



Joyce McConnon OAM
Archdiocese of Hobart

Mrs Joyce McConnon was born in Ulverstone and has lived on the North West Coast of Tasmania all her life. She and her late husband, Laurie, raised their nine children there. She has always given her time freely to her community.

After her family, her next love was her church and she has worked for many decades for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish; she was sacristan at Devonport's Catholic Church, ensuring that all was ready for Mass; she has life membership of the Parents and Friends Associations of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish School and St Brendan Shaw College.

Joyce is a volunteer with St Vincent de Paul Society (working in their shops), Meals on Wheels (where she was Secretary for more than 20 years), Meecroft Homes Aged Auxiliary and Gran's Van (a food van for the homeless).

She is an enthusiastic cook and uses her considerable skills as a caterer to raise funds for the Catholic Church, St Vincent de Paul Society and McKillop Hill Catering Service. Her catering colleagues claim that Joyce can estimate, almost to the final crumb, just how much food is required for each function. One of her recent events was the launching of the book on Dame Enid Lyons by Anne Henderson.

Joyce has been a long-standing member of the Catholic Women's League and has been awarded life membership of this organisation – she is much valued as a fund raiser with her jams and chutneys as well as her beautiful knitting and needlework. She was a foundation member of the Country Women's Association.

Above all, Joyce is a woman of prayer and faith – she is always welcoming and gracious to the needy and those needing company. Joyce was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for her outstanding community work.