

GUIDE TO THE RECORDS OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL'S

VAUCLUSE

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INTRODUCTION

When the options for the Special Project for 1986 were listed, I was interested to note that the records of St Michael's Parish Church Vaucluse were among them and indicated it as one of my preferences. My reasons for the choice were twofold. First, St Michael's is a near neighbour of the Convent to which I belong, both of our establishments being dedicated, in their respective ways, to the service of the Church. Secondly, the archives of my order are housed in what was once the home of George Thorne, one of the first trustees of the church. In 1842 he had migrated to Australia from Bristol, where his parish church was dedicated to St Michael. In 1847-8 he decided to purchase a number of lots from the Vaucluse Estate at its southern extremity overlooking Rose Bay, and built a stone villa on it which he called "Claremont". There being no church in the vicinity nearer than All Saints, Woollahra and St Peter's, Watson's Bay, My Thorne transferred $\frac{3}{4}$ acre of his land on the western side of Vaucluse Road to the Church of England as a site for a future church. Either out of deference to his wishes or in recognition of his benefactions, the church was dedicated to St Michael. When, in 1878, Thorne and his family moved away from Sydney, his property was purchased by the Society of the Sacred Heart and a convent and school were erected on the site, the playing fields being adjacent to the southern boundary of St Michael's property.

THE LOCATION OF ST MICHAEL'S
PARISH RECORDS

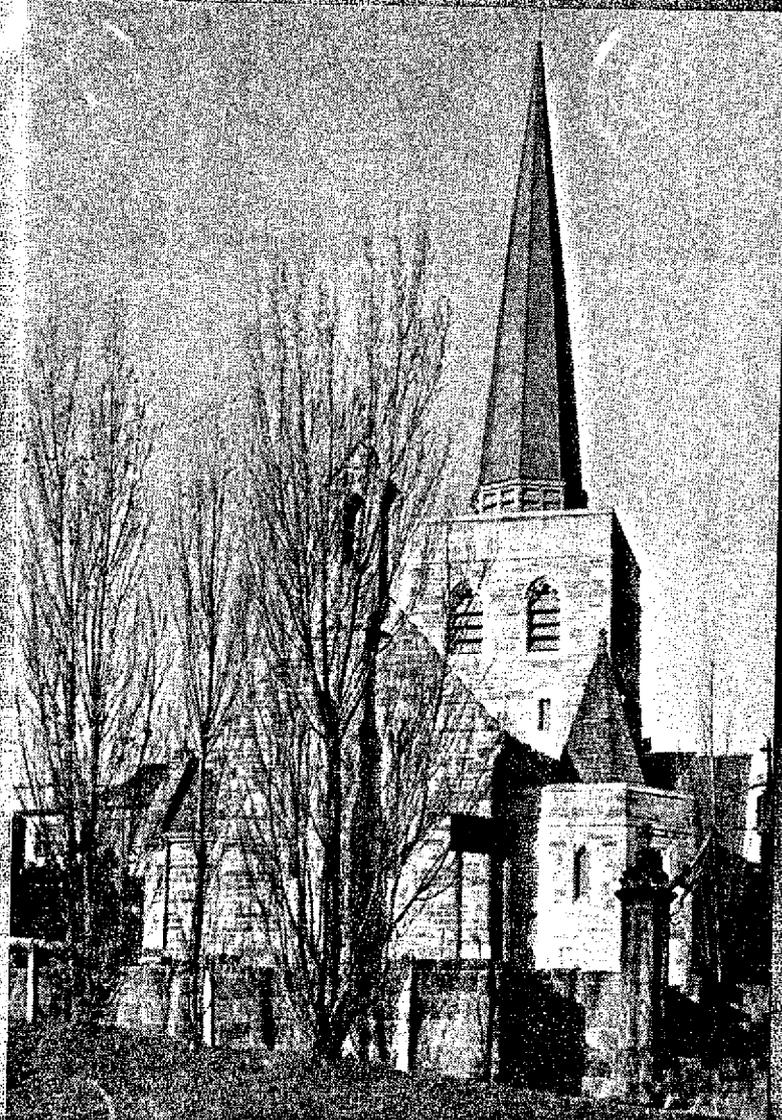
The records of st Michael's are located in three places:

