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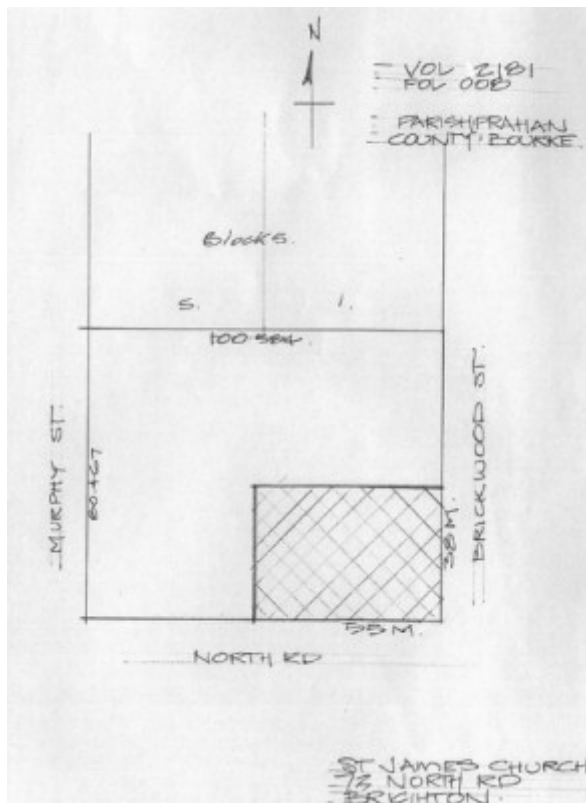
1 st james church gardenvale front view jul1992



st james church gardenvale north entrance jul1978



st james church gardenvale front view of rectory jul78



H0748 H0748 plan

Location

73 NORTH ROAD BRIGHTON, BAYSIDE CITY

Municipality

BAYSIDE CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0748

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO327

VHR Registration

November 15, 1989

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 6, 2023

What is significant?

It is a fine complex of Roman Catholic church, rectory and church close, mostly dating from the last century but with additions made in 1908 and in the 1920s. The church was built in two stages. The nave was built in 1891 to the design of the architect Edgar J Henderson followed by the transepts and chancel in 1924, designed by Schreiber and Jorgensen.

How is it significant?

The St James Church Complex stands on a site which has great importance in the early history of Catholicism in Victoria as the place where the mission to Brighton was established circa 1854. The mission covered a vast territory extending from Gippsland in one direction to Mornington Peninsula in the other.

The nave is of interest for its facade, with traceried window, comparable to Henderson's earlier design for St Mary's Cathedral, Sale and the large sexfoil clerestory windows.

Also of architectural importance is the unusually elaborate 1934 decoration of the chancel with Roman mosaic flooring, opus sectile tiling and marble altars and rails. The pipe organ by Alfred Fuller of Kew, placed centrally in the rear gallery, is a rare example of his work.

[Source: Report to the Minister]

Why is it significant?

St James Church, Gardenvale, built in two stages in 1891 and 1924, stands on a site which has importance in the early history of Catholicism in Victoria as the place where the mission to Brighton was established circa 1854. (Criterion a.4)

The church is of architectural importance for the unusually elaborate 1934 decoration of the chancel with Roman mosaic flooring, opus sectile tiling and marble altars and rails. (Criterion f.1)

The pipe organ, placed centrally in the rear gallery, is a rare example of the work of Alfred Fuller of Kew. (Criterion b.2)

[Source: *Melbourne Backlog Study. Prepared for the Australian Heritage Commission, January 1997.*]

Permit Exemptions

General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates	1891,
Architect/Designer	Henderson, Edgar J,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	St James Church,
Hermes Number	516
Property Number	

History

Associated People: Assoc.People ALFRED FULLER-PIPE ORGAN
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Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 748.

St James Church, 73 North Road, Gardenvale.

To the extent of the buildings shown hatched and that part of the land outlined in red on the plan (Appendix B) held by the Ministry for Planning and Environment, being part of Certificate of Title Volume 2181, Folio 008.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G45 15 November 1989 pp. 2950-2951]

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