### SAINT MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH Parish of North Melbourne

## **Restoration Appeal**

in conjunction with the National Trust of Australia

# Stage 3 – The Roof Stage 4 – Interior Reordering



First services on site 1853
Foundation stone laid 1858
Church consecrated 1862
Stage One Restoration 1992-1993
Stage Two Restoration 2007-2008

Stage Three Restoration 2013

Stage Four Restoration 20?? (depending on funds)

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St Mary's,

Over the past two decades, a series of fund-raising campaigns has led to the restoration of many key elements of the St Mary's Church building. The last major round of works was completed in 2008 but, as was noted at the time, much remains to be done. The most urgent need by far is to re-roof the church in its entirety. The present roof is a mix of re-used 150 year-old welsh slate and more modern (and less enduring) Spanish slate. Both styles of slate are now failing, as is some of the battening beneath them. It may only be a matter of time before a storm carries part of the roof away, which would have disastrous consequences. We are advised that a budget of approximately \$500,000 may be required to do this work in a way that will make the roof sound for the long term. Just over half this amount has already been given, but the vestry will need to allocate income from the properties to service a loan to make up the shortfall. Ideally, of course, we will take out as small a loan as possible for this work – which is why we are asking you for help. I strongly encourage you to consider whether you might be able to support this next phase of the Restoration Appeal in order to reduce our reliance on debt.

As part of Stage Three we will also be restoring the Magnificat inscription and some other of the decorative scheme around the East Window – a stunning visual sign of the renewal of the church.

The churchwardens and vestry plan to fund subsequent works (Stage Four – the final stage) from substantially increased income from the renovated parish properties, but until this new income source comes fully on-line, we ask your assistance in undertaking the present necessary work.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Craig D'Alton Vicar

#### How do I give to the Appeal?

Please fill in the appeal form below and overleaf, and post it to: St Mary's Anglican Church Restoration Appeal, 430 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne 3051. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductable. A receipt will be issued by the National Trust.

It sounds like a good idea, but I want to know more before I give

If you would like to discuss any element of the project, or to obtain further information, please contact the vicar or one of the churchwardens, who will be happy to go into more detail about our plans.

Vicar's email: <u>priest@stmarys.org.au</u> or phone 0407 443 909 Churchwardens email: <u>churchwardens@stmarys.org.au</u>

Can I specify where my gift will go?

Yes. If you would like your gift to be directed specifically either to the roof or to the East Wall decorative scheme through our "sponsor a slate" and "sponsor a stencil" schemes, please indicate this below.

I would prefer my gift to be directed to the replacement of the roof. I

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#### Saint Mary's Anglican Church North Melbourne Restoration Appeal Fund in conjunction with the National Trust of Australia

I would like to make a donation to the 'National Trust – St. Mary's Anglican Church Restoration Appeal' (Account 725)

Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.

#### Please mail this completed form to:

St Mary's Anglican Church Restoration Appeal 430 Queensberry Street

North Melbourne

VIC 3051

Your donation will be noted in the parish appeal register and the form will then be forwarded to the National Trust for processing.

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