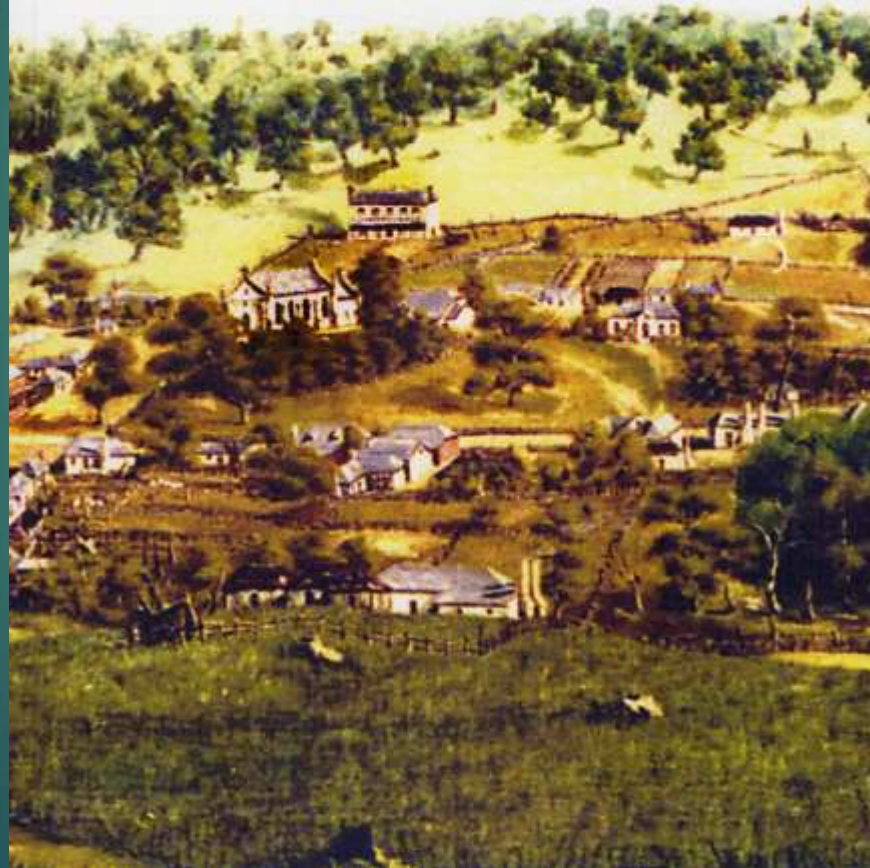


Fr. Charles Lovat  
'Shepherd of Shepherds'  
First Parish Priest of Yass NSW

1839 - 1849



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Peggy Jones, B. Theol., Melbourne

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The author of *'Shepherd of Shepherds - Fr Charles Lovat'* Evelyn Peggy Jones, née Moxham, 1923-2013, RN & Midwife, m. 1952 William Lewis Jones, 1922-1987, food scientist, company director and author of *Where Have All the Flour Mills Gone? (1984)*, co-authored by Peggy Jones.

Mrs Jones was awarded the Bachelor of Theology in 1980 from the Melbourne College of Divinity. Her thesis was 'Shepherd of Shepherds' and this was subsequently serialised between 1980 and 1982 in *Footprints*, the quarterly journal of the Melbourne Diocesan Historical Commission.

