

Sister Lucy Brydon (formerly Sister Mary Bonaventure RSM)

Some memories by Sr. M. Francis:–

I started St Anthony's as a pupil on the very same day Lucy started as a teacher. She taught me Spanish, and it quickly became my favourite subject, and she became my favourite teacher. Her lessons were a joy : interesting and informative. She would sing songs to us in Spanish (she had a lovely voice) and she would teach us Spanish prayers and hymns. We put on plays and concerts in Spanish too. She also taught our class Latin and we all loved it. From time to time, she gave us R.E. lessons. I came to see her as a special person, someone I could confide in and look up to.

When I entered the convent in 1966, she gave me a prayer book which I treasure to this day. I looked up to her as a mentor and sought her advice over any difficulties. When I joined St Anthony's staff and was in the Spanish department with her, she was a great colleague and a real role model to me. As time went by, our pupil-teacher relationship became one of friendship. We shared a love of reading and appreciated the same spiritual books. She was the person I went to with my convent concerns as I greatly valued her advice. I found her warm-hearted and always ready for a laugh.

When she went to Kenya, I missed her, but we never lost touch. The same was true when she joined the Benedictines at Turvey. She never stopped being interested in my well-being.

May she rest in peace and joy.