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# Former Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Presbytery & Balbiani Organ



B0485 Our Lady of Lebanon Catholic Church Rathdowne St Carlton



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B0485 Fmr Sacred Heart Presbytery



B0485 Carlton Sacred Heart Balbiani



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## Location

199 Rathdowne Street,, CARLTON VIC 3053 - Property No B0485

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

State

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0016

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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Church Statement of Significance: The first and finest full-blown red brick Baroque church design in Victoria, built in 1897 to the design of Reed, Smart & Tappin - probably attributable to W B Tappin, and never fully completed. The sheer brick exterior surfaces relieved by cement dressings are austere and dramatic, there are fine stained glass windows, an elliptical barrel vaulted ceiling with painted decoration, and other fresco decoration internally.

Church Classified: 1970

Revised: 'State' 05/03/1987

Fincham & Hobday Organ Statement of Significance: This instrument is of interest for its magnificent blackwood case designed by Mr Salway and made in 1890 by Mr Bell for the four-manual Fincham & Hobday organ formerly in the Australian Church, Flinders Street. With three towers containing 16ft gilt pipes, and much fine carving, this case was moved to Carlton in 1958 and grafted to an 1882 William Anderson organ which was rebuilt in 1958 by George Fincham & Sons. The organ originally attached to the case is now at Wilson Hall, within the University of Melbourne.

Classified: 'Local' 22/10/1990

### Balbani, Milano Pipe Organ

What is significant? The pipe organ built in 1929 is the only example of the notable Italian organbuilding firm of Balbani to be found in Australia. Apart from conversion of the action to electro-pneumatic, and detaching of the original inbuilt console, the instrument remains very substantially intact.

How is it significant? The organ is significant for historic, aesthetic and technical reasons at a regional level

Why is it significant? The Balbani pipe organ at Sacred Heart Church is significant for the following reasons:

-It is the only example of its builder's work in Australia

. It is a rare largely intact example of its builder's work anywhere

. It is a romantic-symphonic instrument with the pipework voiced in a highly distinctive and colourful manner

. The casework and console are attractive

. Its association with Monsignor Mario Pettoelli (1889-1954), who directed the music at the 1928 Eucharistic Congress, and who advised on the choice of organ builder

Classified: 'Regional' 28/05/2012

See also: B2315 Former St Georges School

Other Names      Our Lady of Lebanon,

Hermes Number    65481

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