
St Mary's Anglican Church and Quercus suber (Cork Oak) Tree



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Location

271 Glen Eira Road ELSTERNWICK, GLEN EIRA CITY

Municipality

GLEN EIRA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO25

Heritage Listing

Glen Eira City

Statement of Significance

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St Mary's has architectural significance as a representative example of French influenced Low and Mixed Gothic (see stylistic Typology in National Trust's Historic Churches Study) and is further distinguished by its use of bluestone, entirely without relief. French influence is demonstrated by the high nave, apsidal sanctuary, spirelet and trumeau. The building is locally important as a historic focus for Anglican worship and early mission activity whilst its architectural grandeur is expressive of mid Victorian Caulfield's status as a suburban location for the

Metropolis gentry.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Glen Eira - Caulfield Conservation Study, Andrew Ward, Architectural Historian, 1994;
Other Names	"St Mary's Church" (Anglican) formerly "All Saints, Caulfield" (1859-1863),
Hermes Number	43715
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Physical Description 1

A substantial Early English Gothic-bluestone parish church, cruciform on plan with corner porch forming the base for a spire never completed. Prominent elements include the high nave roof, bell and supporting timber frame and balancing spirelet on the west facade. The entry is accentuated by finely dressed stonework with AD1871 and oculus in the arch spandrel, this latter motif being repeated in the west window.

Inside, the symmetry of the uniform plan is offset by an aisle on the northside, linked with the nave by a triple arched arcade having Gothic detail to the column capitals. The treatment of the walls and apsidal sanctuary is austere and relieved solely by stained glass windows. The lofty timber trussed roof retains its varnished (?) finish, the trusses being of embellished King post form:

Physical Description 2

Integrity: Good, spacious gardens facing Glen Eira Road

Physical Description 3

Condition: Good

Historical Australian Themes

Worship: Church of England (Anglican) Caulfield as a location for Melbourne's gentry.

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