- 1) Moore Theological College, City Road, holds a small collection of records, mainly parish bulletins and materials assembled by the Rev. Noel H. Plooard with the intention of writing the history of St Michale's.
- 2) St Michael's Rectory, Vaucluse, has all the parish registers, some dating from 1877 when services were often held in private homes. Included in the collection are the Marriage Registers (from 1912), the Baptismal Registers (from 1903), Serise Registers (from 1877), Confirmation Registers (from 1957) and the Minutes of the Parish Council from 1905. In addition, the Rector's Office holds an interesting historical record of St Michael's Bristol, linking it with the founding of St Michael's, Vaucluse, and copies of Crossbridge, the parish magazine contain an outline history of the parish, published in 1977 for the celebration of its centenary.
- 3) The Archives of the Anglican Church, St Andrew's House have a duplicate set of parish magazines and some printed material. More important are the Minutes of the Synodal Meetings which document the establishment of the Conventional Districts and the parish of St Michael's and the licencing of its first and succeeding rectors, which information was kindly made available by the archivist.

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I should like to acknowledge here the constance assistance with records I have received from Canon L. Bartlett of St Michael's Church, who so readily made material available and patiently answered many questions. At Moore College Kim Robinson, the Librarian-Archivist, was unfailingly welcoming, always managing to create a working space in his archives, where space was at a premium. Canon Horsley, Archivist at St Andrew's House, spent time researching the Synodal records to supply the information I requested. Finally, I owe Dr Peter Orlovich, Acting Head of the School of Librarianship, a debt of gratitude for introducing me to research into Administrative History and for his constant encouragement during the course.



St. Michael's Church, Rose Bay and Vauciuse.

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

St Michael's, Vaucluse, derives its name from the church of St Michael the Archangel, Bristol, England, and its material establishment in part to a parishoner of the older church. St Michael's, Bristol, built between 1125 and 1147 and rebuilt in 1777 was the church where George van Straubenger Thorne, the church warden, was baptized on 18 July, 1820. At the age of 22 George Thorne migrated to Australia, meeting his future wife, Elizabeth Anne Bisdée, on the ship. In 1847-48 he purchased from the Wentworth Estate some 15 acres of land on the hill above Rose Bay, the property straddling Vaucluse Road near its junction with New South Head Road. On the western section he built a stone villa which he called Claremont. Anxious to see a church in the vicinity, he had transferred a section of his property on the eastern side of Vaucluse Road to the authorities of the Church of England as a site for a future church and donated \$150 towards its cost. That was in 1862 but it was not until 1875 that the foundation stone of a small Gothic Church, designed by E. Blackett, was laid was Bishop Frederic Barker, Bishop of Sydney. In view of George Thorne's links with St Michael's, Bristol, and his benefactions to the church of which he and the Rev. Thomas Kemmis were the first trustees, the new church was dedicated to St Michael. It was opened for use and consecrated on 20 February, 1877, by the Bishop of Sydney. The Sydney Morning Herald reports: "St Michael's, Vaucluse, was opened for Divine Worship by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Bishop Broughton ... The sermon was preached by the Rev. A.W. Pain."¹ It is of interest to note that Arthur Wellesley Pain, afterwards Bishop Of Gippsland, married Anne Bisdée Thorne, the eldest of George Thorne's six daughters. For the next 25 years, St Michael's was under the pastoral care of the Rectors of All Saints, Woollahra.

In 1902 Watson's Bay and Vaucluse, aided by the Home Mission Society, were formed into a Conventional District, and the Rev. G.E. Stiles became responsible to the Archbishop for the protoparish. The parishoners, anxious to establish a parish of their own, began to hold meetings to discuss the now urgently needed church expansion. The first meeting was held at "Tivoli", the home of Mr and Mrs J.R. Love, and was followed by another at the Rectory, Watson's Bay. Tenders were called, but extensions to the church were not begun until the Rev. A.H. Chapman, a former Headmaster of

1. Sydney Morning Herald, 20/2/1877

the King's School, replaced Stiles in 1906. The work was entrusted to Edward Blakett's son, Cyril, and the additions comprised a shallow sanctuary and a temporary vestry, accomodation still being limited to 160 persons. W.B. Dalley gave the font in thanksgiving for the birth of his son, and the east window, sanctuary chairs and holy table were donated by J.R. Love. The dedication was performed by Archdeacon Gunther and Sr H. Rawson, Governor of New South Wales, assisted at the ceremony.

