

NEW CHURCH

BULIMBA CATHOLICS

FATHER CANALI MEMORIAL

Adjacent to the old Catholic Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Bulimba, a new building, somewhat similar in design to St. James's, Coorparoo, is being erected. It will be the new central church of the Bulimba parish, and will replace one of the oldest Catholic buildings of Brisbane. In the presence of a large number of parishioners Archbishop Duhig laid the foundation stone of the new church yesterday afternoon.

The ceremony that day, said his Grace, revived memories of the early beginnings of the Catholic religion in that locality. It also recalled names that were enshrined in the hearts of the parishioners there, and that would continue to be revered as long as the cross surmounted the institution which they helped to found.

One of those names—that of the late Father Joseph Augustine Canali—was being appropriately linked with the new building, which would be known as the "Father Canali Memorial Church." Father Canali served the congregation for many years in the wooden church close by, which had now practically outlived its usefulness as a place of worship.

Father Canali, however, was not the founder of the church, the movement for the building of which was placed in the hands of Rev. R. D. O'Shea, now of Allora, soon after his arrival from Ireland in the early 'nineties. Subsequently Very Rev. Dean W. Lee had a good deal to do with the church and the fostering of the faith in its first congregation.

The church which they were about to erect at Bulimba would be one of the finest architectural adornments of that district. It would command a fine view of one of the best reaches of the river, and would be much admired by visitors to the port.

His Grace warmly commended Father A. J. O'Keeffe, the parish priest, and his people for undertaking the work. Within the limits of the parish the church already had spent at least £40,000. The Sisters of the Good Samaritan, who had founded the great school and convent on Lourdes Hill, were responsible for the greater part of that expenditure. The venture had been fully justified, for to-day they had 80 resident and more than 100 day pupils at the secondary school, and the Sisters also carried on the large primary school within the parish.

Very Rev. Dean W. Lee, Rev. Father A. J. O'Keeffe, and Mr. A. H. Wright, M.L.A., also gave addresses.

The collection amounted to about £2500. This included 13 donations of £100 each.