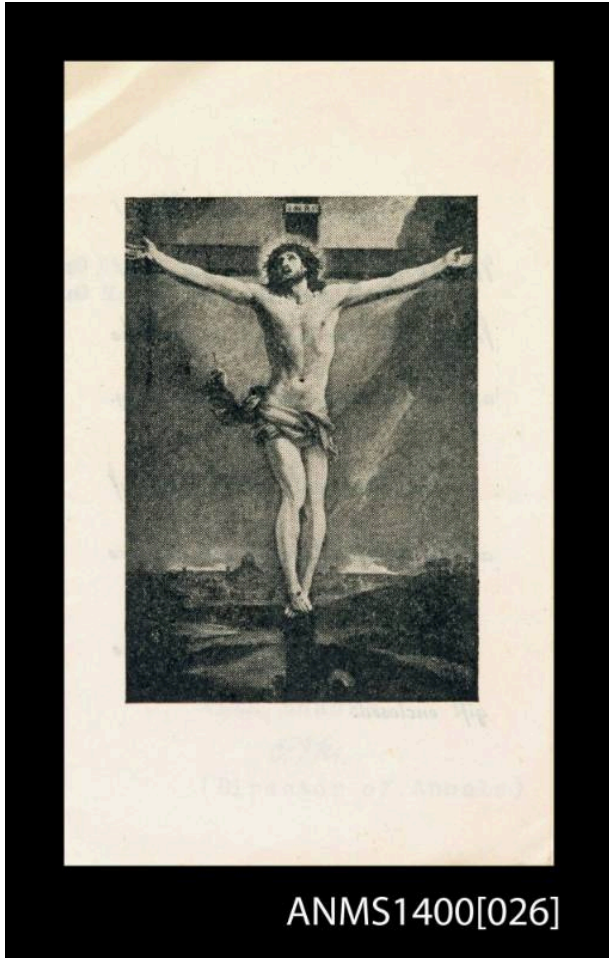


Basic Detail Report



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Title

Mass request card

Date

1908-1955

Medium

Paper, ink

Dimensions

Overall: 100 x 65 mm

Name

Card

History

Annie Crowle was either born with a crippled foot or contracted polio as a child. She lived in Chippendale and then Glebe in Sydney with her family. Her father Patrick Crowle was Irish born and the family were active in the Irish National Association. Sometime before 1960 Annie won a substantial prize in the Opera House lottery. This

enabled her to participate in the Fourth National Australian Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1960. She also travelled to Rome and Ireland. The tour group travelled on SS ORION. Since an apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes in 1858, the village of Lourdes in the Pyrenees in southern France had become the site of annual pilgrimage for tens of thousands of Catholic worshippers every year. The first Australian Pilgrimage was led by the famous Irish-Australian Archbishop of Melbourne Daniel Mannix in 1925 and organised by Cooks Tours. The spring water from a grotto at Lourdes was believed by many to possess healing properties, and this may have been a significant factor in Annie's desire to join the pilgrimage. Certainly in the photograph of the Australian pilgrims for 1960, there are several people in wheelchairs, including Annie.