As soon as the Rev. Molyneaux Hopcraft became curate-in-charge(1909), Cyril Blakett was commissioned to complete his father's design for the church, and the choir, new sanctuary and organ chamber were added. On 10 November, 1910, a site for a rectory was purchased from the Wentworth Estate, with a frontage on New South Head Road. The extended church was consecrated on 30 July, 1911. The following year the Conventional District of Vaucluse and Rose Bay was created and the Venerable Archdeacon D'Arcy-Irvine was appointed in charge. In 1913 the church wardens of St Michael's presented their formal petition for the formation of the Conventional District into a Parish². This was formally accorded by a decree of the Diocesan Synod on 29 September, 1913, traditional feast day of St Michael the Archangel. At the same time the Synod issued the Licence appointing the Rev. D'Arcy Irvine first Rector of the Parish Church of St Michael's, Vaucluse. As there was as yet no rectory the Rector lived for a time in a house in Newcastle Street, and later in a house next door to the church. It was not until 30 June, 1923 that the foundation stone of the rectory was laid by the Governor General's wife, Lady Foster.

In 1926 the Ven. D'Arcy Irvine became Coadjutor Bishop of Sydney, and had to retire from his position as Rector of St Michael's. For a year the Rev. M.G.H. Garbett was Acting-Rector until Canon Barder assumed office on 27 August, 1927. His period as Rector was marked by an extensive building programme. The parish hall was built and opened on 23 February, 1929, by the Governor of New South Wales, Sir Dudley de Chair. The north and south transepts were added and opened for use in December, 1931. Seven years

2. Appendix No.3. Proceedings of the Second Session of the 16th Synod of the Diocese of Sydney. The letter approving the formation of the parish (in the archives at Moore College) is dated October, 1913.

later the west end and the northern transept were extended, the baptistry added and the tower and spire constructed, completing the church as we know it to-day. The completed church was dedicated by Archbishop Mowll, on 7 April, 1938. Two months later Canon Barder accepted nomination as Rector of St Mark's, Darling Point. He was succeeded by Canon H.W. Powys, whose incumbency at St Michael's is the longest to date: 1938-1957. Succeeding Rectors are listed in the Appendix. It is from the offices of these rectors that so much of the history of the Parish Church of St Michael's has issued, mainly from the Parish Magazines and the Minutes of the Parish Councils, dating from 1905.

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CREATOR/CUSTODIAN INFORMATION SHEET

1. Provenance: Anglican Church of Australia, Sydney Diocese
Parish Church of St Michael's, Vaucluse.
2. Date range: 1877-1986
3. Predecessor Names and Dates: Conventional District of Watson's Bay and
Vaucluse, 1902 - 1912.
Conventional District of Vaucluse and Rose Bay, 1912 - 1913.
4. ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY: (Establishment, major changes in status and functions,
activities of creator/custodian):
- 1877 George Thorne, son of Thomas Thornem churchwarden of St Michael's,
Bristol and Rev. T. Kemmis, first trustees. Church built by E. Blackett.
Consecrated 20 February, 1877, by Bishop Broughton. Depended upon All
Saints, Woollahra. H. Wallace Mort Rector.

Rev. G.E. Stiles, H.J. Campbell and H.A. Wood, all resident at Woollahra,
successively in charge.
- 1902 Conventional District of Watson's Bay and Vaucluse formed.
- 1906 Tenders called for additions to church.
- 1908 Church extended by C. Blackett.
- 1909 Rev. A.M. Hopcraft curate-in-charge.
- 1910 Rectory site purchased from the Wentworth Estate, 22 November.
- 1911 Church consecrated 30 July.
- 1912 Conventional District of Vaucluse and Rose Bay formed.
- 1913 St Michael's becomes the Parish Church of Vaucluse, 29 September.
Venerable Archdeacon D'Arcy Irvine Rector.
- 1926-7 Rev. M.G.H. Garbett Acting-Rector.
- 1927 Rev. Canon H.W.A. Barder Rector.
- 1929 Parish Hall opened, 23 February.
- 1931 North and south transepts added.
- 1938 West and northern transept extended; baptistry added; tower and spire
constructed. Architect: L. Wilkinson. *
Completed church dedicated by Archbishop Mowll, 7 April.

June: Canon Barder appointed Rector of St Mark's, Darling Point and
was replaced as Rector of St Michael's by Canon H.W. Powys.
- 1957 Rev. H.W. Guinness appointed Rector.

