

# St Patrick's Church, Akaroa

Catholic Diocese of Christchurch

## Restoring strength to a historic landmark

### Scope

Farrell Construction was engaged to strengthen and restore St Patrick's Church in Akaroa, a Heritage 1 listed building dating back to the 1870s. The 12-month project combined seismic strengthening with extensive foundation upgrades and a full internal and external refurbishment.

### Process

Working within heritage guidelines required close collaboration with architects and consultants at every stage. The project was delivered in three phases: first, re-levelling the building and replacing foundations and piles; second, installing structural strengthening including to the bell tower; and third, wrapping the building to complete the roof upgrade, façade repairs and detailed restoration work. Careful sequencing was critical to protect heritage features such as original windows, joinery and decorative details.

### Solution

The church was fully restored with new flooring, upgraded roof structure and cladding, repaired exterior walls, refurbished interiors and a complete repaint. The result is a structurally sound, revitalised landmark that retains its historic character while ensuring the church can serve the community for generations to come.

**Sector**  
Heritage

**Service**  
Main contractor:  
Structural  
strengthening and  
restoration

**Timeframe**  
12 months  
Completed 2020

**Consultants**  
Architect: DPA

