

UQFL1

Michael Potter Collection

Size	10 boxes
Contents	Correspondence: Personal, pastoral, business; financial records, sermon notes, note books, diaries, Christmas cards, postcards, religious cards, printed prayers, travelling desk, (parts of vestment?)
Date range	1883 to 1944
Biography	Michael Potter was an Irish born Catholic priest who ministered in the Warwick area, Diocese of Toowoomba from 1887 to 1944. His papers reflect his family background, that of a large, close family and the role he played as a late 19 th , early 20 th century parish priest in a rural area of Queensland. His correspondence with his elder sisters, Rev. Mother Mary Patrick, and Sister Mary Michael, both of All Hallows Convent, Brisbane, and his fellow priests give some indication of the growth of Catholic education in Queensland, the number of new church buildings, parish halls, schools, the establishment of the Christian Brothers in Warwick.
Notes	Unrestricted access Separated from the Hayes collection, UQFL2 The collection was rehoused in 2014 and box numbers were reallocated. Refer to the chart at the end of this listing to convert old box numbers to new numbers.

Box 1

1	Potter, Michael, 1857-1944 Last will and testament dated 6 Oct 1891, signed, witnessed by Mary Potter and Lizzie Potter.
2 – 33	Potter, Michael, 1857-1944 Letters from Michael Potter to his sisters and others, 14 Jan 1885 to 18 Oct 1913.
34 – 70a	Potter, Mary Michael, Sister. (All Hallows Convent, Brisbane) Letters Nov 1887 – Apr 1902 to Michael Potter.
71 – 168	Potter, Mary Patrick, Mother. (All Hallows Convent) Letters 13 July 1887 to 20 February 1918 to Michael Potter. <i>Mother Mary Michael Potter did not write letters 1/121, 1/128, 1/134. They were written by Sister Mary Michael Potter. They were incorrectly filed with Mother Potter's correspondence when the collection was catalogued. So as not to disturb the order, they remain filed at these numbers.</i>
169 – 249	Potter, Michael, 1857-1944 Letters 1885 to 1944 to Michael Potter from members of his family (sisters Mary Patrick and Mary Michael listed separately)

249 **O'Neill, Mary**
Letter 8 Feb 1903 to Mrs. John O'Neill, Tipperary, sent per Michael Potter.

250 **Potter, Michael, 1857-1944**
Sermon Notes; lists of parishioners; rough notes for speeches. Mostly undated. Easter 1888 – June 1925

Box 2

251 – 253 **Chermside, Lady Geraldine Katherine.**
Letters (3) to Mother Mary Patrick Potter: 3 May 1903 re visit of Governor Chermside and self to All Hallows; 5 May 1903, thanks for hospitality; 21 Jul 1903, condolences on death of Pope Leo XIII.

254 – 255 **Durack, Fanny.**
Letter 23 Apr 1897 to Michael Potter, asking for help in obtaining a governess for her children, says Dunham Station named after Father Dunham; 2 Jan 1898 second letter on same subject. Address is: Dunham Station, Wyndham, via Perth.

256 **Groom, Sir Littleton Ernest, 1867-1936**
Letter 9 Jun 1905 to Michael Potter offering condolence on death of Father James Horan.

257 – 266 **Horan, James J.**
Letters (3) to Michael Potter: 1900, 1902 [n.d] Memos re celebration of mass; letter 12 Jan 1901 to Thomas Phelan re dispensation letter 28 Nov 1900 to Miss Annie McConnolly, Honorary Secretary of the C.Y.M. Tennis Club, Warwick. Letter 17 Dec. 1902 to Michael Potter with good wisher for his forthcoming trip overseas, and enclosing letter identifying Father Potter as a member of the Warwick Mission, Notes, undated, re Father James Horan during illness (?final) and "amounts go amongst Father Horan effects."

267 – 272 **Barron, P.**
Letters (5) to Michael Potter re establishment of community of Christian Brother in Warwick: 22 Aug 1908, 16 Dec 1908, 8 Sep 1909, 18 Apr 1910, 20 Dec 1911. Statement of conditions for the opening of a House of the Christian Brothers in Warwick, Queensland is enclosed with final letter.

273 – 276 **Byrne, Joseph Patrick, Bishop Of Bathurst, 1843-1901.**
Letters (4) to Michael Potter: 10 May 1886 re his consecration as bishop; 16 Jan 1888 re Brothers' school at Dubbo, death of Joseph Horan; 1 Nov 1896 re cathedral appeal; 20 Jan 1898 re Dr Murray's ill health.

273 – 280 **Davadi, Jerome**
Letters (8) 13 Oct 1896 to 22 Aug 1898 to Michael Potter re parish matters. Parish of Stanthorpe.

