

## Heritage Citation



### St Theresa and St Anthony's Parish Hall

#### Key details

<b>Also known as</b>	St Anthony's Convalescent Home
<b>Addresses</b>	At 66 Turner Road, Kedron, Queensland 4031
<b>Type of place</b>	Residence (singular), Hall
<b>Period</b>	Interwar 1919-1939
<b>Style</b>	California Bungalow
<b>Lot plan</b>	L1_RP26078; L2_RP26078; L3_RP26078; L4_RP26078
<b>Key dates</b>	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2003 Date of Citation — April 2011

<b>Construction</b>	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber
<b>People/associations</b>	Cavanagh and Cavanagh (Architect); D. Cleary (Builder)
<b>Criterion for listing</b>	(A) Historical; (G) Social; (H) Historical association

## History

The former presbytery of the Franciscan parish priest of the Little Flower Catholic Church of Kedron was opened on 23 August 1926. Its construction demonstrated the consolidation and strength of the early Catholic congregation of Kedron which had formed in 1923 as part of the Woolloowin parish. The formative Kedron parish had, in the preceding years of 1923 and 1924, built their 'Little Flower' church twice. The first timber church, designed by Cavanagh and Cavanagh, was destroyed by a cyclone in January 1924. The foundation stone of a replacement fine brick church was blessed and laid by Archbishop Duhig on 27 April 1924.

In June 1926 the parish priest, Father E. A. Stanaway applied to have contractors D. Cleary of Woolloowin, construct a new building on allotments 1 – 7 of portion 97 at an estimated cost of £2,500. Reporting its opening on 22 August 1926, the Brisbane Courier noted that the presbytery was an "appropriate addition" to the church. "In speaking of the substantial nature of the new building" Father Stanaway "said he had been guided by ... a body of sound businessmen" who advised him that a "shabby building" would be false economy. Designed by architects Cavanagh and Cavanagh, the building's cost of £1,560 was justified in terms of the future needs of the district and the strong construction required to withstand a cyclone. The addition of furniture etc would take the cost to £2,500. Monsignor Byrne, who officially opened the presbytery, noted that a beautiful convent and school was intended to be built nearby in the future.

The foundation stone of St Anthony's school was laid in 1929 and the presbytery which the Franciscan Fathers had been occupying was passed onto the Missionary Sisters of St Francis who were to run the adjacent St Anthony's School. When the sisters moved into 'Delamore' in 1939, the house became a convalescent home for World War II evacuees and was still a convalescent home in 1950. In 1958 the veranda was enclosed and the building converted to tenements. Since the early 1970s the building has been used as a parish hall.

## Statement of significance

### Relevant assessment criteria

This is a place of local heritage significance and meets one or more of the local heritage criteria under the Heritage planning scheme policy of the *Brisbane City Plan 2014*.

It is significant because:

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## Historical

### CRITERION A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history

as it demonstrates the increased urbanization of the Kedron district from the 1920s and the growth of the local Catholic parish.

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## Social

### CRITERION G

The place has a strong or special association with the life or work of a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons

as a building that was built as a presbytery and has remained an important part of a precinct of buildings for Catholic educational, spiritual and residential uses since the early twentieth century.

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## Historical association

### CRITERION H

The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organization of importance in the city's or local area's history

as a building that was built as a presbytery for the Franciscan Fathers and also used by the Franciscan Sisters and is part of a precinct of buildings used by the Franciscan Order for Catholic educational, spiritual and residential uses since the early twentieth century.

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## References

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