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# ST JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH



205040\_Knowsley\_Bywater  
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## Location

15 BYWATER STREET, KNOWSLEY - PROPERTY NUMBER 205040, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO784

## Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

St James Catholic Church of 1931 including the organ and altar from 1892 is significant.

### How is it significant?

St James Catholic Church is of local aesthetic and social significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

### Why is it significant?

St James Catholic Church is one of small number of timber buildings that contribute to the township of Knowsley. The form and detailing of the church are compatible with remaining nineteenth century buildings in Knowsley including the railway houses at 9 Railway Court and 12 Bywater Street, the former hotel at 11 Knowsley-Eppalock Road and store at 4 Knowsley-Eppalock Road, that make up the core of Knowsley. *Criterion A*

St James is of social significance for the Knowsley community as a place of worship for over 70 years, and on the site for over 100 years. *Criterion G*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of Mclvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008;
Construction dates	1931,
Architect/Designer	Keogh, Ernest J. & K.B.,
Hermes Number	32922
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## Physical Description 1

St James Catholic church is designed in the Gothic Revival style and was built in 1931, replacing an earlier church of 1892 that was destroyed in a storm. It is constructed with a timber frame and weatherboard cladding. It is believed to contain some fittings including the organ and altar that were salvaged. Elements of the Gothic Revival style include the use of gable roofs and the pointed arch windows in this case executed in timber. The window to the gable end is divided into four pointed arches of graduating height. The design includes some domestic timber detailing of bracketed eaves and gable end collar tie and finial and a bracketed hood over the front doors. There is a large sanctuary and vestry at the rear of the church. Unusually the front doors open straight into the main body of the church. The church is surrounded by mature cypresses.

The interior has not been investigated.

## Physical Conditions

Fair

## Integrity

High

## Historical Australian Themes

8.0 Building community life

8.1 Maintaining spiritual life

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