281 – 282 **Dwyer, Patrick Vincent, Coadjutor Bishop of Maitland.**
Letters (2) to James Murray, Bishop of Maitland: 9 Feb 1898, general; 24 May 1898, re estates of late J.J. Grehan

- 283 – 286** **Dwyer, Patrick Vincent, Coadjutor Bishop of Maitland.**
Letters (4) to Michael Potter: 18 Feb 1898 re Bishop's convalescence in Warwick and documents concerning mortgage to be signed by him; 2 May 1898 re Bishop's return to Maitland and death of Sister Mary Genevieve Fogarty; 20 Jun 1898 enclosing money for Masses for late J.J. Grehan; 12 Jul 1898 reports return of Bishop, thanks to Fathers Potter & Horan for their care of him.
- 287 – 291** **Fouhy, Denis.**
Letters (5) to Michael Potter: 9 Apr 1894 re church services; 7 Sep 1899 invitation to opening of boys' school at Toowoomba on 1 Oct; 19 Jul 1902, 12 Aug 1911, 9 Mar 1913 re mixed marriages.
- 292** **Hoare, J., Bishop of Longford**
Letter 19 Jun 1903 to Michael Potter, with invitation, and enclosing letter of introduction.
- 293 – 299** **Horan, Andrew**
Letters (6) to Michael Potter: 20 Jul 1895 offering condolence on death of his mother; 16 Oct 1896 re Patrick O'Sullivan Testimonial Fund appeal; 29 Nov 1896 introducing Dr. Flynn; 12 Sep 1898 re Fr J.J. Horan's health; 18 Sep 1898 and 4 Apr 1902 re Fr. Horan's alcoholism; 21 Jul 1894 to Reverend Mother, All Hallows, on death of her mother. Father Horan was parish priest at Ipswich.
- 300 – 310** **Kirwan, Michael Joseph**
Letters (9) to Michael Potter: 7 Dec 1896, 24 Jun 1899, 2 Jul 1899, 15 Jul 1899, 31 Jul 1899, 31 Aug 1899, 30 Sep 1899 re debating society engagements; 16 Oct 1900 sending congratulations on opening of Hall; 16 Jul 1912 re threatened breach of promise action by Miss K. Swift, in middle of election campaign. Enclosed letter to M. Potter from Miss Swift, and telegrams from Kirwan to her. Subject Entry: *Fouhy, Denis*.
- 311** **Meagher, Richard Denis**
Letter 23 Feb 1914 to Michael Potter re offer of hospitality.
- 312 – 313** **O'Connor, P. J., Bishop of Armidale**
Letters (2) to Michael Potter: 5 Aug 1912 is a circular invitation to dedication of Cathedral; 12 Oct 1913 acknowledging cheque.
- 314 – 349** **Ryan, James**
Letters to Michael Potter, 1897 to 1902
Letter 30 Jul 1898 to E.W. Muller. James Ryan was parish priest of Orange.
- 350 – 352** **Ryan, John Joseph, 1860-1936**
Letters (30) to Michael Potter: 30 Apr 1885, from Propaganda College, Rome with news of old college friends, or his stay in Italy, and reference to the prospect of going to Australia. 13 Dec 1887 from St. Patrick's Presbytery, Gympie. 15 Jul 1890 from Gympie.
- 353 – 380** **Ryan, Matthew, 1858-1920**
Letters (27) to Michael Potter, 1894 to 1904, general news of diocesan affairs, fellow priests, dog racing, joint holidays in Southport with Father Potter; also letter 20 Jul 1894 to Mother Mary Patrick or Sister Mary Michael, on death of her mother. Two letters Oct and Dec 1898 from Dunedin, New Zealand.

- 381 – 401** **Walsh, D.**
Letters to Michael Potter 1894 to 1904: 21 letters, all concerned with dog racing except 26 Jul 1894 on the death of M. Potter's mother.
- 402 – 403** **Kidner, J.J.**
Letter 10 Feb 1903 to Mrs. M.A. Davis, Putney, London, introducing Father Michael Potter; letter 10 Feb 1903 to C.J. Munich, West Hampstead, London, introducing Michael Potter.
- 404** **Ball, Charles A.**
Letter 17 May 1907 to Michael Potter re death of Mrs. Foster, settlement of her estate etc. 31. holograph. Address: Glen Gardner N.J. U.S.A.
- 405** **Chamberlain, Joseph**
Letter 9 Jan 1880 to Michael Potter, referring to forthcoming elections in Great Britain. Address: 72 Prince's Gate, S.W.
- 406** **Brooder, Josephine**
Letter 18 Aug 1904 to Michael Potter, re missing relative, possible family connection and a legacy in chancery

