

St Patrick's Church 1966-2003

By February 19th 1965, construction of the new church was advanced enough for Bishop Foley to lay the foundation stone



Here's the outside of the building in its pristine glory



Here, Bishop Foley is sprinkling Holy Water on the outside of the building. On the left is Canon Clayton, parish priest of St Mary's



Here, Bishop Pearson, an auxiliary in the diocese, is consecrating the altar, starting with a litany. The organ had not been moved across at this point, but the gallery is full of parishioners



The inside was quite plain, but laid out to allow the full celebration of the traditional rites used at the time. The candles and altar cloth have yet to be put in place, but the tabernacle is firmly attached to the altar. This tabernacle had two sets of doors, allowing Mass to be said from either side.



The completed church, ready for Mass. The sanctuary lamp is lit, and the tabernacle covered with a white veil so the Blessed Sacrament is present. The altar is covered with the traditional green day-cover. Each transept also held a small altar, that on the north also bore a tabernacle of use as the altar of repose at Easter. Benches on that side could be turned to faced outwards, so that weekday mass could said there.

