



Church of Saints Peter & Paul

225A Queen Street, Singapore 188551

The history of the Church of Saints Peter & Paul is closely linked with the emergence of the Chinese Catholic community in Singapore. Work on the Church of Saints Peter & Paul was started in 1869 by the Chinese Catholic Mission, which served a congregation of all the Chinese dialect groups and Indian Catholics. It was also a centre for many European missionaries to learn Chinese before travelling to other postings.

Sometime in the 1870s, Father Pierre Paris bestowed three bells to the church, which are still in use today. Father Galmel, who took over from Father Paris didn't speak Tamil, so another priest took charge of the Indian congregation, and this community later moved to the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes in Ophir Road. Church of Saints Peter & Paul then became an exclusively Chinese parish.

In 1910, the Cantonese and Hakka dialect groups left the Church of Saints Peter & Paul for the new Church of the Sacred Heart, and the Hokkien-speakers later left for Saint Teresa's Church.

A major renovation of the church was planned for its centenary year and in October 1969, renovations were completed in time for celebrations. The community in the parish of Saints Peter & Paul had declined by the 1980s when schools within its vicinity were relocated. Many parishioners later shifted to new churches in the various housing estates outside the centre of the city.

The Church of Saints Peter & Paul was gazetted as a national monument on 10th February 2003.

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Space Used: Adoration Room/Main Church Building

Exhibition Hours: 10am – 5.30pm daily. Sundays 12pm – 4pm

Nearest MRT Station: City Hall

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