

# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

National Trust Conservation Appeal

April 2026



# Introduction



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## Message from Fr. Michael Grace

“St Agatha’s parish was established in 1918. The Presbytery and Church were built in 1925 and we just last year celebrated our centenary. Both the Church and Presbytery are beautiful buildings and heritage listed. The Church building and grounds require ongoing maintenance and investment to both conserve their unique heritage and ensure they meet modern day safety standards. The parish therefore has a number of important bodies of work planned for the church and its grounds for 2026 and early 2027.

The parish and wider community have responded very generously to past appeals for funding and I am confident of a similar response in 2026. I appreciate that appeals during challenging economic times are an ‘ask’ on everyone but I am confident that together we can raise the requisite funds and get the job done to ensure St Agatha’s Church and the parish is well positioned for the future.

I commend the appeal to you and look forward to your whole-hearted and generous support.”

  
Fr. Michael Grace

# The Appeal

- Both the Church and Presbytery buildings are listed on the Heritage Register of the Brisbane City Council for their local heritage and cultural significance.
- The Parish, in association with the National Trust of Queensland, has established an Appeal to raise funds for restoration and building maintenance of the heritage listed Church buildings and grounds.
- Donations to this Appeal will be **Tax Deductible**
  - Scope of proposed works has been reviewed and approved by the National Trust
  - Donations tax deductible for donors at their marginal tax rate.



# Funding Requirement in 2026/2027



	<b>Est. Cost</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<b>1. Removal of non-compliant ramp/replaced with extended garden and paved meeting area.</b>	\$160,000	H1 2026
<b>2. Replacement of church sound system*</b>	\$70,000	H1 2026
<b>3. Replacement of non-compliant lighting &amp; associated electrical re-wiring</b>	\$300,000	Q4 2026 / Q1 2027
<b>Total Funding Required</b>	c. \$530,000	

- The above are 3 major planned projects for the next 12 months
- Other National Trust eligible spending is planned for 2027

\* TBD if this project will be approved as National Trust eligible. If not, will be funded by existing cash resources.

# How to Donate?

Tax-deductible donations can be made as follows:

- **Via the National Trust Website** (selecting St. Agatha's Clayfield). Further details on the St. Agatha's Parish website

<https://motherofmercy-stagathas.org.au/st-agathas-donate/>

**OR**

- **Direct to St. Agatha's National Trust Appeal bank account** – details below
  - BSB 034-604
  - Account No. 469139
  - Ref Code: 0660-013 and SURNAME
  - Account Name: National Trust of Australia QLD Limited – NTAQ Heritage Appeal
  - Currency: AUD
  - Swift Code: WPACAU25

**OR**

- **Made by cheque**
  - Please make cheques payable to “National Trust St. Agathas” and send to: St. Agatha's Parish Clayfield,  
9 Bowman Street, Hendra Qld 4011.

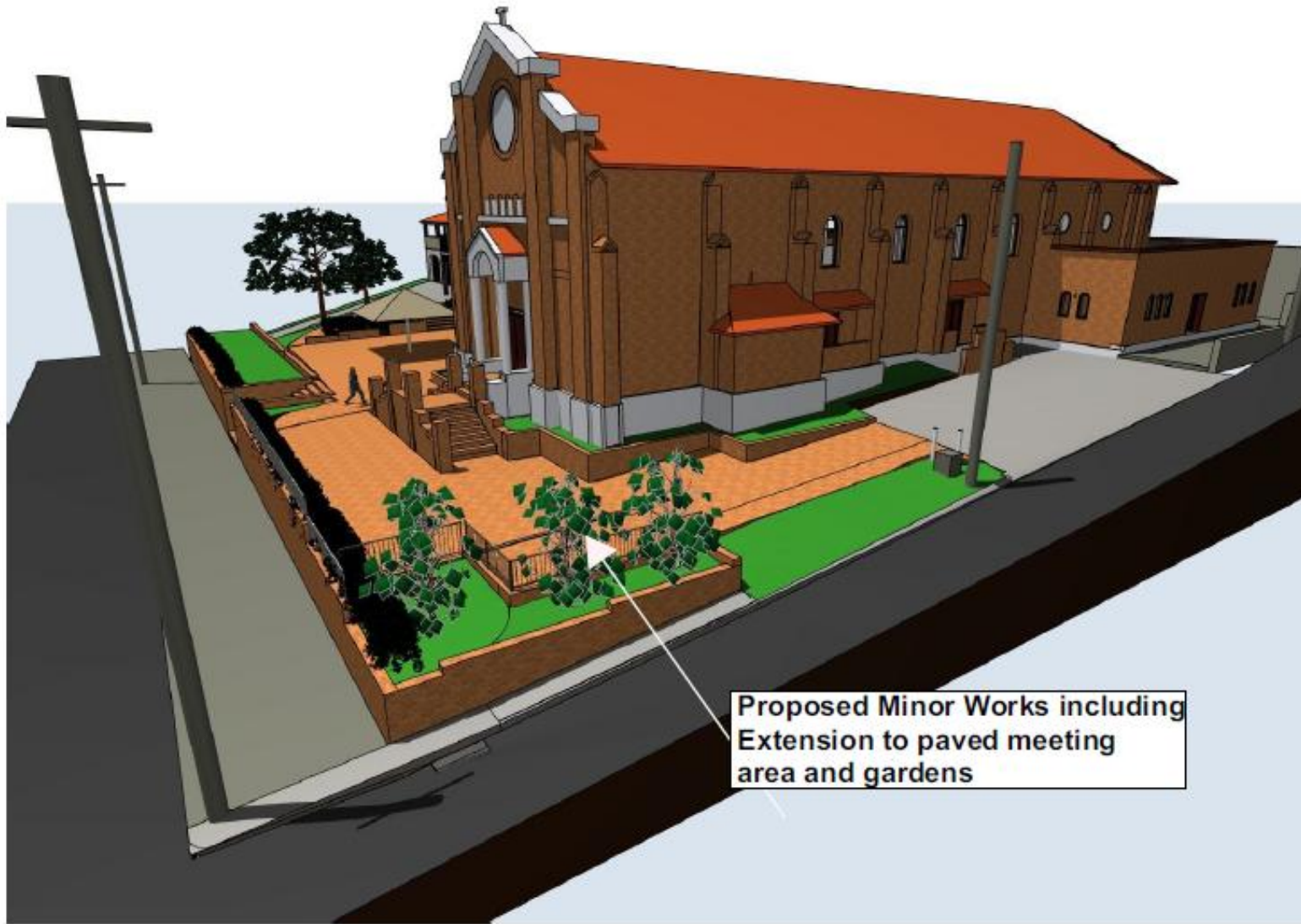
Any questions, please contact the Parish on details below:

