

Records of the Parish of East Sydney – St Peter’s Woolloomooloo and St John’s Darlinghurst

Additional material held at State Library of NSW. (Manuscripts: records including minute books, baptism and marriage registers, annual reports, financial records, files, newsletters, orders of service, faculties, and bibles. Pictures: photographs and architectural drawings)

St John’s Church is a heritage-listed neo-gothic building which was opened in 1858. The spire was designed by Edmund Blacket and was added in 1871. In 1986 the parishes of Darlinghurst and East Sydney were merged to form the Parish of East Sydney with St John’s Darlinghurst and St Peter’s Woolloomooloo. St Peter’s was deconsecrated in 1993 and the building sold to SCEGGS Darlinghurst. The parish includes the 3rd wealthiest and 5th poorest suburbs in Sydney. St John’s Church operated a number of community outreach programs including PJ’s café & drop-in centre, and since 1996, Rough Edges safe space for homeless and disadvantaged people. East Sydney Community Services was sponsored by St John’s and ran the 118 AIDS hostel along with HMS Care Force from 1987 to 1990. The hostel provided accommodation and support services for people who were waiting for the results of their AIDS test.

Rev. John McKnight was Rector from 1984-1989, succeeded by Rev. W.J. Lawton 1989-1999.

Records donated by Rev. W.J. Lawton.

Creator	Series title	Description	Date range	Volume/size
Churchwardens: Parish Council, church committee, building committee	Agendas, minutes and reports	Sorted chronologically, roughly by year	1986-1998	3 boxes
Rector	Correspondence	Unsorted	1986-1999	1 box
Churchwardens	Financial ledgers	Offertories, receipts and expenditure	1959-1978	11 volumes
	Temple Day and Christmas gift		1961, 1963, 1964, 1966	6 volumes

	appeal registers			
	Easter offering registers		1965	2 volumes
	St John's War Memorial community centre donations		1965?	1 volume
	Donation register	Name, address & amount given	1963-1967	1 volume
	Rev. Tudno Rees appeal		1963	1 volume
St John's Darlington Fellowship	Financial ledger	Receipts and expenditure	1970-1978	1 volume
St John's Friendship Association	Membership register		1967	1 volume
	Members address book		1971-1984	1 folder
St John's School	Cash book		1957-1963	1 volume
	Student grades book			1 volume
Johnie's Club	Membership register	Junior and intermediate levels	1965?	1 volume
	Bulletins		1968-1987	1 box
	Rector's Letters and event invitations		1967-1976	1 folder
	Clergyman's file	Handbook produced by Sydney Diocese for ministers. With some handwritten annotations	1970	1 volume
	Golden Book of Memory	Register of donors towards the War Memorial community centre	1966	1 volume
	Mailing list		1969?	1 folder
	Hall booking application forms		1988-1991	1 folder
	Community centre booking applications		1983-1987	1 folder
	Financial statements		1968-1985	1 box
	Greeting cards, posters, ephemera		1960s-1980s	1 folder
	Tracts and pamphlets		1960s-1980s	1 box

	Visitors' book		1963-1974	1 volume
	Scrapbook with list of parishioners on active service and orders of service for use in wartime		1939-1945	1 volume
	Address lists		1989-1996	1 folder
	Bulletins		1968-1999	4 boxes
	Krossways – magazine of the parish of East Sydney		No. 11 (1989), No. 20 (1990)-no. 86 (July 1997)	0.5 box
Robyn Morrice	Scrapbook		1980s	1 volume
Community Employment Programme	Reports, receipts, correspondence		1986-1987	1 folder
Inner City Committee (Diocese of Sydney)	Reports, receipts, correspondence		1970-1988	1 folder
East Sydney Community Services	Reports, receipts, correspondence, relating to AIDS hostel "118"		1988-1989	1 folder
	Photograph of Trevor & Jenny Kalmier	Missionaries with W.E.C. Indonesia. B/w studio portrait 35x29cm	1976	
	Photograph of Gwen Eggins	Missionary with E.C.M. Austria. B/w studio portrait 35x29cm	1972	
	Photograph of Miss Joan Thomson	Missionary with C.M.S. West Pakistan. B/w studio portrait 35x29cm	1960	

Printer's block with image of church (7x7 cm)

Colour slides from Johnie's Club meetings

Australian flag (21x16cm)

Medals: Royal School of Church Music; Head Chorister