

## St Marys Catholic Church



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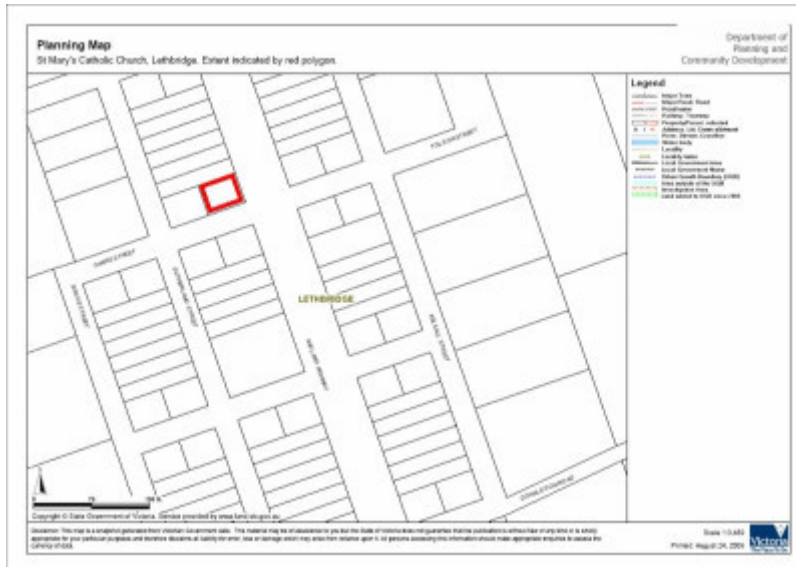
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Extent of registration map

## Location

2779 MIDLAND HIGHWAY, LETHBRIDGE VIC 3332 - Property No 43600230

## Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO122

## Heritage Listing

Golden Plains Shire

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - September 25, 2009

What is Significant?

St Marys Catholic Church, High Street (Midland Highway), Lethbridge is located on the south side of the town. It was built in 1913 and was designed in a simple restrained Georgian Revival style using typical materials for its time. The architects were Messrs. Lusk and Moriarty. The present church replaced an earlier timber church since removed to another site. Mature *Pinus radiata* (Monterey or Radiata Pines) surround the site although some have been removed. The building is intact, retains an excellent degree of integrity and is in good condition. The Parish

of Lethbridge and Meredith, which still includes several other settlements, celebrated its centenary in 1975.

How is it Significant?

St Marys Catholic Church is of historical, architectural and social significance to the Golden Plains Shire.

Why is it Significant?

St Marys Catholic Church is of historical significance as a relatively late church, reflecting the continuing prosperity of the Lethbridge district into the early twentieth century. The church is of social significance for reflecting the relative wealth and sense of community of the Catholics in the area. The church is of architectural significance for its conservative use of the Georgian Revival style and as one of the few known works of the partnership of Lusk and Moriarty, and as an example of the important Catholic architect and builder, Bart Moriarty.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Golden Plains - Golden Plains Shire Heritage Study Phase 1, Lorraine Huddle P/L, 2003; Golden Plains - Golden Plains Shire Heritage Study Phase 2, Heritage Matters P/L, 2009;
Hermes Number	23596
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

St Marys Catholic Church is located on elevated ground on the west side of the town and, although part of the original grid, it is now isolated from most of the town's development. It is designed in a simple restrained Georgian Revival style. It uses typical materials for the period including pressed red brick for the walls, rough-cast stucco in the gables, and corrugated iron for the roof. The main gable has a red brick cross in low relief in the stucco. The glazing of the arched windows is divided into nine panes with a fanlight above. The building has four bays separated by buttresses. There is a front porch and a vestry at the rear off the south elevation. The building is completely intact and retains an excellent integrity. It is in good condition. It is surrounded by *Pinus radiata* (Monterey or Radiata Pines) which probably pre-date the time of its construction in 1913 although some have been cut down. There is no foundation stone.

## Historical Australian Themes

The Australian Heritage Commission devised the Australian Historic Themes in 2001. The following themes have influenced the historical development of the ...

8 Developing Australia's Cultural Life

8.6 Worshipping

8.6.1 Worshipping together

8.6.2 Maintaining religious traditions and ceremonies

8.6.4 Making places for worship

8.7 Honouring achievement

8.8 Remembering the fallen

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

8.10.4 Designing and building fine buildings

### **Intactness**

The church is completely intact.

### **Integrity**

The church retains an excellent integrity.

### **Physical Description 2**

To the extent of the whole of the building and all of the land comprising Allotment 2 of Section 9 of the Township of Lethbridge.

### **Extent of Registration**

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*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

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