



Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Source: Picture Bundaberg



Holy Rosary Church

History

- Holy Rosary Church was not the first church to be constructed on the current site. The first church was established in 1875 as a wooden structure.
- This initial building was the first church in Bundaberg. Prior to this, a single service was held for all denominations in the original School of Arts building.
- Constantine Rossolini was appointed parish priest and moved to Bundaberg in 1876, where his residence was erected on the church grounds.
- By the 1880s, the original building was too small for the parish's needs, driving the construction of a new church.

External features

- Constructed in 1888, Holy Rosary Church was built to the design of former colonial architect, FDG Stanley. In the 19th century, Stanley was one of the most prolific and well-known architects practicing in Queensland.
- In 1926, the building underwent extensions for the addition of transepts and a sanctuary. The extensions were designed by prominent Bundaberg architect, FH Faircloth. It is believed that the exposed brick walls were plastered as part of the extension.

Description

- A brick fence separates the front yard from Woongarra Street, consisting of square pillars with moulded caps and low panels.

- The church has a neo-classical style with Greek and Roman influences. The tall rendered brick building has a gable roof surrounded by a parapet with decorative mouldings.
- The main entrance features a large portico, consisting of two single and two double Doric columns on pedestals supporting a triangular pediment resting on the entablature.
- The building has a large number of tall arched windows with decorative mouldings.
- Internal features include a marble altar, steps and fittings, stained glass windows and a pipe organ.

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