

St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 28-30 St David Street, Rippleside Statement of Significance May 2025

Heritage Place: St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 28-30 St David Street, Rippleside	PS ref no: HO2058
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What is significant?

St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, at 28-30 St David Street, Rippleside, is significant to the City of Greater Geelong. Significant elements are:

- The Church, which is of primary importance.
- The open space directly in front of the church, between the entrance and St David Street.
- The brick boundary fence and gates with crucifix metalwork, fronting St David Street.
- All leadlight windows situated on the Church.
- Unpainted exterior brick surface.

Element which are not significant are:

- The rear besser brick toilet block.
- The plantings.
- The carpark.

How is it significant?

St John the Evangelist Catholic Church is of historical, representative and associative significance to the City of Greater Geelong.

Why is it significant?

St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, constructed in 1935, is of historical significance to the City of Greater Geelong as a historical representation of the expansion of North Geelong and Rippleside as well as the expansion of the Catholic Church in municipality. The Church, first established onsite with the construction of a school in 1923, has been in continual use for over a century and continues to service the local Catholic community. (Criterion A)

St John the Evangelist Catholic Church is of representative significance to the City of Greater Geelong as a highly intact example of an interwar Romanesque Catholic church. Key features represented onsite attributable to this architectural idiom include the strong crow-stepped gable and raised parapets; red brick masonry construction paired with rendered and stone details; rounded conjoined arch windows; leadlight windows;

rendered buttresses; a strong emphasis on symmetry, and a substantial carved stone rounded arch entrance. (Criterion D)

St John the Evangelist Catholic Church is of associative significance as a highly intact and expressive structure designed by the noted local architect Cyril Kelly. (Criterion H)

Primary sources

St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, author: Benjamin Petkov, May 2025, peer reviewer: Mim Butcher, The Heritage Conservancy, May 2025.

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