

# Our Lady of Victories Church, Christchurch

Christchurch Catholic Diocese

## Strengthening an architectural icon

### Scope

Farrell Construction undertook seismic strengthening and refurbishment of Our Lady of Victories Church, a Christchurch landmark that holds both architectural and cultural significance.

### Process

Works included asbestos removal, strengthening the roof structure and diaphragm, new roof cladding, external wall repairs, and a full internal refurbishment with repainting. The steep roof pitch created additional complexity, requiring precise sequencing to maintain weather-tightness while internal works progressed. Farrell's carpentry team carried out all structural and finishing works, ensuring quality and programme control.

### Solution

Delivered in 10 months, the project met programme, budget and quality expectations. The strengthened and refurbished church preserves the building's architectural character while ensuring it remains safe, functional and fit for the parish community well into the future.

### Sector

Community

### Service

Main contractor:  
Seismic  
strengthening and  
refurbishment

### Timeframe

10 months  
Complete 2022

### Consultants

Architect:  
Thomas & Associates  
Other consultants:  
Ruamoko, Opus

