

Contrasts in church design

Contrasts in modern church design are to be seen in two new Roman Catholic Churches, which will be ready for occupation at Fitzroy (shown above) and Waitara (right) this year.

The eight-sided Church of Our Lady Help of Christians, in Clinton Street, Fitzroy, now presents an almost completed appearance from the outside, where the off-white Tyrolean finish, giving an unusual rough-cast effect, is being applied. On five sides, facing towards Clinton Street, the lower section will be finished with specially-imported marble in mottled effect.

Work on the interior of the £25,000 church is now reaching the final stages, with plasterers and carpenters preparing the walls for their final coating of pastel shades, and electricians installing the lighting.

Already the interior effect is quite striking. For the congregation, seated round the high altar, will have an uninterrupted view during all religious ceremonies.

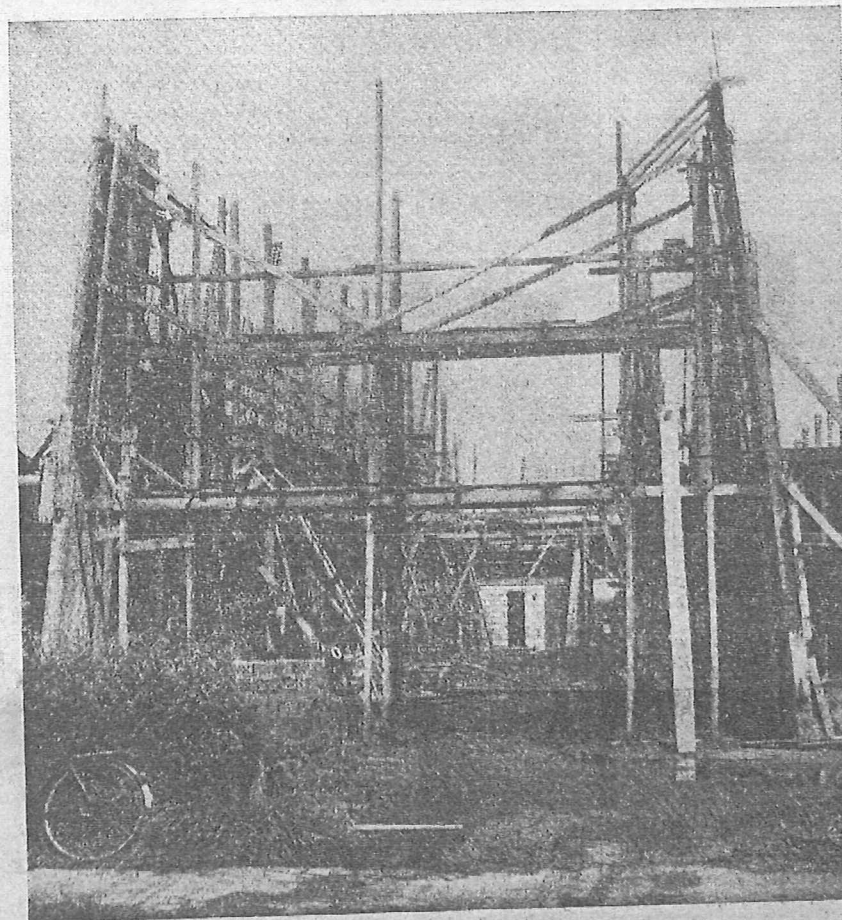
Designed by Mr. F. C. M. Roberts, of Wellington, the new church should be completed by Easter and its blessing and opening are expected to take place shortly afterwards.

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More conventional in design, but with many striking features not usually seen in New Zealand churches, the new £28,500 St. Patrick's Church being constructed next to the Waitara Convent School has now reached the stage when roofing can begin.

In reinforced concrete, the walls have a decided inwards slant, and this effect will be heightened by the unusual tapered concrete pillars giving support to the roof and at the same time the maximum view of the high altar from ground level.

Brick work has been incorporated in the frontage of the Waitara church, which was designed by Mr. J. R. Roberts, of Hawera, and which will feature a very large amount of



glass in the exterior walls. Steel beams will support a low pitched roof, 30 feet above ground level.

Started after the Fitzroy church, that at Waitara will also be blessed and opened this year, progress depending on weather conditions until the roofing is completed.

While the new St. Patrick's will replace Waitara's old Catholic Church, which has given many years of service, the new Church of Our Lady Help of Christians will be Fitzroy's first Catholic Church. Up till its opening, the combined church-school of St. John Bosco has served the parish.

TROOPS ALERTED AFTER I.R.A. RAID

LONDON, Monday. — Troops and police throughout Britain and Northern Ireland were on the alert tonight against the possibility of further raids by the Irish Republican Army.

In Britain, army camp commanders were told they could issue guards with live ammunition and give orders to shoot if I.R.A. men attacked, according to the Daily Sketch.

the floor of the camp's armoury guardroom.

Another gang is being hunted around the Northern Irish border town of Middleton, County Armagh, where police early today fought them off after a 20-minute siege of the police station.

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