

From the Diary of Bishop John Francis Norton – 1925

Inscription....

*Diary kept for my dearest Mother
on the P. & O Steamer "Mongolia"
by John F. Norton
With the Australian National
Pilgrimage to Rome & Lourdes 1925.*

8th April, 1925

We were still in sight of the Australian coastline when morning broke, and the sea was calm. A cold wind was blowing from the South. As the day wore on we lost sight of the mainland - Cape Howe being the last prominent feature.

At noon the track chart showed that we were crossing the 40 degrees of south latitude, and were opposite Bass Strait. Towards evening, the shore of Tasmania became visible. It seemed rugged and mountainous.

The Bishop was better today, and was able to stay on deck for a while.

