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# St Peter and St Paul Church including interior

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## Location

57-63 Mercer Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - PROPERTY No 216220

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

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## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO230

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Catholic Church of S. S. Peter and Paul was erected in 1864 from coursed basalt with freestone dressings. The Church is a scholarly example of the gothic revival based upon Pugin's principles, and a notable work of William Wilkinson Wardell, the celebrated ecclesiastical architect responsible for the Catholic Church building program in Victoria from 1858-1878. The church, with the unusual double bellcore and simple ornamentation, is one of the few parish churches in Victoria completed according to Wardell's plans. The triple lancet stain glass window at the east end by Melbourne craftsmen Ferguson and Urie is of note.

### RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

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Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	19914
Property Number	

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