

It's hard to believe that up to 30 children could fit into these tiny rooms.



A lovely view of Dunedin from the classroom's stained glass windows.



The corridor where the children walked quietly so they wouldn't disturb people praying in the church below.



It is a beautiful and safe place! It has a welcoming feel to it when you are inside!

It is a place where people gather to worship Christ and remember what he has done for us.



1935

The opening school day photo with the 4 teaching nuns and Father Collins. Large wooden doors at the front are now closed over with the entrances at the side. Stained glass windows remain the same from the outside, but a beautiful circular window is now above the altar.

The boys would enjoy running around the orchard and climbing the trees. Now a new school is built in this area. There is a hall, 6 classrooms, a library and an administration block.



Our school's special statue of Mary as she appeared to Saint Bernadette. The grotto was built at the same time as the church in 1934, but the statue was not purchased for another 15 years.

The rooms are still here today. They are no longer used as classrooms. This room is used by artist Jo St Baker who paints beautiful paintings of Dunedin.



2006





## They made it happen

In 1933 a committee was formed to raise funds for the purchase of land and the building of a church in the area.

Before the Church was built Sunday Mass was held in the Caversham Lodge building at Forbury Corner.

The community worked extremely hard to raise money for the building of the Church.

In 1934 Father C J Collins was appointed to take over the newly formed parish of St Bernadette's, Forbury.

A school would be situated in the storey above the church.

Father Collins asked the Sisters of Mercy to staff the new school.

On Feb 4th 1935 the sisters began their work in the school.

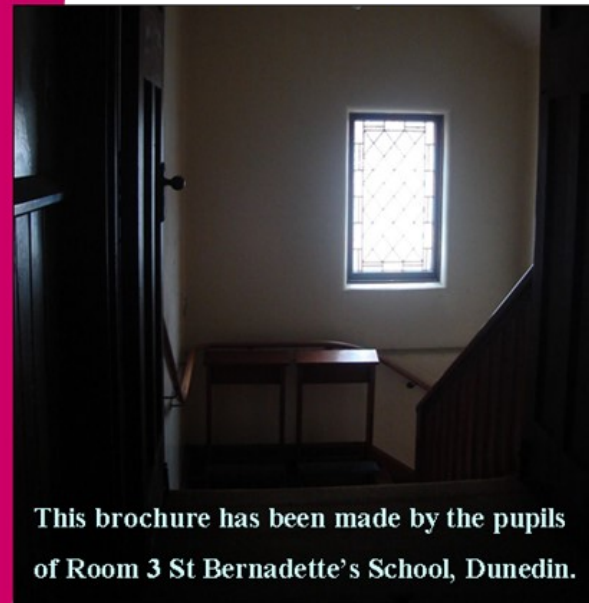
The principal of the new school was Sister Mary Liguory.

*'The buildings are a monument to C J Collins , but surely his greatest monument must be the spirit he established and fostered here in this parish.'*

- Monsignor Peter Mee.



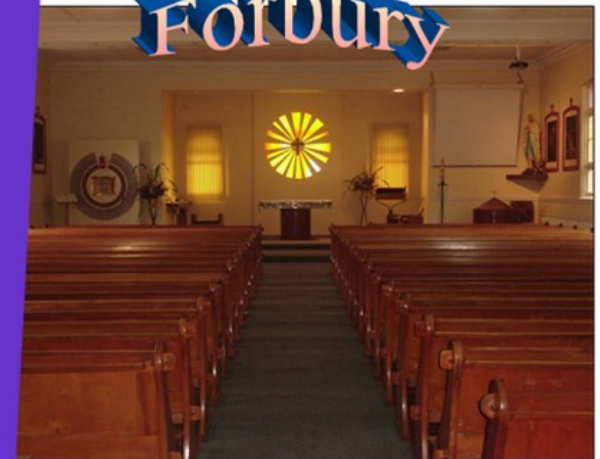
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This brochure has been made by the pupils of Room 3 St Bernadette's School, Dunedin.

*'I was baptised at St Bernadette's Church and that was in 1995. I am the only child in my family to be baptised at this church. I made my First Communion and was Confirmed at St Bernadette's in 2004. I am an altar server in this parish. This church has been an important part of my life for 11 years. Without our church St Bernadette's wouldn't be the same school.'* - Present day pupil.

## Church of St Bernadette Forbury



**The beautiful church with a difference.**

A place of worship for the local catholic community. Built in 1934. Also a school!

A second storey with room for 200 pupils.

- The disappearing doors
- The founding Father
- The shining light of Jesus
- The school on top
- Cramped classroom conditions
- The empty grotto

The Church of St Bernadette is a symbol of Christian beliefs. It is a place where people gather to worship Christ and remember what

He has done for us.