

## **Some recent projects at St Cecilia's**

This is a brief report on some recent projects which have now been completed at St Cecilia's.

### **Repairs and Maintenance**

As many of you would know, keeping buildings in good order is an ongoing task. In February this year, I gave our handyman a list of about a dozen jobs. These works have now been completed.

Our beautiful church was built in 1976. Over the years, parts of the church have moved. This has caused some tiles to lift or crack. Here are two examples:



The first of these photos was the floor near the statue of St Cecilia in the narthex or foyer of our church. You can see that several tiles had cracked, and that others had lifted as the wall had moved in relation to the floor. The second photo is of tiles in the ladies' toilet. You can see that that a row of tiles had lifted.

All up, there were six places around the church where the tiles had cracked or lifted, or the grouting between the tiles had to be replaced. Three were in the narthex; and the others were in the ladies' toilet, near the baptistery, and beside the statue of Mary.

All this damage has been repaired.

Other works completed by our handyman include:

- replacing broken legs on four of the kneelers attached to the pews,
- fixing the lock on the door of the unisex toilet, which had become hard to open,
- shifting two of our fire extinguishers to conform with fire safety regulations,
- taking down the Confessional sign on the door of the storeroom near the statue of St Joseph, and
- painting the door to the storage area at the back of our church.

The total cost of all these repairs was \$1,648.40 (excluding GST). It's money well spent to keep our church in good condition.

### **Electrical works**

In April this year, I gave a list of a dozen jobs to our electrician. These works have also been completed.

They include:

- replacing a broken light on the veranda of our church,
- replacing a broken security light outside the storage area at the back of our church,
- replacing the fluorescent light below the tabernacle with an LED light,

- removing several lights which are no longer used from the ceiling of the sanctuary,
- replacing several switches in both the church and the presbytery which were becoming unsafe,
- replacing three circular fluorescent lights in the presbytery with LED lights,
- replacing a broken exhaust fan in the presbytery laundry, and
- in the Tennis Pavilion, replacing an Exit sign which no longer met fire safety regulations with a new one.

The total cost of these works was \$2,278.40 (excluding GST). The Tennis Club reimbursed the parish for the cost of the new Exit sign in the Tennis Pavilion. Again, this is money well spent to keep our parish buildings in good condition.

### **New plaques on the Memorial Wall in our Memorial Garden**

Four new plaques have been added to the Memorial Wall in our Memorial Garden.

One of the new plaques is for **Fr Gerard Dowling**. It's beside the plaque for his sister, Mary Simpson.

Two more plaques are for St Cecilia's parishioners **Kevin Kealy** and **Annie Woon Kau Sein**.

Kevin Kealy passed away on 17 May 2017. His family will join us for the 10 am Mass next Sunday, and we will bless his plaque after that Mass.

Annie Sein passed away last year on 10 March 2025. She had been a parishioner at St Cecilia's for more than fifty years. Her family were delighted to see her plaque two Sundays ago.

The final new plaque is for **Fr Anthony (Tony) Young MSC**. Fr Anthony grew up in this parish, joined the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, and ministered as a missionary priest in Papua New Guinea for almost 60 years. In 2018, Papua New Guinea awarded him the Companion Star of Melanesia (CSM) for his service. Fr Tony passed away on 8 January 2023. He is buried in Papua New Guinea. We are proud to recognise him with a memorial plaque.

Do you have a loved one from our parish whom you would like to remember with a memorial plaque? In the narthex or foyer of our church, there's a brochure holder which contains four-page brochures about this. The cost of a memorial plaque is \$500. The brochures contain more information and include a Plaque Order Form.

Fr Kevin McGovern,  
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