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# Former Roman Catholic Church, 3 Bunbury Road, GLENORCHY



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## Location

3 Bunbury Road GLENORCHY, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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The former Roman Catholic Church, 3 Bunbury Road, Glenorchy, has significance as an intact example of a Federation Gothic style, and as a legacy of the development of the Catholic Church in the local area in the early 20th century. Replacing an earlier timber Church building, this brick Church was constructed in 1914 to a design by Clegg, Miller and E.W. Riley, architects, and appears to be in fair condition when viewed from a distance.

The former Roman Catholic Church at Glenorchy is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Federation Gothic style. These qualities include the parapeted steeply pitched roof form, together with another side parapeted gable to the rear and the side projecting entrance porch at the front with its battlemented brick parapet. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the face red brick wall construction, galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, pointed arched windows with diamond leadlighting, pointed arched door openings with timber doors, cement rendered window sills, lintels, parapet copings and eaves bands, crosses surmounting the apexes to the gables, narrow lancet openings in the gable ends, and the projecting brick and cement buttresses.

The former Roman Catholic site and Church at Glenorchy are **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. The site is associated with the development of the Roman Catholic Church at Glenorchy from 1861. A timber Church building was constructed on the site in 1884, and was replaced with this brick Church in 1914. It was designed by Clegg, Miller and E.W. Riley, architects of Horsham, Ballarat, Hamilton and Sale. The Church has subsequently closed.

The former Roman Catholic Church at Glenorchy is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Although closed, it is still recognised by members of the Glenorchy community for religious reasons.

Overall, the former Roman Catholic Church at Glenorchy is of **LOCAL** significance.

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## Physical Description 1

The former Roman Catholic Church, 3 Bunbury Road, Glenorchy, has a rural setting surrounded by eucalypts, and an open grassed area.

The face brick Federation Early English Gothic styled building is characterised by a parapeted steeply pitched roof form, together with another side parapeted gable to the rear and a side projecting entrance porch at the front that has a battlemented brick parapet and cement rendered cappings. The roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated iron.

Other early features of the design include the pointed arched windows with diamond leadlighting, pointed arched door openings with timber doors, cement rendered window sills, lintels, parapet copings and eaves bands, crosses surmounting the apexes to the gables, narrow lancet openings in the gable ends, and the projecting brick and cement buttresses.

## COMPARATIVE

The design and construction of the former Roman Catholic Church at Glenorchy has similarities with the Roman Catholic Church at Stuart Mill that was built two years earlier in 1912. It is not known whether the Stuart Mill Church was designed by Clegg, Miller and Riley, architects.

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