* The peal of bells arrived in 1939. Tower and spire had to be re-
constructed in 1969. It was rededicated on April, 1969 by the Rt Rev.
F.O. Hulme-Moir.

Administrative History (cont.)

- 1965 St Michael's Missionary Committee formed.
- 1971 Canon K.H. Short Rector.
- 1975 Canon L.F. Bartlett Rector.
- 1977 Centenary Celebrations of St Michael's

5. Related agencies, organisations whose records are held here:

6. References: Vyvyan-Jones, F.C., Some History and Antiquities of the Church of St Michael the Archangel, Bristol, together with some account of the churches of St Michael, R.I., and St Michael's, Vacluse, New South Wales. 1934

Unpublished manuscript, of which only 4 copies exist, one of them being among the records in the office of the Rector of St Michael's, Vacluse. It is of considerable interest and value for historical research.

Percy-Dove, Clare, Claremont: an Episode in the History of the Vacluse Estate. Unpublished manuscript, 1970.

The first three chapters deal with the history of Vacluse and the Thorne family. Held in the Provincial Archives of the Society of the Sacred Heart, Rose Bay.

7. Access conditions: Subject to the permission of the Rector, St Michael's Parish.

8. Name of preparer: Leila Barlow

9. Date of completion: 2 Sept., 1986.

SERIES DESCRIPTION SHEET(SDS)

- 1. **Creating/Custodial Office or Person:** St Michael's, Vaucluse.
Rector's Office.
- 2. **Series Title:** Sunday School Learning
Series 2
- 3. **Date Range:** Undated
- 4. **Physical Characteristics/ Quantity/ Condition:**
Sections detached from St Andrew's Parish Paper, Lane Cove
loose pages. Good condition.
- 5. **Shelf Metres:** 1 folder
- 6. **Content Description (Relationship to work of office/creator, types of records, types of information contained therein, representative/exceptional matters mentioned in text of records):**
Multiple copies of a Guide to Sunday School Learning, used to assist volunteers with their Sunday School Classes. Lessons cover the following age groups:
Kindergarten children.
Lessons for 8 - 9 years old
Lessons for 9 - 10 years old
Lessons for 10-11 years old
What they should know when they finish Sunday School.
- 7. **Arrangement:** Originally in order of classes, but in slight disarray.
- 8. **Related Series:** Series 4. Photographs of Sunday School Classes and their teachers.
- 9. **Index Terms:**
- 10. **Notes/Comments:**

11. CONTAINER LISTING:

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SERIES DESCRIPTION SHEET(SDS)

1. **Creating/Custodial Office or Person:** St Michael's Parish, Vaucluse.
Rector's Office

2. **Series Title:** Material relating to the history of St Michael's Parish. Series 3.

3. **Date Range:** 1877-1970

4. **Physical Characteristics/ Quantity/ Condition:** Miscellaneous printed, typed or handwritten papers, newspaper cuttings, some correspondence (incoming) Some good condition, some deteriorating.

5. **Shelf Metres:** .2 S.M.

6. **Content Description (Relationship to work of office/creator, types of records, types of information contained therein, representative/exceptional matters mentioned in text of records):**
Newspaper cuttings, orders of service for special occasions, manuscripts delating to the early history of the church, two copies of Jubilee of St Michael's Church, 1877-1927.

Correspondence: Guinness, Rev. H, 23 September, 1970
D'Arcy Irvine, Dorothy 18 October, 1970
26 October, 1970
McGuinness, Rev. Mer D., 28 March, 1938
Thorne, George, 10 April, 1876 (including the first account of the trustees)
Thorne, George 29 September, 1876 (gifts to Building Fund appended)
Watkins, T.F. 16 May, 1927
Anonymous (to Mrs Stiles) 5 January, 1927

7. **Arrangement:** No discernible order as found. Pages marked with slips of paper indicating that some research for the history had begun.

8. **Related Series:** Series 1, Parish Magazines.

