21 Middleton Road, Newmarket, on three of the four visits to New Zealand.

The photograph shows the Convent and the Church-School on the right where Mary examined the children, as was her custom, when she visited the Sisters. Later, a school (1917), convent (1920), and church (1930's) were built in Beatrice Road.



6. This photo is of Mary MacKillop with a group of Sisters, her sister, Annie, and her nurse during the period of convalescence, which ended her fourth and last visit to New Zealand. This house still stands in Middleton Road and is now used as a boarding house.



## A suggested route to follow when tracing Mary MacKillop's visits to the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart in Auckland

1. It seems appropriate to start at ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH in GREY LYNN, situated at 470 Great North Road. Take some time to pray in this beautiful church.
2. From the Church, head back along Great North Road towards the city and you will pass Turakina Street (see 1) and Sussex Street (see 2) on your left.
3. Continue along Great North Road as far as the junction of Ponsonby and Newton Roads, and following Newton Road, you will come to the end of St Benedict's Street. Turning into this street, you will come to ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH (see 3 & 4) at the far end. Mary would have prayed in this Church.
4. Now retrace your steps to Newton Road and continue down Khyber Pass Road to Newmarket. Two Sisters walked from Sussex Street to the corner of Suiter Street (near Newmarket) for over a year, to teach in the cottage that stood on the corner.
5. Turn right into Broadway, left into Remuera Road and having crossed the railway line, left into Middleton Road. The house where the Sisters lived and Mary MacKillop stayed still stands at No. 21 (see 5 & 6).
6. It is not far from Middleton Road to Beatrice Road where ST MICHAEL'S, the present Remuera Parish church stands. Here you will find a stained glass window featuring "Mary of the Cross". This is a fitting place to end your journey.