

# HERITAGE PLACE

**NAME OF PLACE:** ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

**ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE:** Martin Street DUNKELD

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**PRECINCT:** Dunkeld

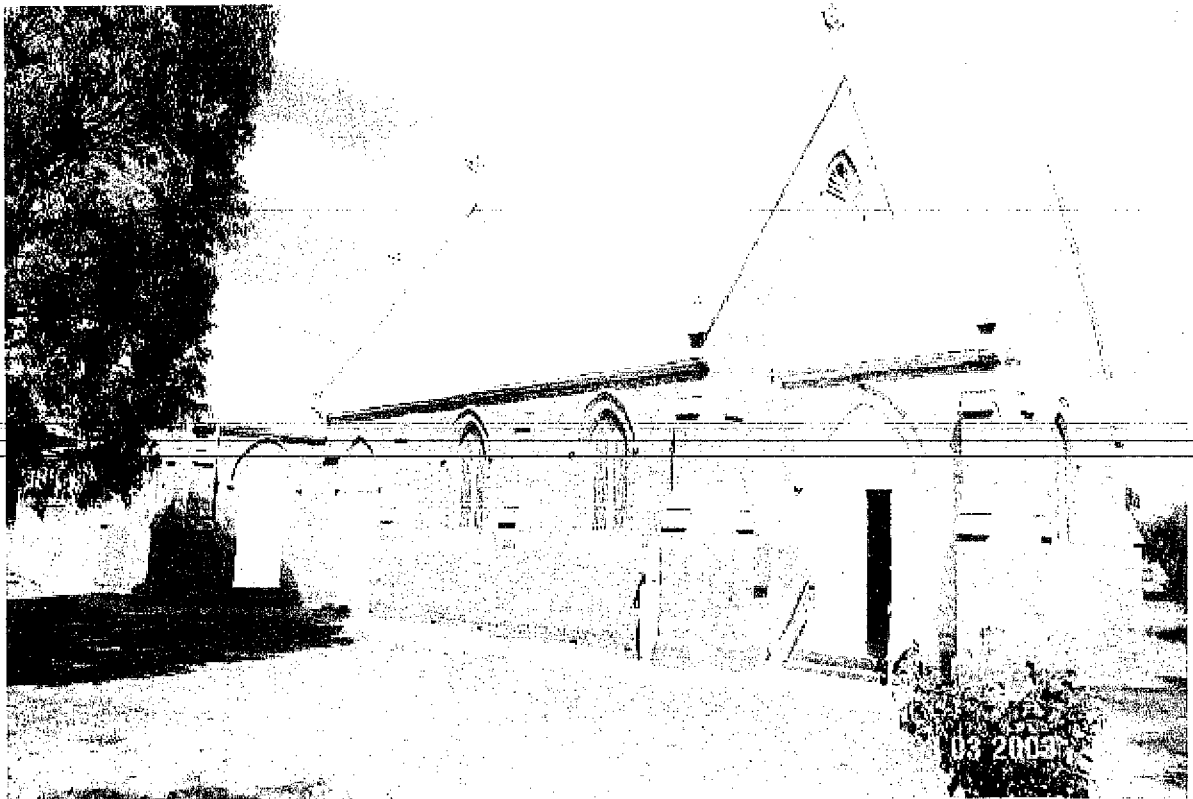
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Southern Grampians Shire

**ALLOTMENT:** 6,7,8,9, **SECTION:** 43  
& 10

**ACCESS DESCRIPTION:**

CFA 433J 11; VicRoads 229 S4; located on the south side of Martin Street between Dunlop and Sterling Streets, two blocks south of the Glenelg Highway.

**SIGNIFICANCE RATING:** Local



St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Martin Street, Dunkeld. East elevation

**Image Date:** 08/03/03

**EXTENT OF LISTING:**

To the extent of: 1. All the church and all of the land.

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## **PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

St Patrick's Catholic Church is a large reddish brick building in the Early English Gothic revival style. The nave is three bays long. There is a substantial porch, two transepts and a chancel. The windows are treated as double lights in all cases. Triangular ventilator openings, treated similarly to the windows, are in the main gables and the transept gables. Construction details are elaborated with the use of unpainted cement render for copings, hood moulds and the caps on buttresses and with contrasting red bricks for the architraves of windows and as beds of header bricks in the main gable. The gables of the main roof and the gable of the chancel are surmounted by cement crosses. The roofs of the porch, nave, transepts and chancel are pitched at 60 degrees and are clad in corrugated iron.

## **HISTORY:**

The colonial government appears to have granted one and a half acres in Wills Street as land for the Church of England in 1869. An acre was granted to the Presbyterian and Wesleyan Methodist Churches but only half an acre, allotment 6 of section 43, and in a different street, to the Roman Catholic Church. The grant was gazetted in 1872. Bishop James Alipius Goold purchased two acres of the adjacent land however with the total area comprising half of the section.

Claburn states that "the Roman Catholic congregation had been served by priests from Hamilton since the 1840s. Each priest had a short tenure, most lasting only one or two years. The longest serving were Fr H W Cleary from 1890 to 1895 and his successor Fr D Foley from 1895 to 1900. The first Dunkeld church was erected about 1880 and the present brick building was opened in 1912 by Dr. Higgins, Bishop of Ballarat" (Claburn, 27). The first church, it seems, was weatherboard and may have dated from 1875.

## **THEMATIC CONTEXT:**

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life  
8.6 Worshipping  
8.6.1 Worshipping together  
8.6.3 Founding Australian religious institutions  
8.6.4 Making places for worship  
8.8 Remembering the fallen  
8.12 Living in and around Australian homes  
8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

## **CONDITION:**

The building is in excellent condition.

## **INTEGRITY:**

Excellent degree of integrity

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

What is significant?

St Patrick's Catholic Church is located on the south side of Martin Street in the township of Dunkeld. The building is in the Early English Gothic revival style using locally made bricks. No architect or builder has been associated with the design. Both the interiors and exterior are in excellent condition and retain a very high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

St Patrick's Catholic Church is of historical and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians Shire and the township of Dunkeld.

Why is it significant?

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St Patrick's Catholic Church is of historical significance as the focus for that denomination in the Dunkeld area. The church is of architectural significance for its typical use of the Early English Gothic revival style.

## COMPARISON:

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Tarrayoukyan Road, Tarrayoukyan  
St Joseph's Catholic Church & School, McKebery Street, Coleraine  
St Joseph's Catholic Church Complex, Martin Street, Peshurst  
St Michael's Catholic Church Complex, Glenferrie Road, Harrow  
St Patrick's Catholic Church, Coleraine-Balmoral Road, Balmoral  
St Thomas' Catholic Church, McLennan Street, Glenthompson  
St Mary's Anglican Church, Wills Street, Dunkeld  
Uniting Church, Wills Street, Dunkeld  
Presbyterian Church (Former), Wills Street, Dunkeld

**ASSESSED BY:** tfh

**ASSESSMENT DATE:**

07-Mar-03

## EXISTING LISTINGS:

## HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR  Include in RNE  Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

## REFERENCES:

Author	Title	Year	Page
Claburn, Elise, et al.	Dunkeld and District: A Short History	1989	27

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