

St Brigid's Catholic Church, 2439 Ballan Road, Anakie Statement of Significance

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Heritage Place: St Brigid's Catholic Church, 2439 Ballan Road, Anakie	PS ref no: HO2039
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What is significant?

St Brigid's Catholic Church at 2439 Geelong-Ballan Road, Anakie, is locally significant to the City of Greater Geelong and the community of Anakie. Significant elements are:

- The original brick Gothic Revival Church.
- The vista of the Church from Ballan Road.

Elements that are not considered significant are:

- The later adjoining shed to the rear of the Church.
- The landscaping, comprising all plantings.
- The fences.

How is it significant?

St Brigid's Catholic Church is of historical and representative significance to the City of Greater Geelong.

Why is it significant?

St Brigid's Catholic Church at 2439 Geelong-Ballan Road, Anakie, is historically significant to the City of Greater Geelong as an intact 1871 brick masonry church representing the evolution of worship and pastoral care needs within the pastoral community of Anakie in the mid-19th century, and the expansion of the Meredith Parish in that period. (Criterion A)

St Brigid's Catholic Church is of representative significance as an intact mid-19th century Gothic Revival church. The Church abides by all key design elements expected of a Gothic Revival church, including rectilinear form with gabled roof, projecting narthex, sanctuary rectilinear, buttresses on a bluestone foundation, pointed arch lancet windows with leadlight panes, and slate shingle roofing. (Criterion D)

Primary sources

St Brigid's Catholic Church, author: Benjamin Petkov, October 2024, peer reviewer: Mim Butcher, The Heritage Conservancy, May 2025.
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