9. **Index Terms:**

10. **Notes/Comments:**

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SERIES DESCRIPTION SHEET(SDS)

1. **Creating/Custodial Office or Person:** St Michael's Parish Church, Vaucluse. Rector's Office.
2. **Series Title:** Photographs of St Michael's Church and Parish groups. Series 4
3. **Date Range:** 1877-1956
4. **Physical Characteristics/ Quantity/ Condition:** 25 B/W or sepia photographs, some mounted on board, others loose. Good condition.
5. **Shelf Metres:** 1 folder 1 S.M.
6. **Content Description (Relationship to work of office/creator, types of records, types of information contained therein, representative/exceptional matters mentioned in text of records):**
 1. Original Church built by E.T. Blackett. 1877. B/W/ Reproduction.
 2. New South Head Road, showing St Michael's, c. 1887. Printed reproduction
 3. Exterior northerly view of church, showing extensions by C. Blackett, 1908. B/W mounted on board. 16 X 12 cm.
 4. Interior, showing sanctuary, added by C. Blackett, 1908. B/W mounted on board. 16.5 X 12 cm.
 5. General exterior view, 1911-1920. Sepia reproduction. Mounted on board. 15 X 8 cm
 6. Sanctuary decorated for a festival, 1938. B/W Magazine reproduction. 5.5 X 9.5 cm.
 7. Lateral chapel decorated for a festival, 1938. B/W Magazine reproduction. 5.5 X 9.5 cm.
 8. Exterior, western aspect, c. 1940. B/W mounted. 20.5 X 15.5 cm. Photographer, Max Shepherd. (3 copies).
 9. Extension to sanctuary and nave, c. 1940. B/W. 19 X 24.5.
 10. Interior showing sanctuary and nave (added by Prof. L. Wilkinson), c. 1940. 16.5 X 21.5 (2 copies)
7. **Arrangement:** No discernible order
8. **Related Series:** Series 1 PARISH MAGAZINES. 1922-1978.
9. **Index Terms:** Blackett/ spire/ Sunday School/ Rectors/
10. **Notes/Comments:**

11. CONTAINER LISTING:

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SERIES DESCRIPTION SHEET CONTINUATION(SDSC)

1. **Creating/Custodial Office or Person:** St Michael's, Vacluse. Rector's Office
2. **Series Title:** Photographs of St Michael's Church and Parish Group. Series 4

11. **CONTAINER LISTING:**

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No.3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Westerly aspect showing spire and baptistry added 1938. Photo, c. 1945. B/W 8.5 X 10.5 cm 12. Western facade, sepia reproduction, c.1940. 10.5 X 15 cm. (4 copies) 13. Northerly aspect, showing extended transept, reconstructed nave and added spire(1938), 1950. B/W 15.5 X 17 cm. 14. Wedding, choir procession, c.1950 B/W 15. Sunday School. Kindergarten, Miss Starling and two teachers. B/W 21 x 16 cm. 1956 16. Entrance porch, 1956. B/W 10.5 X 12 cm. 17. Sunday School Group. Canon Powys, 1956, B/W 20 X 15 cm. Photographer: A. West. 18. Sunday School Group. Sue Williams, 1956, B/W 20 X 15 cm Photographer: Allen West 19. Sunday School group. Miss Starling and Canon Powys, 1956. B/W. Photographer: A West 20. Sunday School group. Miss J. Cook, 1956. B/W 20 X 25 cm. Photographer: Allen West. 21. Boys with Sunday School Teacher, 1956. B/W 20 X 15 cm Photographer: Allen West. 22. Boys' Sunday School Class, 1956. B/W 20 X 15 cm. Photographer: Allen West. 23. Canon Powys, Rector of St Michael's, 1956 B/W 8.5 X 10.5 cm. Photographer: A. West 24. Canon Powys and Secretary, 1956. B/W 10 X 12 cm Photographer: Allen West 25. View of tower and spire, westerly aspect, c. 1956. B/W 11.5 X 12 cm. 	1 Sept. 1986

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SERIES DESCRIPTION SHEET(SDS)

- 1. **Creating/Custodial Office or Person:** St Michael's Parish Rector's Office
- 2. **Series Title:** Parish Marriage Registers
Series 5
- 3. **Date Range:** 1912- to date
- 4. **Physical Characteristics/ Quantity/ Condition:**
12 volumes with registry forms printed on pages
Dimensions: 32X25X4 cm. Very good condition
- 5. **Shelf Metres:** 2 S.M.
- 6. **Content Description (Relationship to work of office/creator, types of records, types of information contained therein, representative/exceptional matters mentioned in text of records):**

