
Wooroolin Roman Catholic Church

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Local records are few but it is known that before the Church building was erected services were held in the home of Mr and Mrs M.J. Flynn. Correspondence beginning on the 7th of April 1913 showed there was a desire to build a church in concrete brick and investigations were made as to costs and requirements were pursued by letter sent to a Brisbane firm. This firm manufactured cement brick making machines. A request was made for the manager of the firm to come to Wooroolin for an interview with the building committee agreeing to offer to pay for the cost of train fares. This decision was made at a meeting of the Building Committee on 11 May 1913, and those present were Messrs. M.J. Flynn, M. Carmody, (unknown) McCarthy, J Noland, J.F. Flynn, P.M. Flynn, J. Cavanagh, and W.A. Wood – Secretary.

It is not known what changed the intention to build in concrete brick, but the building was eventually made of timber with a galvanised iron roof and was built at a cost of £285. The church was opened and dedicated by the late Archbishop James Duhig, then coadjutor to the Archbishop of Brisbane, on the 13th November 1913. The parish priest at the time was Father Masterton. Special trains were run from each side of Wooroolin to bring visitors to the function and still in evidence is a telegram from the local Member of the Legislative Assembly Mr Robert Hodge, tendering his apology for absence owing to previous engagements.

A special service was held in 1963 to mark the Golden Jubilee of the building.

Mr. William Carew attended the opening ceremony of the church at Wooroolin in 1913, his family and the Daltons and Meehans of Memerambi were among the early families that attended the church services at Wooroolin.

For many years there was a strong congregation attending regular services but gradually the number of families in the area decreased until only a few remained. As a consequence of this services were not held regularly. In 1972 the church was moved to Cherbourg.

A special service was held at the church for the "Back to Wooroolin" celebration in 1972.

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