

COAT OF ARMS



In the language of heraldry, Bishop Shane's personal arms are: Gules, two pickaxes in saltire, blades upwards Or; in chief an open book Argent bound Or with the Greek letter Α on the dexter page and the Greek letter Ω on the sinister page both Sable.

or, in plain English:

On a red field, two gold pickaxes in saltire, blades upwards and, in the top part of the shield, an open silver book bound in gold with the Greek letter Α on the left page and the Greek letter Ω on the right page.

His motto is taken from John 10:10: I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.

The crossed pickaxes are the tools of goldmining, which was integral to the founding of both Ballarat and Bendigo. The bible comes from the arms of Catholic Theological College and reflects its motto, *Tolle lege*, the admonition that prompted St Augustine to take up and read the bible, which led to his baptism.

As is traditional for the coat of arms of a bishop, the arms are placed before an episcopal cross and are ensigned with a green galero (Roman hat) with six fiocchi (tassels) on each side.



Bishop Shane's personal arms will be combined with those of the Diocese of Sandhurst by impalement, a traditional way of denoting a bishop's union with his diocese.

In the language of heraldry, the diocesan arms are:

Quarterly, per saltire or and azure on the former in fess two roses gules, in chief an estoile (eight-pointed star) and in base a representation of the Paderborn Cross argent.

The gold of the field represents the goldfields, which are located within the diocese. The blue and the roses represent the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, who, under the title Our Lady of Good Counsel, is Patroness of the Diocese. The Paderborn Cross at the base is an ancient Christian symbol discovered in an eighth-century grave beneath the Cathedral at Paderborn, Germany, which was the home city of Dr Henry Backhaus, the pioneer priest of the Bendigo Goldfields.

The diocesan arms and Bishop Shane's personal arms were designed by Richard d'Apice AM KCSG and Fr. Guy Selvester and illustrated by Sandy Turnbull.



THE BISHOP REVILLE CHALICE

The Chalice of Bishop Stephen Reville OSA; presented to him by the priests of the Sandhurst Diocese on the day of his Consecration in March 1885. Manufactured by Denis Brothers of Melbourne and made of Bendigo gold.



THE BISHOP BERNARD STEWART OIL STOCK

The Oil Stock of Bishop Bernard Stewart, circa 1947, a copy of the original oil stock presented to Archbishop Mannix of Melbourne.

INSIGNIA - ITEMS USED ON THE DAY OF ORDINATION



Episcopal Ring

The Amethyst Episcopal Ring of Bishop Noel Daly, presented to him by Bishop Arthur Fox of Sale in July 1979.



Pectoral Cross

The Pectoral Cross of Bishop Stephen Reville OSA, circa 1885.



Crosier

The Crosier of Bishop Martin Crane OSA, circa late 19C, of continental origin.

INSIGNIA - ITEMS USED ON LESS SOLEMN OCCASIONS

Episcopal Ring

The Episcopal Ring of Bishop Bernard Stewart, presented to him by Pope Paul VI at the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council, 1965.



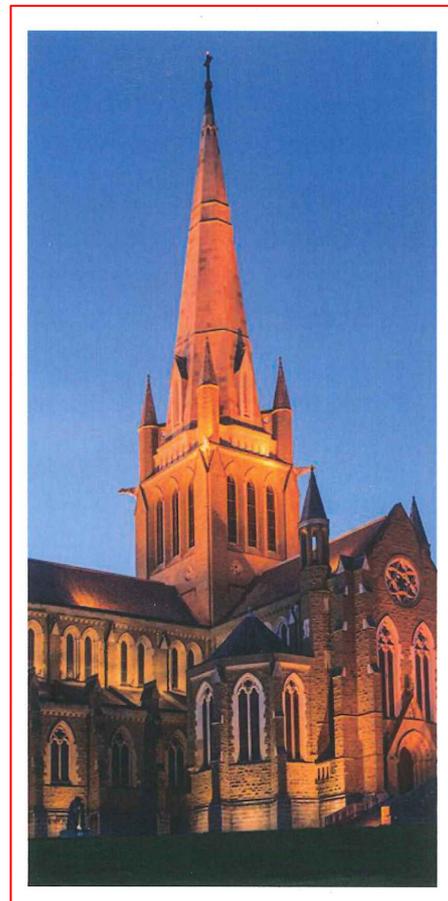
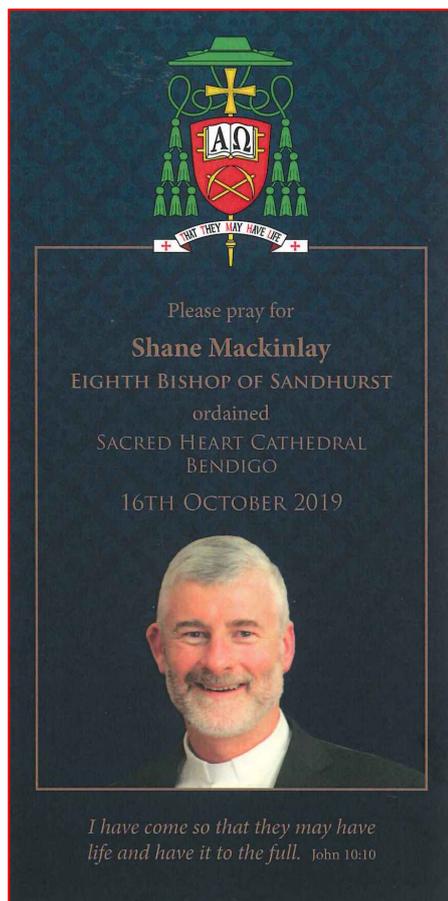
Pectoral Cross

The Pectoral Cross of Bishop Joseph Grech.



Crosier

The Crosier of Bishop Bernard Stewart, presented to him by the Italian community in 1947.



THE DIOCESE OF SANDHURST - ERECTED IN 1874



Bishop Shane Mackinlay, the eighth Bishop of Sandhurst is the pastoral leader of more than ninety-three thousand Sandhurst Catholics. He is assisted by thirty-five working priests and 14 retired priests, who minister in forty parishes.

The Sandhurst Diocese is home to 180 preschool students, 10,081 primary school students, 8512 secondary students, 27 religious sisters and 6 religious brothers. The Diocese supports St John of God Hospital, four Catholic Aged Care Facilities and employs over 2150 people. The geographic area is over forty-five thousand square kilometres which borders the Murray River to the north and east, the Loddon River to the west and the Great Divide to the south.

The vision of the diocese is 'that every person's heart be inflamed by the love of God'.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION MASS

The live stream of the Mass and a copy of the Mass book area available from the Diocese of Sandhurst website [here](#).

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