Volumes

Registrations

Officiating clergyman

1.	Dec. 1912- June, 1916	Nos 1 - 428	Rev. D'Arcy Irvine
2.	July, 1916 - April, 1920	Nos. 51- 100	" " "
3.	May, 1920-Oct. 1923	Nos. 101-150	" " "
4.	Nov. 1923-Sept. 1926	Nos. 151-200	" " "
5.	Sept. 1926-Dec. 1928	Nos. 1-50	" " "
6.	Jan. 1929 -Dec. 1939	Nos. 1-302	Canon Barder. Rev. H.M. Powys.
7.	Dec. 1939-Oct. 1944	Nos. 1-300	Rev. H.N. Powys
8.	Nov. 1944-Feb. 1952	Nos. 1-453	" " "
9.	Feb. 1952-Nov. 1957	Nos. 1-329	" H.W. Guinness
10.	Jan. 1958-Feb, 1966	Nos. 1-428	" " "
	11. Feb. 1956-Sept. 1974		" C.A. Osborne
7.	Arrangement: 12. Sept 1974 -Current		" H.W. Guinness
	Chronological order of marriages		" K.H. Short
			" " "
8.	Related Series:		" L.F. Bartlett

8. **Related Series:**

9. **Index Terms:**

10. **Notes/Comments:** One volume is missing:, June, 1914-July, 1916. (Located 19/11/86)

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SERIES DESCRIPTION SHEET(SDS)

1. **Creating/Custodial Office or Person:** St Michael's Parish, Vaucluse
Rector's Office

2. **Series Title:** Parish Service Registers

3. **Date Range:** 1877-current

Series 6

4. **Physical Characteristics/ Quantity/ Condition:** 6 volumes. ledger type, Hard bound with leather spines and corners. Vary from fair to good condition. Dimensions: 20X32X2 - 34X22X4 cm

5. **Shelf Metres:** 1 S.M.

6. **Content Description (Relationship to work of office/creator, types of records, types of information contained therein, representative/exceptional matters mentioned in text of records):**

The service registers have been exactly kept since 1877, giving details of every service: the presiding clergyman; preachers of occasional sermons; services marking special occasions; offerings taken at every service.

One register: May 1908 - Dec. 1912 was not among the records.

7. **Arrangement:** Chronological order.

8. **Related Series:** Parish Magazines, Series 1

9. **Index Terms:**

10. **Notes/Comments:** The current service register is retained in the Rector's office.

11. **CONTAINER LISTING:**

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SERIES DESCRIPTION SHEET(SDS)

1. **Creating/Custodial Office or Person:** St Michael's Parish Rector's Office
2. **Series Title:** Baptism and Confirmation Registers 3. **Date Range:** 1903 - current
- Series 7

4. **Physical Characteristics/ Quantity/ Condition:** 5. **Shelf Metres:** .5 S.M.
1. Baptism Register only is in Archives. Good condition. Dim 10.5 X 37.5 X 2 cm
2. 3 smaller volumes, also in good condition. " 24 X 30 X 1 cm

6. **Content Description (Relationship to work of office/creator, types of records, types of information contained therein, representative/exceptional matters mentioned in text of records):**
1. Baptisms date from 1903, that is after the formation of the Conventional District of Watson's Bay and Vaucluse. Between Dec.18,1903 and June 11, 1933 there were 840 baptisms. Registers 2 and 3 are retained in the Rector's office for reference purposes.

2. Confirmation Registers These were^e begun 1957*
 Confirming bishops
- | | |
|---------------------------|--|
| 1. Sept. 1957 - May, 1967 | Bishops Kerle, Marcus Loane and Gough. |
| 2. Aug. 1968 - May, 1983 | A. John Dain |
| 3. May, 1983 - | |

7. **Arrangement:** All in chronological order

8. **Related Series:**

9. **Index Terms:**

10. **Notes/Comments:** * It was not required to keep a local record of Confirmations before 1957.

The Burial Register is retained in the Rector's Office

11. **CONTAINER LISTING:**

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SERIES DESCRIPTION SHEET(SDS)

- 1. **Creating/Custodial Office or Person:** St Michael's Parish, Vaucluse.
Rector's Office
- 2. **Series Title:** Parish Registers, Varia Series 8
- 3. **Date Range:** 1914- 1986

- 4. **Physical Characteristics/ Quantity/ Condition:**
2 cash books, duplicated f'scap sheets recording church wardens' meetings; typed reports of Annual Vestry Meetings. stapled or loose sheets.
- 5. **Shelf Metres:** 1 folder

6. **Content Description (Relationship to work of office/creator, types of records, types of information contained therein, representative/exceptional matters mentioned in text of records):**

Church Wardens' Meetings date from 1968: Sept. 1968 - March, 1970;
March, 1971-May 1976;
June, 1976 - Dec. 1980;
1981 - 1986

These records reflect the involvement of lay members in the practical running of the parish. Their cash books, 1914 - 1923, 1935 - 1941, have been kept with care and document the appeals and responses which made possible the physical expansion of the church.

