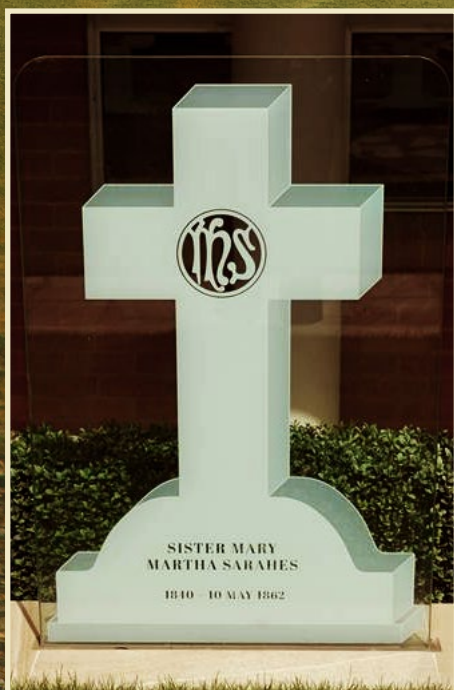


*A* white rose planted on her grave  
was hardly ever without flower.

## *Sr Mary Martha Sarahes*

10 May 2022 marks 160 years since the death of Sr Mary Martha Sarahes.



Rosebank Cemetery

She was born on an island in the Pacific and was received into Archbishop Polding's new Institute (later known as the Sisters of the Good Samaritan) as a lay sister in 1857. Martha had a gentle and generous nature and was much loved by all who knew her. She worked in the kitchen, waited on the sick in the Infirmary, and was always cheerful and full of loving kindness.

Martha succumbed to tuberculosis in 1862 at the age of 21. She was the first of the Sisters to die, and her early death was a great loss to the community. Despite their sadness, the Sisters were convinced of Martha's heavenly intercession for them and for their mission. She remains an abiding example of the "kind Samaritan".

*Adapted from the Good Samaritan Archives:  
Sr M Martha Sarahes – A Living Stream  
Sr M Martha Sarahes – SGS Annals 1857-1938  
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