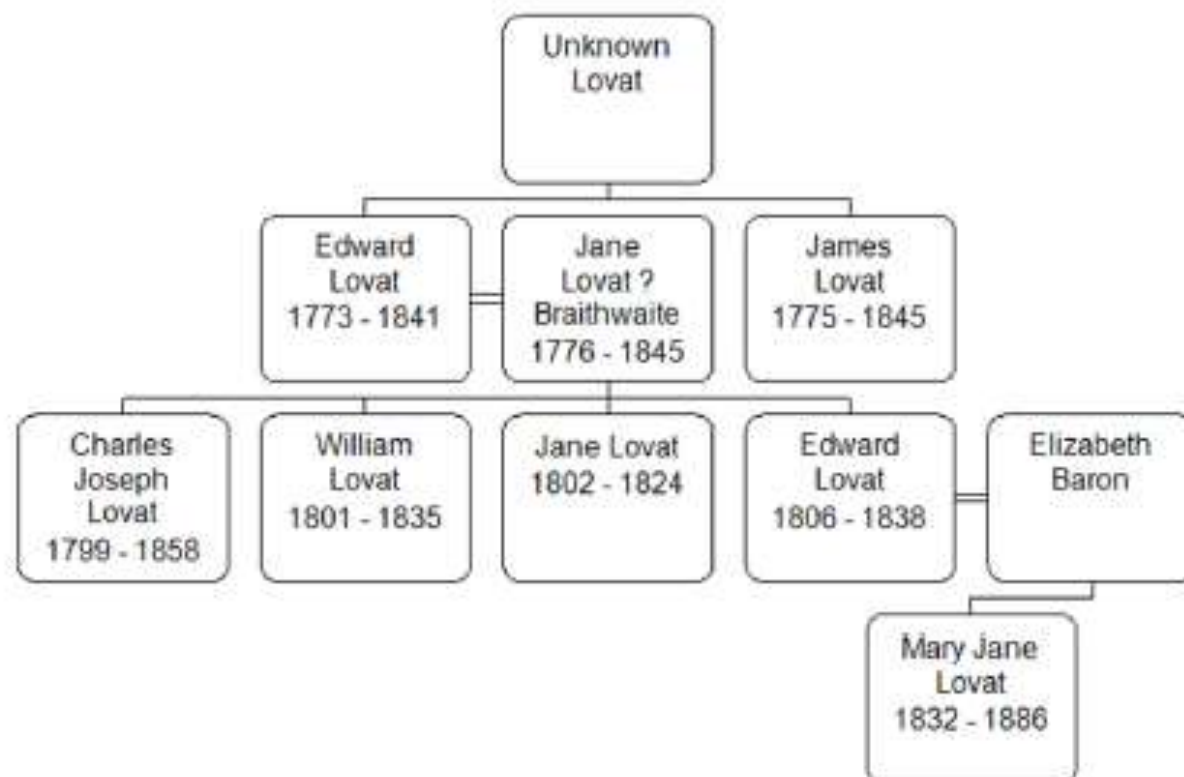


All facing Meehan Street, Yass: St Augustine's Parish churches: old and new, Lovat Chapel (foreground), restored Mt Carmel complex with red roofs (right) and 1956 "new" church and Sisters of Mercy new convent across the road, (behind the spire).. [gs\\_aerial\\_imaging@yahoo.com](mailto:gs_aerial_imaging@yahoo.com)



Fr. Mick Burke PP Yass  
opening the restored  
1841 Church  
renamed  
The Lovat Chapel  
30 August 2013