The Minutes of St Michael's Missionary Committee, 1965-1970, reflect another area of growth in the parish, when they could assume responsibility for sending out members of the parish on missionary service.

Copies of Parish Council Meeting Agenda and Reports to the Parish Council from members (1968-1986) also reflect the active involvement of the members.

- 7. **Arrangement:** Chronological order, but loose sheets tend to be out of order.
- 8. **Related Series:** Parish Council Minutes. Series 9

9. **Index Terms:**

10. **Notes/Comments:**

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SERIES DESCRIPTION SHEET(SDS)

1. **Creating/Custodial Office or Person:** St Michael's Parish, Vaucluse
Rector's Office

2. **Series Title:** St Michael's Parish Council Minutes 3. **Date Range:** 1905-current
Series 9

4. **Physical Characteristics/ Quantity/ Condition:** 5. **Shelf Metres:** 1 S.M.

There are 9 volumes of minutes, 2 account books and some handwritten copies of minutes. Some are in very good condition, but where minutes have been pasted in, bindings tend to break.

6. **Content Description (Relationship to work of office/creator, types of records, types of information contained therein, representative/exceptional matters mentioned in text of records):**

These Minutes document the functions and activities of the Parish Council since its inception in 1905: plans building extensions, funding, changes in office bearers, activities of parish committees, celebrations : Jubilee, Centenary, as well as parish outings and camps. Meetings were held monthly.

- V. 1. Oct. 1905-Oct. 1918 } There is an unexplained overlapping of dates here
 - 2. May, 1909-May, 1916 }
 - 3. June, 1916-Oct. 1923
 - 4. Nov 1923-March 1934
 - 5. March, 1934- May, 1939 is missing
 - 6. May, 1939- July, 1944
 - 7. Aug. 1945- April, 1953
 - 8. May, 1953- March, 1965
 - 9. April, 1965- Aug, 1968
 - 10. Jan. 1971 -
- Two handwritten series of Council Minutes: 1905 - 1916, 1916 - 1925.
2 Red-bound account ledgers.

7. **Arrangement:**
Chronological order of council meetings

8. **Related Series:** Church Wardens' and Vestry Meetings, Series 8
Parish Bulletins, Series 1

9. **Index Terms:**

10. **Notes/Comments:**

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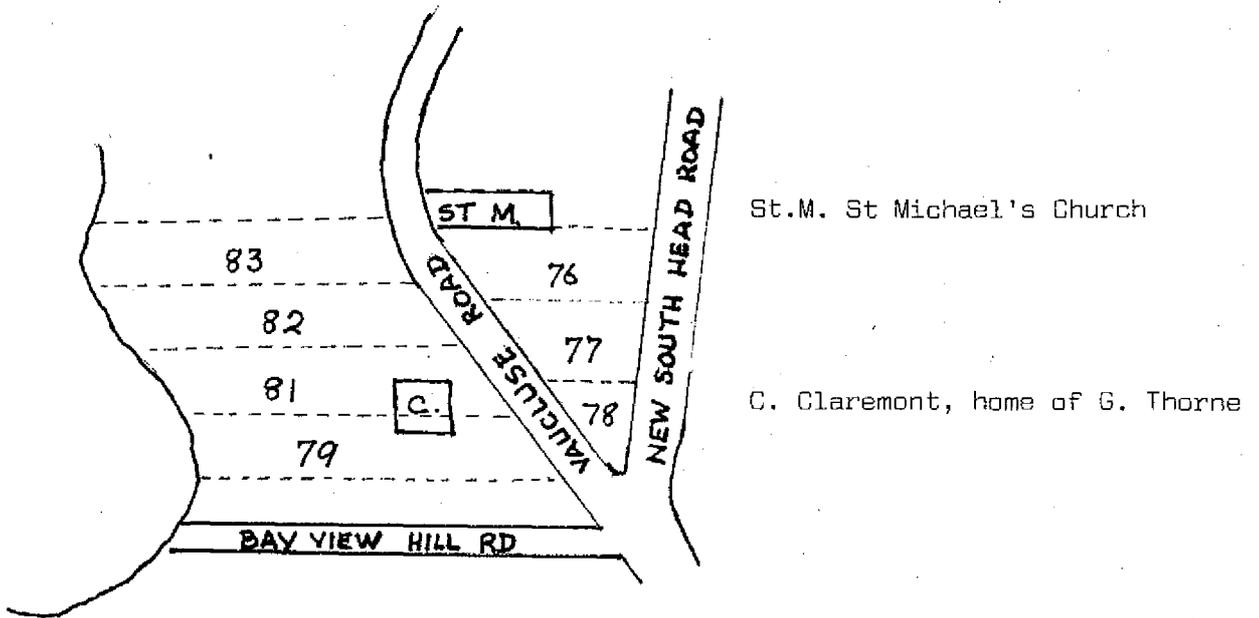
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APPENDICESA. Rectors of St Michael's Parish

