
ST JOSEPH OF THE SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH COMPLEX



St Josephs Catholic Church

Location

1215 BUNYIP RIVER ROAD, IONA, CARDINIA SHIRE

Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO35

Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

Statement of Significance

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St Joseph's Catholic Church, constructed in 1940, is of significance to the Cardinia Shire as the major landmark building in an important religious complex associated with the development of the district after the draining of the Koo-wee-rup Swamp.

Regional Significance

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1900, 1928, 1940,
Architect/Designer	Payne, TA,
Other Names	St Columba's Hall, Convent, Presbytery,
Hermes Number	30124
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

This towered Modern Romanesque-styled church has a face-brick interior (manganese salt glazed dado), exposed trusses, coloured terrazzo patterns in the floor, chain-hung lamps, and an altar window dedicated to St Joseph next to the apse. The main roof form is gabled, suggesting the basilican nave and side-aisle form, and the roof is tiled in a Marseilles pattern.

The tower roof is hipped, with crucifixes placed at the apex and also on the main gable.

The overall treatment is a stylised one with slotted windows in the tower flanked by ribbed architraves and glazed with scalloped muntins. Cream contrasting bricks are also used as spandrels. The tower parapet has a moulded cement frieze and the upper tower, which is stepped back, has attic-style windows. Cement bands encircle the building at eaves and ground level and the main window has geometric glazing in a simple rose pattern. The main entry is via a convoluted archway.

Physical Conditions

The church is externally near original except for probable painting of the cement bands.

Historical Australian Themes

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- 3.6 Closer settlement and soldier settlement
- 3.7 Swamp drainage projects for farmland
- 8.7 Swamp towns, e.g. Iona, Cora Lynn
- 9.3 Churches and cemeteries

Physical Description 2

Associations - Catholic Church

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