

The building of St Joseph's Parish Warrnambool's new Administration Centre is complete. The staff took occupancy on December 28, 2016.

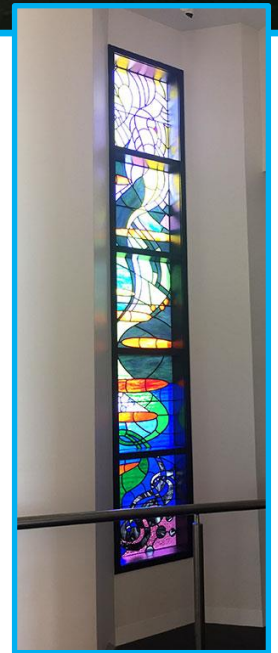
Also, incorporated in this building program was the renovation and restoration of existing Halls. It is envisaged that this building complex will now serve the Parish community for many decades to come, providing meeting rooms, social facilities, archive storage and administration facilities.

A bank of thirty-eight solar panels have been installed and, because electricity to the Parish has been consolidated from three supply points to one supply point, the power generated from these panels will benefit all three buildings on the site - the Church, the Presbytery and the Halls/Offices complex.

Another eco-friendly feature of the Halls/Offices is the installation of underground tanks that store rainwater for use in the garden and toilet facilities.

The smart design of the building has resulted in a spacious, light-filled and pleasant atmosphere that creates a welcoming appeal for users and visitors. Another feature, that is best viewed from inside the building, is a colourful lead light window in the main office foyer. The artist's interpretation is explained in a simple plaque near the window but the viewer will also see their own inspirational interpretation.

Parishioners and visitors are invited to an 'Open Day' for viewing the building complex on Sunday, February 19 and an Official Opening and Blessing by Bishop Paul Bird will take place on Sunday, April 2.



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