

# Little Flower Mission

1935 – 1942

## Details

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The Little Flower Mission was established by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in 1935 in Bath Street, Alice Springs. The Mission was moved to a new site at Charles Creek in 1937 and a Mission school was established. From 1938 children from the Mission were sent to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary School in Alice Springs. In 1942 the Little Flower Mission moved to Arltunga, approximately 100kms east of Alice Springs, and became known as the Arltunga Mission.

The Little Flower Mission was first established by Father Patrick J Maloney, of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, in 1935 in the back yard of the Roman Catholic presbytery in Bath Street, Alice Springs. In 1936 the Northern Territory Administrator granted the church a portion of land at Charles Creek, approximately 1 km from the centre of Alice Springs. The Mission was moved to the Charles Creek site in 1937. A church-school was established at the Mission.

In 1938 three Sisters from the Order of the Daughters of Our lady of the Sacred Heart established a convent school in Alice Springs, which became known as the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary School. Children from the Little Flower Mission were sent to the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary School.

In 1942, as a result of the influx of military personnel into Alice Springs, the Little Flower Mission moved to Arltunga, approximately 100kms east of Alice Springs and became known as the Arltunga Mission.

## Gallery

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**Staff and residents of the Little Flower Mission School, standing outside the school [title altered from original]**

**Description:** This is an image of the staff and residents of the Little Flower Mission School at Charles Creek, Alice Springs.

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## More info

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### Chronology

- **Little Flower Mission (1935 – 1942)**
  - Arltunga Mission (1942 - 1953)
  - Santa Teresa Mission (1953 - 1977)

### Related Entries

### Run by

- [Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart \(1885 - current\)](#)  
The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart ran the Little Flower Mission with the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
- [Missionaries of the Sacred Heart \(1885 - current\)](#)  
The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart ran the Little Flower Mission with the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

### Related Organisations

- [Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary School \(1938 - 1983?\)](#)  
Some children from the Little Flower Mission were sent to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary School

## Resources

- [Little Flower Mission Site and Cemetery](#), Australian Heritage Places Inventory, No date
- National Archives of Australia, [Fact sheet 151 - Bishop Francis Xavier Gsell MSC](#), 2012

## Records

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For more information and to access your records, follow the links below:

### Records

- [Records held by Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of Darwin \(1882? - 1983\)](#)
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