

# Churches & Cemeteries Then & Now



**1 St Mary's Catholic Church, Elizabeth St:** Built in 1904 of Helidon sandstone, it is based on a design by F.D.G Stanley and is very similar to the church in Rockhampton. The interior is impressive. The Presbytery adjacent was designed by Andrea Stombuco and was completed in 1876. The adjoining grounds contain many other fine buildings including: the primary school, presbytery, parish hall and convent.

Also note the hitching rings on the wall opposite the church. Adjacent in Mary Street is the original Christian Brothers Residence which opened in 1892. **Visitors:** the side door of the church is open. Please avoid disturbing students.

**2 Baptist Church, Brisbane St:** The oldest Baptist Church in Queensland. The church began its work in Ipswich in 1859.

The current church was constructed in 1876 as a simple Gothic-style building; the front was altered in 1938 when, according to a newspaper report, it was "modernised with futuristic perpendicular architecture".

**Visitors:** ask at the church office 9am-noon weekdays, or phone 3812 3708 to arrange for admission.



**3 Ipswich City Uniting Church, Ellenborough St:** Built in 1858 as the Wesleyan Chapel, it is the oldest church in Queensland in continuous use. The interior features a roof with scissor beams, a large pipe organ and fine stained glass windows. **Visitors:** on weekdays, ask at the church office in Ellenborough St.

**4 St Paul's Anglican Church and Rectory, d'Arcy Doyle Place:** Built in 1859, it is the oldest Anglican Church in Queensland. The church installed the first pipe organ in Queensland and it is still in use. The memorials are of considerable interest and include a stone cross near the entry and a chapel both of which honour Mavis Parkinson, a missionary killed by Japanese soldiers in New Guinea during World War II. The adjacent rectory was completed in 1895. **Visitors:** the side and front doors are open during daylight hours.



**5 Salvation Army Citadel, South St:** The Ipswich Corp of the Salvation Army was founded in 1885. This Citadel was opened in May 1922. **Visitors:** ask at the office at the rear of the church.

6 **St Stephen's Presbyterian Church and Sabbath Hall, Gordon St:** The current St


Stephen's was built in 1866 and its tall steeple is a prominent landmark in Ipswich. The interior has interesting stained glass windows. The adjacent church hall is an attractive timber building opened in 1889. Its decorative style is sometimes referred to as "Carpenter Gothic". **Visitors:** ask at the office at the rear.




7 **Bush Chapel, Queens Park:** A popular location for outdoor wedding ceremonies. There is no fee, but the Chapel must be booked in advance, phone 3810 6810. This land was set aside in the first survey of Ipswich in 1842, and it formally became a park in July 1863.


8 **Brown's Park Rotunda:** The Rotunda is a popular place for wedding ceremonies and photographs. There is no fee for its use, but bookings are essential, phone 3810 6810. The park was once a local cricket field; it was named after a former Mayor of Ipswich Peter Brown.


9 **St Thomas' Anglican Church, 15 Lawrence St, North Ipswich:** The 1980s brick exterior conceals a remarkable interior, that of a typical English-style church but in timber rather than stone. The church was built in 1889 but the pipe organ is believed to be much older as it came from the original Methodist Church in Albert St Brisbane. **Visitors:** to arrange a visit, phone 3281 3271.


 **Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cothill Rd, Booval:** Archbishop Duhig opened this church in May 1915. From 1931 to 1997, Booval House opposite (now a private home again) was used as St Brigid's Convent for the Sisters who taught in the Sacred Heart School. **Visitors:** the church is open. (UBD Map 214 B16)





 **United Welsh Church, Thomas St, Blackstone:** The simple timber church shaded by a huge camphor laurel tree, is the only Welsh Church in Queensland. It was built in 1886 for Welsh coalminers and their families. An Eisteddfod was held here on New Year's Day 1887 and this traditional music competition has remained an important part of Ipswich life. **Visitors:** to inspect the church and its displays on Blackstone life, phone 3281 0815. (UBD Map 214 E19)

 **Bundamba Uniting Church Hall, Brisbane Road:** Now used as a hall, this substantial building was constructed as a Methodist Church in 1911. There has been a church on this site since 1865. (UBD Map 214 J13)

 **St Francis Xavier Church, 6 Church St, Goodna:** This beautiful church is built of sandstone quarried locally. It was designed by architect Andrea Stombuco and opened in May 1881. Although near a busy shopping centre, the church has a park-like setting. **Visitors:** the church is open every day. (UBD Map 216 M14)

 **Ipswich General Cemetery, Cemetery Rd, Ipswich:** The first recorded burial here took place in July 1868. A separate Heritage Trail is available for this Cemetery. (UBD Map 233 F3)

 **Manson Park (former American War Cemetery), Cemetery Rd, Ipswich:** During World War II, many American service personnel died or were killed in action in Australia or nearby countries. This land was set aside as an American War Cemetery and 1260 burials took place here. In 1947, the graves were exhumed and the dead were returned to America. Today's name pays tribute to local resident Rose Manson who cared for the graves during the war. (UBD Map 233 H3)

 **Goodna Cemetery, Stuart St:** The first recorded burial in this cemetery was in November 1873, but there are believed to have been 29 earlier burials. There are now around 1000 graves and a Crematorium has also been built on part of the 10ha site. (UBD Map 216 G16)