

St Ignatius Catholic Church, Church St, Richmond, VIC, Australia

Photographs:



List: Register of the National Estate

Class: Historic

Legal Status: [Registered](#) (21/03/1978)

Place ID: 5397

Place File No: 2/11/044/0007

Statement of Significance:

St Ignatius' Church occupies a commanding site on the summit of Richmond Hill and is a fine Melbourne landmark. The structure is an outstanding example of the Gothic Revival in Victoria and when completed in 1894 it was claimed to be the third largest Catholic church in Australia. The church is a notable ecclesiastical work of the talented and scholarly Gothic Revivalist, W W Wardell and is integrally associated with the social and religious development of Richmond.

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Official Values: Not Available

Description:

The foundation stone of St Ignatius' Parish Church, Richmond, was laid on 4 August 1867 by the Archbishop of Sydney. The French Gothic Revival church, comprising clerestoried nave, side aisles and transepts, with apsidal sanctuary, ambulatory and tower was constructed of basalt with Sydney freestone dressings in stages between 1867-94. The spire was added in 1927. The architect was William W Wardell.

History: Not Available

Condition and Integrity:

St Ignatius' Church, Richmond, has been insensitively adapted to the liturgical requirements of the Second Vatican Council and many of the original fittings removed. The exterior remains intact and in excellent repair.

Location:

Church Street, corner The Vacluse, Richmond.

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