# Charles Joseph Lovat



*Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society,  
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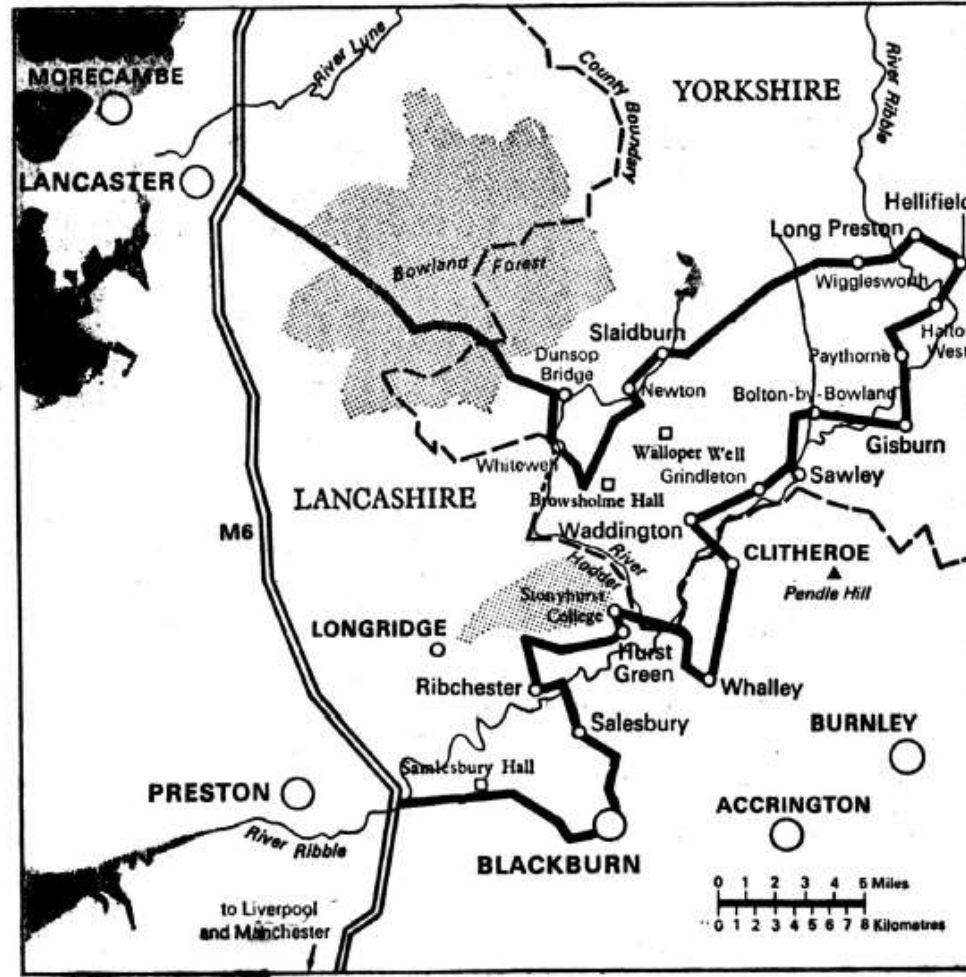


Burnley Ancient Market Place, Lancashire, England c.1800

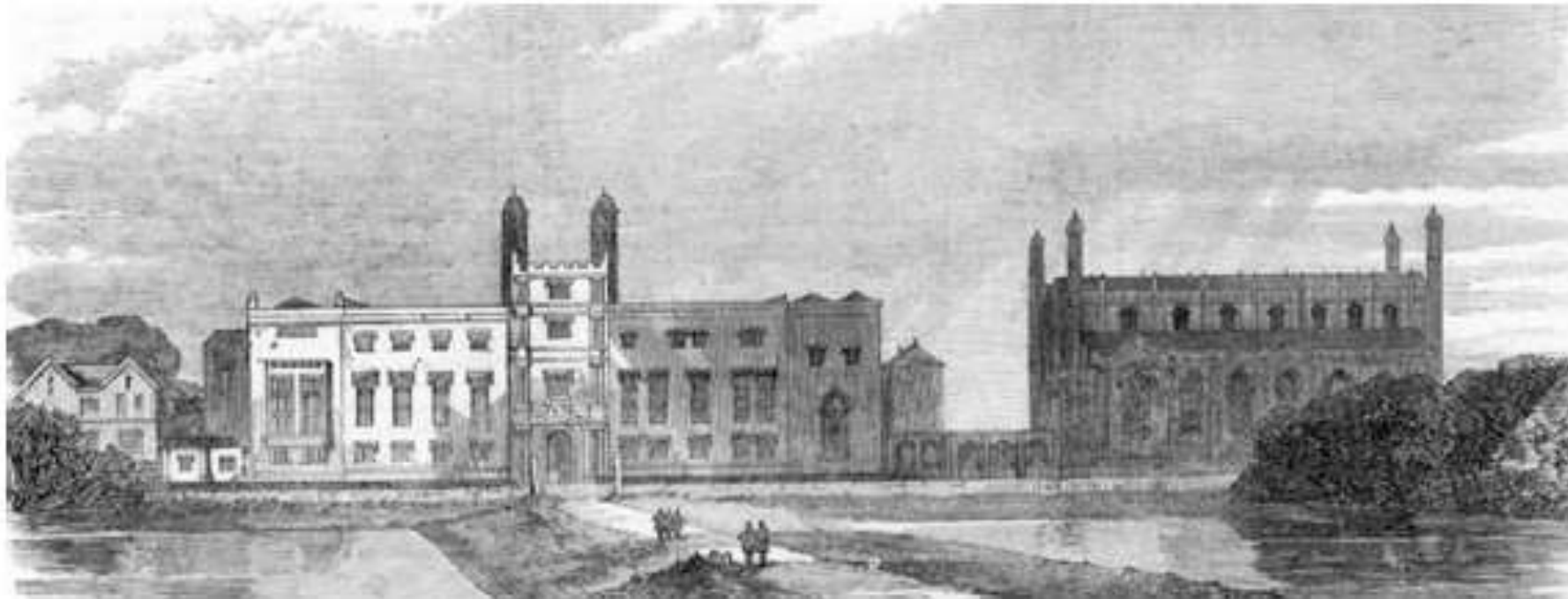
(About the time Charles Lovat was born nearby. See lower right corner of map next page)

