

# SANDHURST JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE



**WAHGUNYAH MASS TREE** a 600-year-old red gum where Fr Dean William Tierney celebrated the first Wahgunyah Mass in 1869. A two-kilometre track winding along the Murray River starts near the tree. A plaque was placed at the site in 1946 by the Catholic Women's Guild.

**GRAVE OF REV. GEORGE GALEN** pioneer priest of north-east Victoria, inside St Patrick's Church, Wangaratta. Fr Galen founded the Wangaratta Mission in 1863.



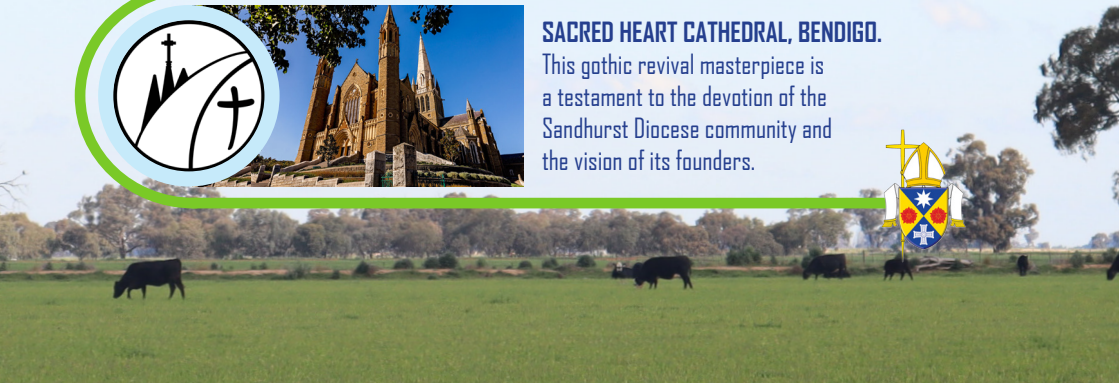
**MARY MACKILLOP INDIGENOUS GARDEN AND HISTORY TRAIL** on the grounds of St John the Baptist Church, Numurkah. Mary MacKillop is Australia's first Saint. A Co-founder of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, she founded the first Josephite school in Victoria 1890.

**GRAVE OF REV. DR HENRY BACKHAUS,** on the grounds of St Kilian's Church, Bendigo. Fr Backhaus was the first priest to serve on the Bendigo goldfields and celebrated the first Mass in May 1852.



## SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL, BENDIGO.

This gothic revival masterpiece is a testament to the devotion of the Sandhurst Diocese community and the vision of its founders.





## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts  
by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed  
*hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity  
and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a  
new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers  
of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,  
*Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures  
of heaven. May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout  
the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

