

Goulburn, Australia

They were accompanied by Mother Paul and her Assistant on the journey from Westport to Liverpool. They saw the Sisters on board the vessel "Sudanna" which set sail on July 7th, 1859, for a three month voyage to reach Australia. *"The vessel set sail on the 7th of July 1859 and with lonely hearts and eyes well-nigh blinded with tears, our beloved Rev. Mother and her devoted Assistant Mother Teresa retraced their steps and returned to the equally lonely Sisters who awaited them with loving impatience at Mount St. Mary's."* On December 15th, 1859, the good news of their safe arrival reached Westport thus: *"This day the joyful news of our dear Sisters safe arrival in Australia was received. The announcement filled us with gratitude and delight. We had kept a lamp lighted in honour of Our Blessed Mother, Star of the Sea that she might watch over and bring them to their destination in safety. It burned brightly since they left and was now extinguished."* Sisters of Mercy continue to work in Goulburn to this day.