# Lancashire

River Ribble catchment  
from Long Preston to Preston



Note - Stonyhurst College is in the centre of the map.



Stonyhurst College

(London Illustrated News 1871)

Nearby Stonyhurst College opened in 1794, a gift to the Jesuit Order by the English Weld family (five years before Charles Lovat was born). It was celebrated for many years as England's only Jesuit College. The 3 Lovat brothers all attended the school and after Charles came back from Rome ordained as a priest in 1825, he rose to be a Professor at Stonyhurst; before leaving for Australia in 1837 to be the first President of St Mary's Seminary in Sydney.





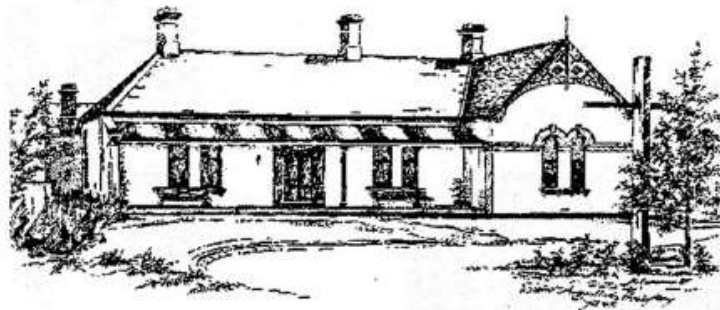
Schoolroom at the rear of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

St Mary's Catholic Chapel and schoolhouse, Sydney, July, 1834, by Amelia C. Rushden

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"Woolloomooloo House" the residence of Bishop Polding when Frs Lovat and Murphy arrived in 1838 and where they both lived initially. Image part of a painting by Edward Charles Close 1818.



