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## St. Theresa's Catholic Church and school



St Teresa.JPG



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Post-contact Cultural  
Heritage Study 1999



Site 063 - St Theresa's  
Catholic Church &  
school.jpg

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### Location

16 Drummartin Street, ALBION VIC 3020 - Property No 63

### Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO070

### Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1999

#### Individual place statement of significance::

St. Teresa's is of local historical and social significance as a representative post -World War Two Catholic church associated with the expansion of the original McKay estates and the development of Albion and Sunshine as a multicultural suburb. It is of local architectural significance for its reserved expression in brick and tile of an Italianate style.

**Precinct statement of significance::**

The McKay housing subdivision is of national historical and social significance as the first stage of the suburb created by Australia's leading industrialist and a milestone in the development of the industrial suburb, under the influence of the Garden City movement. Sunshine became a yardstick for planning and housing reformers, with H.V. McKay being regarded as an expert on planned industrial housing. The McKay estate is of regional architectural significance as it marks a crucial phase in the development of Sunshine, housing the resident work force which promoted further industrial development.

The estate is also of historical significance in relation to H. V. McKay's important role in the history of industrial relations in Victoria and Australia, as the provision of housing for his workers was one of the arguments made by McKay in defending the Basic Wages Case which led to Justice Higgins' "Harvester Judgement".

The group of houses along Forrest Street, Ridley Street, Sydney Street, King Edward Avenue, Anderson Road, Talmage Street and Kororoit Street, represent the type of houses built either by or for company employees, foremen and managers. The houses include major remnants of the large blocks allotted to senior staff of the Sunshine Harvester Works. Most of the houses were set back on their blocks with side drives, rather than rear service lanes, giving an air of spaciousness and permitting large gardens (of which some remnants survive).

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Construction dates	1951,
Hermes Number	105899
Property Number	

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**Physical Description 1**

## Description

A brick corner church with steep tiled roof and side entry, tall paired windows along the north side and a triple window at the apse end, surmounted by a small rose window, similar to that on the north end of Our Lady's with a weatherboard hall at the rear of the complex, which may be older. The southern wing of school rooms features large multi-paned windows under a similarly steep roof.

**Physical Conditions**

## Condition/integrity

In good condition and substantially intact

**Intactness**

Substantially intact.

**Historical Australian Themes**

8 Developing Australia's cultural life  
8.6 Worshipping

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