

Historic Heritage Inventory



St Mary's Catholic Church (site), Paeroa



Location: Waihi Road, Paeroa

Heritage Status

Historic Places Trust Registration Number:

Historic Places Trust Category:

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

Other:

Physical Description: St Mary's Catholic Church and St Joseph's Catholic School. The church building is a large modern brick building with squared buttressing along the sides. Behind it are a number of buildings including a timber hall with a wide pitched roof and a number of prefabricated school buildings. A large wooden cross also marks the centenary of St Mary's Parish.

Other known names: St Joseph's Catholic School

Notable features:

Style:

Materials: Timber, brick, corrugated iron

Date of Construction: c.1970

History: On the 26th of June 1881, St Mary's Church was opened by the Rev Monsignor Fynes who was impressed by the site on Te Puruo Te Rangī (Gate of Heaven). It opened on the corner of a five acre block bought from Maori for

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Heritage Type:

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

Date Period:

1880-1910

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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300 pounds. Prior to this, Mass was celebrated at the Central Theatre where all denominations held their earlier services. The original Presbytery had been the Homestead of the Nicholls Family. There was no resident priest until 1894 when Father Dean Harkett was appointed and he remained there for 23 years. Funds were raised for a school in 1894 by Father McCormick. St Joseph's school was built by the Mannix brothers adjacent to the church in 1900.

Architect:

Designer:

Builder:

Engineer:

History of changes:

Condition: good

Integrity: substantially intact

Current Uses: Catholic Church and School

Former Uses:

Registered owner:

Legal Description: Pt Puruoterangi 1

Reference Source: C. Jackson

Associated Pictures:



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