



Sister Elenor McLauchlan

was born

Elenor Terese

at Gosford, NSW

on 5th February 1929

*Elenor was the only child of
William Dobinson McLauchlan &
Jessie May Henderson*

Elenor entered the Sisters of St Joseph Lochinvar on 13th June 1947 and was professed as Sr Mary Ignatius of Jesus on 4th January 1950

Elenor had a remarkable gift of music from her earliest days and had a long and happy career teaching music throughout the diocese and beyond in both primary and secondary schools. Her joy in her pupils was infectious and she took great delight in improvising music to suit any occasion and often composed clever lyrics to accompany well known songs. Her ministry always involved music whether instrumental or choral. Church liturgies were an important part of Elenor's days. Later she took up Music Therapy, gaining her degree as a registered Music Therapist in 1998/99. Because of this she was able to reach out to people in Aged Care, in Dementia units, Stroke victims, Children with ADDHD, AIDS sufferers, as well as a whole range of intellectual impairments.

In her later years Elenor was a resident at the Southern Cross Tenison Apartments where she still contributed to Parish music at the local Catholic Church and the Uniting Church. A sing-a-long was an outlet for her many talents. In 2010, Elenor suffered from poor health but was able to celebrate her diamond Jubilee of Profession with her extended family. However, the weakening of her system made it necessary for her to move to St Joseph's Nursing Home at Sandgate where she spent the last month of her life and on Thursday 24th February, Elenor slipped gently off to God.

May her dear soul rest in peace.