Box 3

- 407 – 436** **Potter, Michael, 1857-1944**
[Dog racing] Letters, notices of coursing meeting, betting slips, etc. 1894 to 1914. Correspondence only numbered.
- 437 – 505** **Potter, Michael, 1857-1944**
Telegrams 1893-1913 sent to Michael Potter
- 506 – 525** **Potter, Michael, 1857-1944**
Letters of congratulations and condolence: 1894 on death of his mother; 1902 on death of sister, Mother Mary Michael Potter; 1905 death of Father J.J. Horan; 1912 his Silver Jubilee.
- *506a – 525a;** **The numbers 506-525 are incorrectly numbered and have been used twice. The 'second' set of numbers has been differentiated by the use of the letter 'a'.*
- 560 – 639** **Potter, Michael, 1857-1944**
Letters 1890 to 1916 to Michael Potter from parishioners, re pastoral matters

Box 4

- 640 – 670** **Potter, Michael, 1857-1944**
Also request for Masses for the dead, etc.
- 671 – 768** **Potter, Michael, 1857-1944**
Letters 1887 to 1916 to Michael Potter from parishioners, re pastoral matters. Letters from parishioners, parish and personal 1888 to 1932. Invitations, request for donations to organisations outside parish of Warwick. Letters concerning art unions, donations sent.
- 769 – 815** **Potter, Michael, 1857-1944**
Letters 1887 to 1915 to Michael Potter from fellow priests

Box 5

- 816** **Dunne, Robert, Archbishop of Brisbane**
Letter 6 Jan. 1888 to Andrew Horan
- 817** **Dunne, Robert, Archbishop of Brisbane**
Letter 14 May 1892 to Mr. Louis Carroll, Punch's Creek, Leyburn re
dispensation from vows taken
- 818 – 819** **Dunne, Robert, Archbishop of Brisbane**
Letters (2) to Fr. J. Healy, Goondiwindi: 29 Oct 1911 re leave of absence; 7
Jan 1914 re temporary return to Goondiwindi from Childers
- 820 – 899** **Dunne, Robert, Archbishop of Brisbane**
Letters to Fr Michael Potter
- 900 – 992** **Dunne, Robert, Archbishop of Brisbane**
Correspondence
- 993** **Duhig, Sir James, Archbishop of Brisbane, 1871-1965**
Letter 9 Feb 1903 to Rev. Ed. Byrne, Irish College, Rome, introducing Michael
Potter
- 994** **Duhig, Sir James, Archbishop of Brisbane, 1871-1965**
Letter 9 Feb 1903 to Fr. Lepicier, Propaganda College, Rome, introducing
Michael Potter
- 995 – 1006** **Duhig, Sir James, Archbishop of Brisbane, 1871-1965**
Letters (11) to Michael Potter: 16 Feb 1901 from Ipswich, re lantern slide
lecture tour; 13 Feb 1902 asking him to purchase books in Sydney, for
Gladstone, and picture etc. In Rome; 27 Jun 1902 thanks for condolences on
death of his mother, also sympathy for death of Sister Mary Michael Potter; 3
Mar 1902 re election in Cunningham electorate; from Darra, Brisbane, 3 May
1912 in acknowledgement of congratulations; 20 Sep 1912, 5 May 1914, 5
Feb 1915, general matters; 7 Jul 1915, re visit of Apostolic Delegate; 2 Mar
1916 re transfer to parish of Allora of districts of Deuchar, Massie, Glengallen
and Talgai; 29 Dec 1936 re son of Frank McDonnell.
- 1007 – 1095** **Potter, Michael 1857-1944**
Letters 1888 to 1915 to Michael Potter from various nuns from the following
institutions: St Ann's Industrial and Technical School, Brisbane, Qld.; Holy
Cross Retreat Woolloowin, Qld.; Magdalen Asylum, Holy Cross, Lutwyche,
Qld.; Convent of Mercy the Range, Rockhampton. 5. Convent of Mercy,
Warwick, Qld.
- 1096 – 1103** **Society Of The Missionaries Of The Sacred Heart, Randwick.**
Letters (8) to Father Michael Potter 1891 to 1898
- 1104 – 1156** **Davies, T. Clinton –**
Letters to Father Michael Potter. Includes letters from Jane Davies.
- 1157 – 1163** **Horan, James J.**
Diaries, dated 1876, 1877, 1880, 1883, 1887, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1895, 1898,
1901, 1904
- Un-numbered** **Vestments**
In separate folder

Box 6

Parish of Warwick, legal and government correspondence

Business firms, accounts, circulars, etc.

Births, deaths, marriages

Invitations, parish subscriptions

Box 7

Parish of Warwick, social clubs, fundraising, contracts, tenders, art unions

Fund for Father Horan

Rate notices, etc.

Warwick Hospital

Box 8

Potter, Michael, diaries and notebooks [contain few entries]

Personal accounts, receipts, banking and insurance statements

Box 9

Potter, Rev Michael, photographs, Christmas cards, postcards, religious cards

Box 10

Potter, Michael, pocket diaries and travelling desk

Box number conversion chart

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