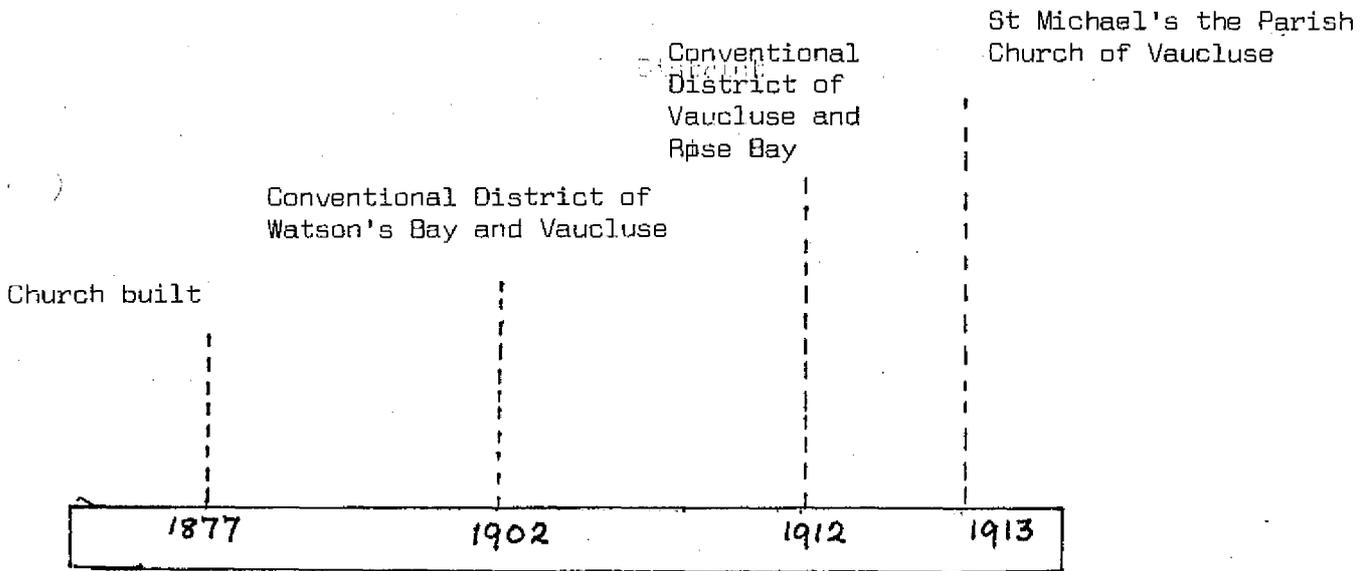
Rev. H. Wallace Mort	1877 - 1902
Rev. G.E.C. Stiles	1902 - 1906
Rev. A.H. Champion	1906 - 1909
Rev. A.M. Hopcraft	1909 - 1912
Venerable G.A. D'Arcy Irvine	1912 - 1926
Rev. M.G.H. Garbett	1926 - 1927
Rev. H.W.A. Barder	1927 - 1938
Rev. Canon H.N. Powys	1938 - 1957
Rev. H.W. Guinness	1957 - 1971
Rev. Canon K.H. Short	1971 - 1975
Rev. Canon L.F. Bartlett	1975 -

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B. Site of St Michael's Church in relation to the lots purchased by George Thorne from the Wentworth Estate



C. Changes in Status of St Michael's Parish



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