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Ryan has been chosen for GreenHouse because Fr. Patrick Ryan was the first and the longest serving priest at St Gabriel's Parish church. With a strong Irish heritage here in Australia, we thought the celtic cross was a perfect symbol connecting our past as a parish community with the present.

Fr Ryan built very strong foundations for our parish community. It has been a nice connection that we have had a school focus this year about 'building strong foundations'... just as Fr Ryan did.



Bushell

From the very beginning, commitment to women and the education of young people has been at the heart of the Congregation's mission. In 1861, just five years after their foundation, the sisters began teaching in a school in Sussex Street, Sydney.

In subsequent decades the ministry of Good Samaritan education spread to other Australian states, to Japan, the Philippines and Kiribati.

Education in the faith and adult education are features of Good Samaritan ministry.

Sr. Marie Therese Bushell, along with another nun, were the first Good Samaritan Sisters at St Gabriel's Parish School. Bushell will be our Yellow House name.



Samaritan

Samaritan is our Blue House name because The Good Samaritan Sisters started our parish primary school here at St Gabriel's. Blue and yellow were the colours they used in their clothing and emblem. The Good Samaritan in scripture loved his neighbour as we should love one another. What an inspiring way to live our lives.

Beattie



The name Beattie has been chosen for Red House because Mrs Beattie was the first teacher at St Gabriel's. She was asked to start a school in 1928 and it opened in 1929. It is clear from the words of Polding (Australia's first Catholic Archbishop who founded the Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict) that he envisaged the work of education as encompassing the wider vision of life-long learning. Hundreds of thousands of Australians have been educated as a result of the partnership between the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and dedicated staff.