

Historic Heritage Inventory



St Pashcal's Catholic Church, Ngatea



Location: 56 Pipiroa Road, Ngatea

Heritage Status

Historic Places Trust Registration Number:

Historic Places Trust Category:

HDC Heritage Category: C - Heritage Item. Local or Neighbourhood

Significance

Other:

Physical Description: The church building is a large gabled timber building with a steeply pitched roof and small flat roofed entrance porch. There is also a small extension on the rear of the building.

Other known names:

Notable features:

Style:

Materials: Timber weatherboards, corrugated iron.

Church hall complex: brick façade, iron roof.

Presbytery: weatherboard and iron roof

Date of Construction: 1952

District Plan Schedule

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Heritage Type:

- Wahi Tapu
- Cultural Landscape
- Building
- Group of Buildings
- Structure
- Monument
- Historic Place
- Archaeological Site
- Other

Date Period:

1941-1980

Significance:

- Archaeological
- Architectural
- Cultural
- Historic
- Scientific
- Technological

Thematic Context

- Maori
- Early Settlement
- Industry
- Extraction
- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Transport
- Communication
- Commerce
- Residential
- Social/Cultural
- Civic
- Health
- Educational
- Church/yard
- Other

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History: In 1951, Father O'Neill, Parish Priest, requested a local Catholic Church and residence be built in Ngatea for the Hauraki Plains Parish. A previous Catholic church had been built at Turua in 1930 prior to the formation of the Hauraki Plains Parish in 1945, and the previous parish priests travelled from Thames weekly to offer mass. With improved roading and transport, Ngatea became the focal point for various parishes in the district. Many of the other small village churches were closed and became private residences. Others were dismantled or used for other community interests.

The presbytery and church were built in Ngatea in 1952. Mass was offered daily and three times on a Sunday. By 1963, Father Caulfield requested that a church hall be built for the religious education of children in the district and various other church functions. A large hall was built adjacent to the church in 1965-66.

Architect:

Designer:

Builder:

Engineer:

History of changes: Bell tower dismantled

Condition: Good

Integrity: Substantially intact

Current Uses: Church

Former Uses:

Registered owner: The Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Auckland

Legal Description: Lot 4 DPS 1616

Reference Source: Farrow, M. (1991) "Brief History of township of Ngatea, Hauraki Plains, New Zealand; Tye, R.E. (1974) *Hauraki Plains Story*. Thames Valley News Ltd, Paeroa.

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Associated Pictures: Presbytery (St Mary Gaines)

