

Cardinal George Pell

■ **Jun 8, 1941:** Born in Ballarat, Victoria, Australia. Educated at **Loreto Convent** and **St Patrick's College** in Ballarat

■ **1960:** Begins training for priesthood at **Corpus Christi** College in Werribee – suburb of Melbourne

■ **1963:** Continues studies at **Urbaniana University** in Rome

■ **1966:** Ordained priest at Vatican

■ **1971:** Earns doctorate in church history at **Oxford**. Returns to Australia, taking post as assistant priest in Ballarat

■ **1987:** Auxiliary bishop of Melbourne

■ **1996:** Appointed Archbishop of Melbourne. Announces protocol for handling complaints of child sexual abuse in Melbourne archdiocese

■ **2001:** Appointed Archbishop of Sydney – most senior position in Australian Catholic church

■ **2003:** Appointed cardinal by **Pope John Paul II**



■ **2014:** Becomes chief of Vatican finances – new position created by **Pope Francis** in wake of scandals at Vatican Bank

■ **2016:** In evidence to Australian government inquiry, Pell admits to “catastrophic failures” by Church in relation to child sexual abuse

■ **Jun 29, 2017:** Charged with historical child sex offences in Australia. Pell vehemently denies any wrongdoing

■ **Jul 18:** Due to appear before Melbourne magistrates' court