New church packed for opening

There was standing room only at the Mass to celebrate the official opening of St Patrick's Church at Eltham Rd, Kaponga, on Saturday. The church seats 350, and these were all filled. There were also at least another 100 people standing in the church and in the foyer.

The foundation stone and church were blessed by Cardinal Delargey at 11 a.m. and after a Concelebratory Mass, the church was officially declared open. After the opening, there was a luncheon at the Kaponga Memorial Hall

The new parish church was first mooted in 1947, but it was only sixteen months ago that a plan for the new building was accepted by parishioners.