



**A PEOPLE'S FAITH
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St Ignatius' Church Richmond**

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"It is a wonderful building that can make the great seem small and the small seem great."

Michael McGirr

For one hundred and fifty years since its beginning with the laying of the foundation stone, the church of St Ignatius on Richmond Hill, Melbourne, has been the focal point for the expression of the faith life of the Richmond Catholic community, as well as an iconic landmark for the wider community.



To celebrate this 150th anniversary, here is a book that presents the Church on the Hill in all its glory. Beautiful photographs show the fabric and shape of the building, as well as the glorious decorative features, both inside and out. The photographs are enhanced by selected quotations from scripture and from other writers, together with reflective comments from the parishioners themselves. A commemorative essay by popular writer Michael McGirr, himself once a Jesuit, reveals many unknown insights into the history of the church.

St Ignatius' stands tall on Richmond Hill, a symbol of a community's faith and involvement in the neighbourhood. Its beautiful fabric and breathtaking interior offer a wonderful display of architecture and art. It is a welcoming place – a place of prayer, celebration, remembrance, solace, care, comfort, belonging and community. It is fitting to pay tribute to it on this anniversary, and, in doing so, we also pay tribute to its people.

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