

## *1<sup>st</sup> Bishop of Wagga Wagga*

Bishop Joseph Wilfred Dwyer



### *Bishops of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga*



Born: 1869 Maitland New South Wales

After leaving school the young Joseph Dwyer worked as a teacher for the Education Department in Adelaide. He began studies for the priesthood at St Charles Seminary Bathurst, continued studies in Dublin, Ireland, then spent some time at Propaganda College Rome and was ordained a priest in 1894 at St John Lateran Basilica Rome.

The Diocese of Wagga Wagga was created in 1917 and Joseph Dwyer, Parish Priest of Temora NSW was appointed the first Bishop of the new Diocese in 1918. Bishop Dwyer completed the building of St Michael's Cathedral and the new additions were blessed and opened in 1925.

Bishop Dwyer died in 1939 and is buried in front of the Blessed Sacrament altar in St Michael's Cathedral Wagga Wagga.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Bishop of Wagga Wagga*

Bishop Francis Augustin Henschke



Born: 1892 Hookina South Australia

Francis Henschke began seminary studies in Ireland at Mount Melleray Seminary and completed them at Propaganda College Rome.

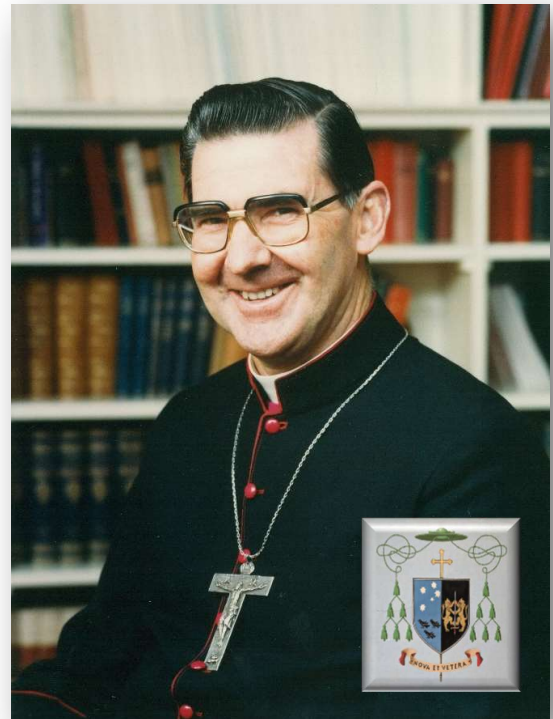
He was ordained a priest in 1917 at St John Lateran Basilica Rome.

Appointed Auxiliary Bishop to Bishop Dwyer in 1937, he was appointed Bishop of Wagga Wagga in 1939 upon the death of Bishop Dwyer. This appointment was historic as Bishop Henschke was the first Bishop in Australia to directly succeed the Bishop he was assisting.

Bishop Henschke died in 1968 and is buried in the crypt at St Michael's Cathedral Wagga Wagga.

*3<sup>rd</sup> Bishop of Wagga Wagga*

Bishop Francis Patrick Carroll



Born: 1930 Ganmain New South Wales

Frank Carroll studied for the priesthood at St Columba's College Springwood and St Patrick's College Manly. Ordained a priest in 1954 at St Brendan's Church Ganmain, he completed post graduate studies at Urban University Rome

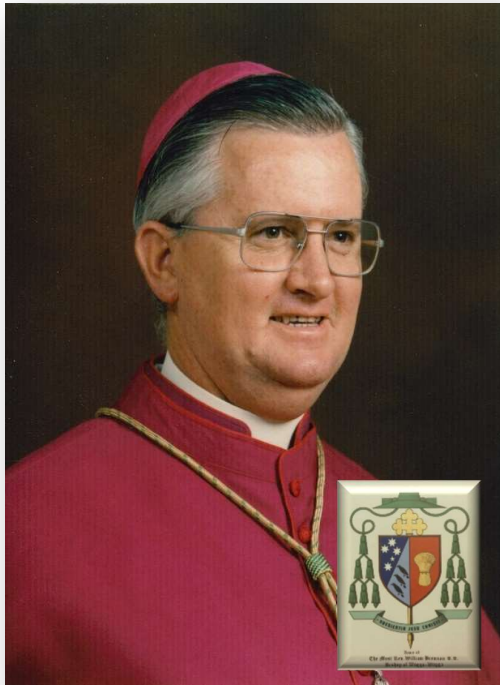
He was appointed Co-adjutor Bishop to Bishop Henschke in 1967, making him the youngest Bishop in Australia at the time.

After the death of Bishop Henschke in 1968, Bishop Carroll was Bishop of Wagga Wagga until 1983 when he was appointed Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn Archdiocese.

Archbishop Francis Carroll retired in 2006 and returned to Wagga Wagga to spend his retirement years close to his family.

*4<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Wagga Wagga*

Bishop William John Brennan



Born: 1938 Arncliffe Sydney

William Brennan studied for the priesthood at St Columba's Springwood and St Patrick's Manly, completing his studies at Propaganda College Rome where he was ordained a priest in 1960.

Father William Brennan was a priest in the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese before his appointment as Bishop of Wagga Wagga in 1984. He was consecrated Bishop in the grounds of St Michael's Regional High School.

Bishop Brennan built the St John Vianney Seminary College in Wagga Wagga.

Bishop Brennan died on 31 August 2013 and is buried in the crypt at St Michael's Cathedral Wagga Wagga.

*5<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Wagga Wagga*

Bishop Gerard Joseph Hanna



Born: 1941 Armidale New South Wales

Gerard Hanna studied for the priesthood at St Columba's College Springwood and St Patrick's College Manly, attaining a Post-Graduate Diploma in Pastoral Theology from Heythrop College, University of London. He was ordained a priest on December 9, 1968 at Sts Mary and Joseph Cathedral Armidale.

Bishop Hanna was a priest in the Armidale Diocese before his appointment as Bishop of Wagga Wagga. He was consecrated Bishop in Joyes Hall Wagga Wagga on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2002 .

Bishop Hanna retired in September 2016, moving to his home town of Armidale to spend his retirement years with family.