

NEW CHURCH

The only Catholic church of its kind in New Zealand has just been completed at Fitzroy. Built at a cost of £24,000 it has a warm and cosy atmosphere, and a design which, though unconventional, is very pleasing to the eye. Into the building went German windows, an organ from Holland, marble from Italy, English lino and timber from Taranaki. It is the first building in Taranaki which employs Pyrotenax cable heating, the cable being buried in the concrete floor: there will of course be no cold feet in this church.

Above: The exterior of the church, which has an imposing front, that clearly shows the hexagonal shape.

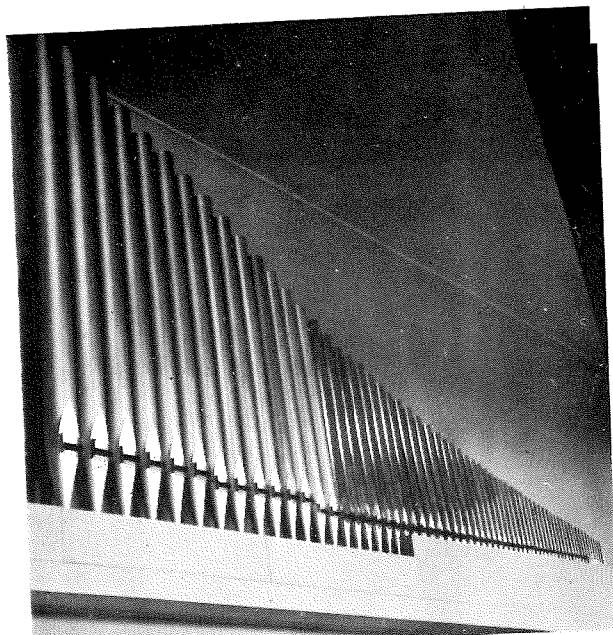
Left: An interior photograph which gives some idea of the seating converging on the altar steps. The seat ends are angled to conform to the design.

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The church interior appears warm and dignified, though ultra-modern in design.

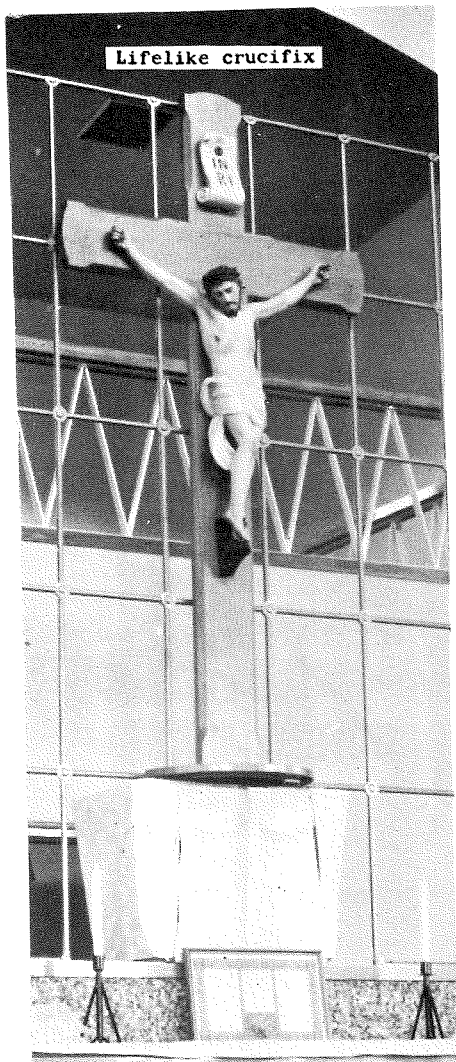
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DIGNIFIED FITTINGS



From deep bass to high treble



Most modern keyboard in New Zealand



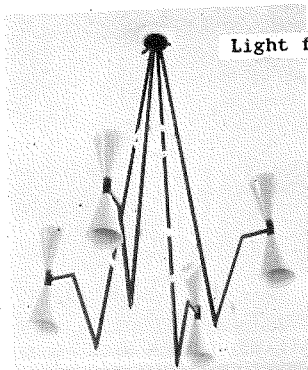
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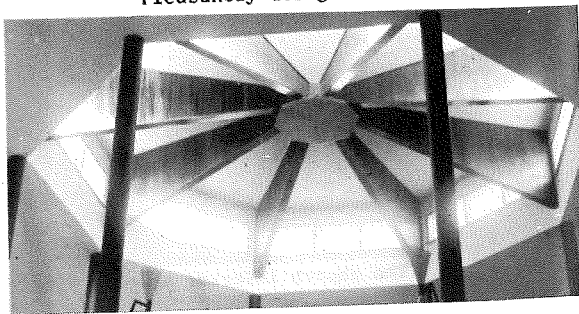
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Light fitting

Pleasantly designed skylight



New Church Blessed

After the dedication of Fitzroy's new Church of our Lady, Solemn Pontifical Benediction was celebrated by the Archbishop, the Most Rev. P. T. B. McKeefry.

Right: The group at the altar from left are, Rev. Father D.G. Bourke, the deacon, Rev. Father J. Austin of New Plymouth, Archbishop McKeefry, and the sub-deacon, Rev. Father J. Ryan, of Waitara, with two of the acolytes.

Below: A congregation of nearly 1200 people came from far and wide to attend the official blessing of the building. The picture shows part of the gathering listening to the speeches.

