



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 01936
2. **NAME** *St Joseph's Church, Perenjori* (1936; 1981)
3. **LOCATION** cnr Carnamah-Perenjori Road and Old Wells Road,
Perenjori
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 202 on Deposited Plan 302170 and being the whole of the land contained in
Certificate of Title Volume 1056 Folio 870
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Perenjori
6. **OWNER** The Roman Catholic Bishop of Geraldton
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Permanent Entry 26/08/2008
 - National Trust Classification: Recorded 27/05/1974
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 20/05/1999
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

St Joseph's Church, Perenjori, a single-storey church in the Inter War Romanesque style to a design by Monsignor John Hawes, of rendered brick with a corrugated iron roof, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a very fine example of the work of Monsignor John Hawes and is an unusual example of the modernist development of his design principles and exhibiting high artistic and technical values, and is part of an outstanding collection of his work;

the place has a landmark quality in Perenjori due to its ecclesiastical architecture and substantial impact on the streetscape, and is highly valued by the local community and the surrounding districts as the first church in the town of Perenjori, demonstrating the development of the town from a railway siding to an established community; and,

the place is associated with Bishop James Patrick O'Collins, Bishop of Geraldton from 1929 to 1941 who achieved considerable expansion of the parish and the activities of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Geraldton during his period of office, and the development of the area in the first half of the 20th century.

The Presbytery and Parish Hall to the south east of *St Joseph's Church, Perenjori* is included in the curtilage.