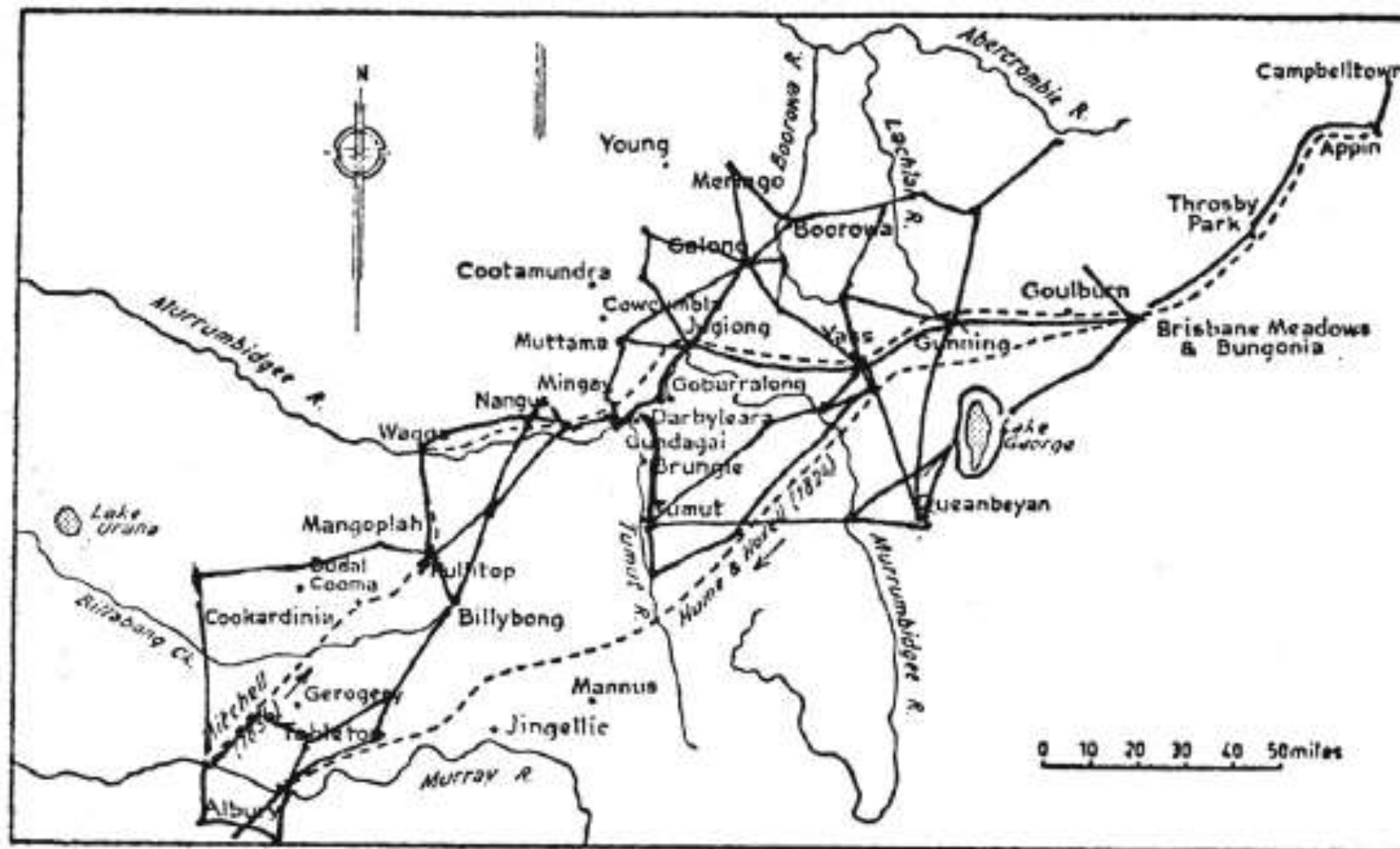
On 8 September 1948 St Augustine's Presbytery was occupied by Bishop Guilford Young, Parish Priest of St Augustine's Church, Yass (Auxiliary Bishop in Canberra-Goulburn Diocese to Archbishop Dr T. B. Maguire): becoming, aged 31, the youngest Catholic bishop in the world. He built the new St Augustine's Church in 1955.

Presbytery after 1988 Bi-centenary restoration.



Rare image of outback priest on horseback.

From *Footprints* original scanned copy.



Peggy Jones' map mentioned earlier "only a sample of his conscientious work in his extensive parish. Lines on the map are drawn as the crow flies, but the route often wound endlessly by rivers, around mountains and across plains."

## Familiar scenes for Fr Lovat on his rounds



Turning out the sheep at day break.  
(Water colour by S T Gill about 1850)



Church of St Augustine - interior 1920s

Memories of Yass Mission. Fr Brian Maher





Renaming dinner in the renovated chapel 30 August 2013

1912 Taylor Pipe Organ from a Sydney church renovated & installed 2018







The newly rebuilt pipe organ in the gallery of the Lovat Chapel, was installed in May 2018 by Trevor Bunning architect and organ builder of Nicholls ACT. It was originally built in 1912 by *avant garde* organ builder Frederick Taylor of Melbourne for the Ashfield Methodist Church in NSW. It is purportedly the only unaltered example of Taylor's manufacture in NSW.

St. Augustine's Parish is very grateful to Trevor for installing the organ and allowing St Augustine's to have it on permanent loan.

On the last weekend of August 2018  
St Augustine's Parish, Yass, celebrated the 180th  
Anniversary of the laying of the Chapel  
foundation stone. Many Yass people and their  
guests experienced the playing of this fine  
organ for the first time.