

ABOUT THE PROJECT

St Mary's Catholic Church in Main Street is one of the most notable landmarks of Bairnsdale and is known throughout Australia and indeed internationally, for its distinctively tall tower and remarkable wall and ceiling frescos which were painted by out-of-work Italian artist, Francesco Floreani. Floreani worked in the area during the 1930s depression, when he was commissioned to paint the interior of the church. Floreani's fascinating and intricate murals, decorated ceilings and walls remain a major tourist attraction to this day. The Church is also Heritage listed.

Approximately six years ago, the Parish initiated a project to evaluate the condition of the church building and set a basis for a plan to restore it to its original glory. Initial studies revealed that there was serious water ingress into the building that was affecting the artwork.

Recent works to the exterior and roof of the Church have alleviated some of the issues, but the poor condition of the stained glass windows remained a problem with water ingress. An expert in the field of leadlight window restoration has recently been engaged to undertake repairs and this is continuing.

We are hoping to fund much of these repairs through a special fundraising effort by offering each window for a donation.

CAN YOU HELP?

The centre of this brochure depicts the inside of the church with identified windows and a monetary figure (donation amount) against each window. For your donation, a brass plaque (120mm x 75mm) will be displayed under the window that received the donation. It will read "Window Restored" and some selected words to remember a family, family member or friend. This will be your permanent tribute in the church.

Payment is flexible and can be made either in a lump sum or paid over an agreed period of time.



One of our staff would be happy to discuss the project, window options and payment options with you.

Contact Details

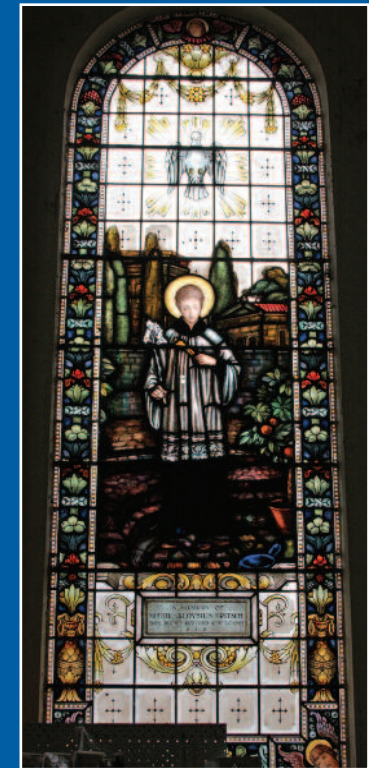
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