



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 2196
2. NAME *Saint Mary's Catholic Church* (1923; 1938)
3. LOCATION Cnr Franklin & Shakespeare Streets, Leederville
4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY
Lot 80 on Diagram 53837, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1496 Folio 399.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Town of Vincent
6. OWNER The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth.
7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	26/02/1999
	Permanent Entry	14/05/1999
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	27/11/1995
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Saint Mary's Catholic Church, a large brick and tile Inter War Gothic style church building with tower and spire, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place has a strong spiritual significance to the Roman Catholic community in the Leederville Parish and the Perth Archdiocese;

the place displays a high degree of artistic and technical sophistication, both internally and externally, and exhibits a well resolved combination of architectural, symbolic and artistic motifs. The atavistic use of Inter War Gothic style characteristics adds interest to the building;

the place is a rare example of a parish church with a 'grand' bell tower of such prominence, the scale of which is usually incorporated into the design of cathedrals;

the place illustrates the historic theme of the development of liturgical architecture and arts in Australia;

the imposing bell tower and ecclesiastic architecture have a substantial impact on the streetscape and present a landmark in Leederville; and,

the place has social value to the wider community as a place of gathering, a vehicle of local identity, pride and sense of place and, hence, of social bonding within the community.