



*Lord, as we journey together at St Joseph's  
Help us to grow,  
Guided by the teachings of Jesus,  
The spirit of St Joseph and  
Mary MacKillop*

# *Our Josephite Schools*



**The Bishop of Maitland, James Murray, brought the Dominican Sisters to the diocese Dun Laoghaire, Ireland in 1867, and the Sisters of Mercy from Ennis Ireland in 1875**

**In the wake of withdrawal of State Aid from denominational schools from 1882, Bishop Murray brought the Patrician Brothers and Brigidine Sisters from Ireland in 1883**

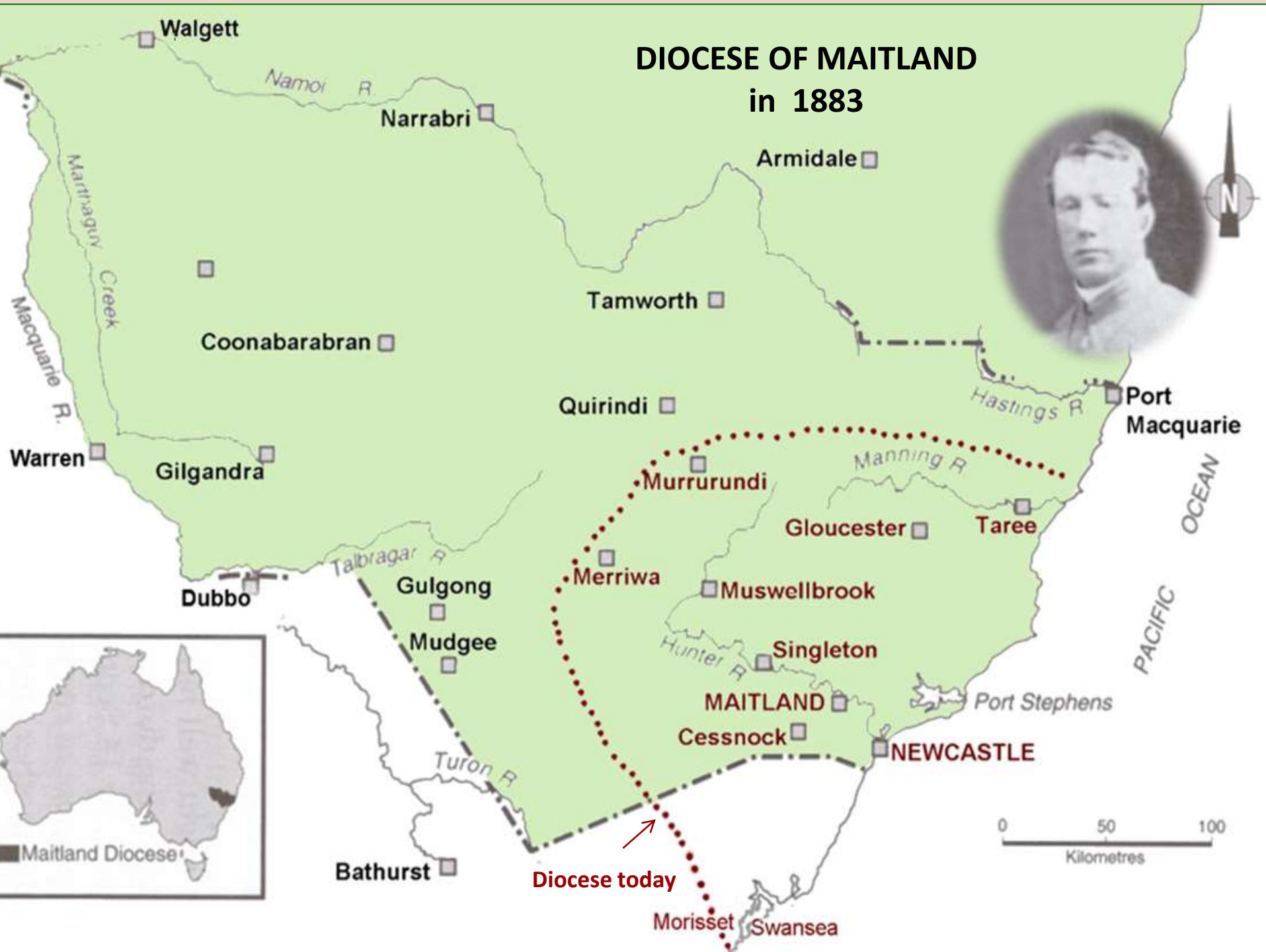


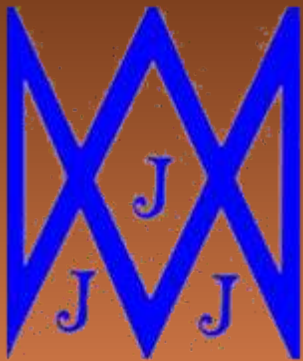
**In September 1883  
Bishop Murray brought  
the Sisters of St Joseph,  
to Lochinvar  
from Perthville  
in the Bathurst Diocese  
to educate poor children  
especially in the isolated rural areas  
of his vast diocese**





# DIOCESE OF MAITLAND in 1883





**Four young Sisters led by Sr Ambrose  
Joseph Dirkin arrived at Lochinvar on  
2 September 1883**



**First convent/school of the Sisters at Lochinvar**

# By 1913 there were 17 Josephite primary schools :

Merriwa (1885)

[Quirindi; Knockfin]

Cessnock /Nulkaba (1886)

Burwood (1888)

Carrington (1888)

Dungog (1888)

Brookfield (1889)

Largs (1889)

Krambach (1893)

Wingen (1896)

Aberdeen (1896)

Glendonbrook (1900)

Mt St J Cessnock (1906)

Cundletown (1906)

Kurri Kurri (1908)

Abermain (1908)

West Wallsend (1912)

Port Macquarie (1913)



Wingen Convent 1896



Aberdeen (1896)



Nulkaba 1886



Glendonbrook (1900)



Westy 1922









**Merriwa pupils 1888**





**Krambach 1893**



**Boarders at Aberdeen 1914**





**Brookfield Pupils ~1916**



**Convent and Church, Brookfield**





**Port Macquarie 1913**



**First Communion class, Port Macquarie**





**Pupils of St Joseph's, Largs  
with school and convent in the background**



**Pupils of St Patrick's Cessnock**





Some of the Cessnock pupils 1920s





**Cessnock Sisters, 1930s**





**St Joseph's Convent and students, Charlestown**



**Cundletown boarders 1927**



# Sisters travelling to school



... at Swansea  
1940s



... at Forster  
1950s



**'Holy Angels' Denman**





**Aberdeen boy boarders and day pupils 1950s**



**Carrington**





**Merewether Beach**





Cundletown





Belmont



**St Joseph's Convent and students, The Junction**



# Greta Migrant Camp



1950's



West Wallsend





St Paul's Gateshead



Dungog





Edgeworth

50 years later



# Motor Mission 1960's







Shortland





Shortland





**Staff of St Patrick's Cessnock 1960s**



Morisset