- Email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au
- Phone: 07 3268 3040

# Appendix 1

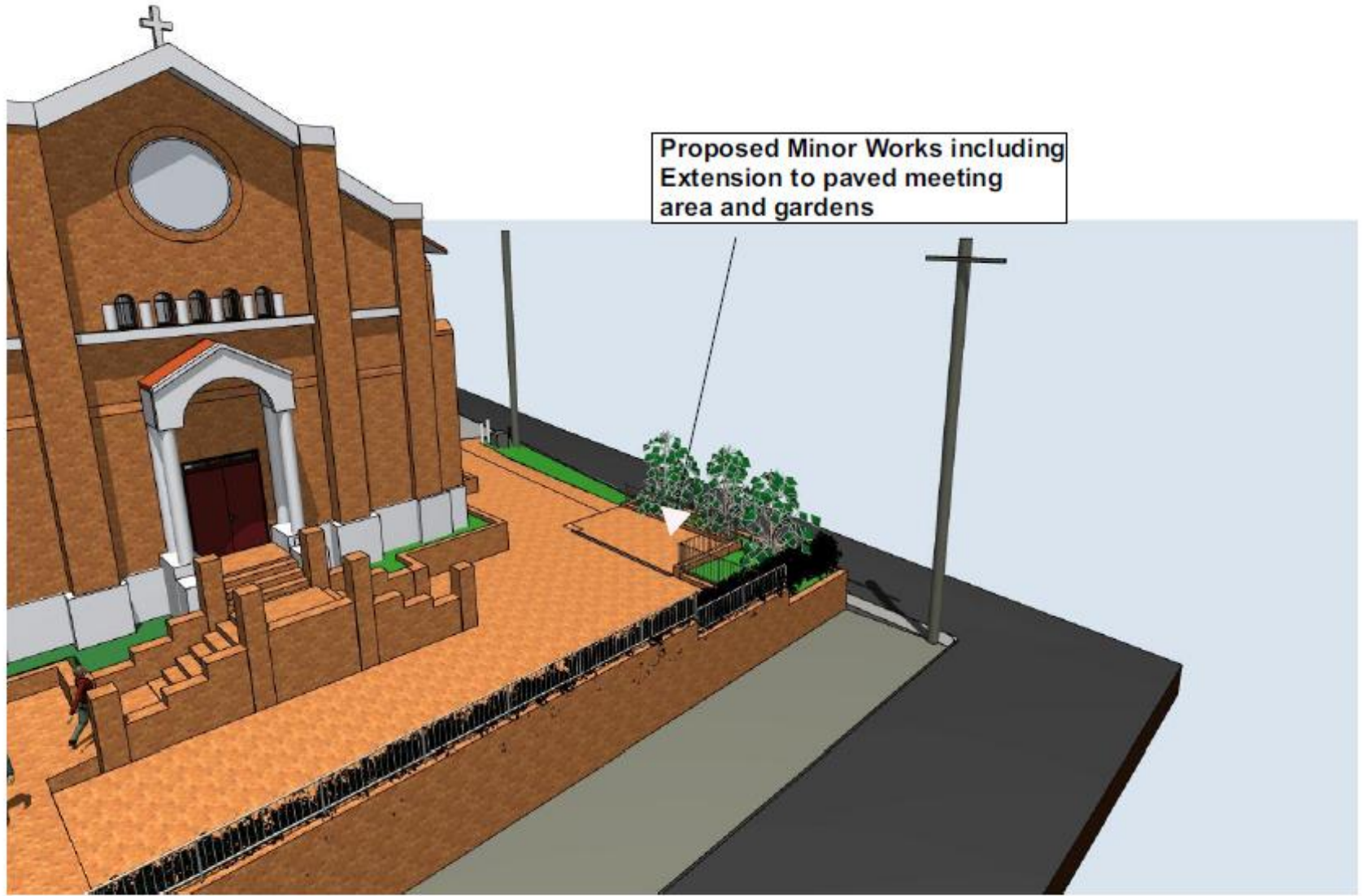
Illustration of RAMP removal and  
landscape gardens and extended  
paved area





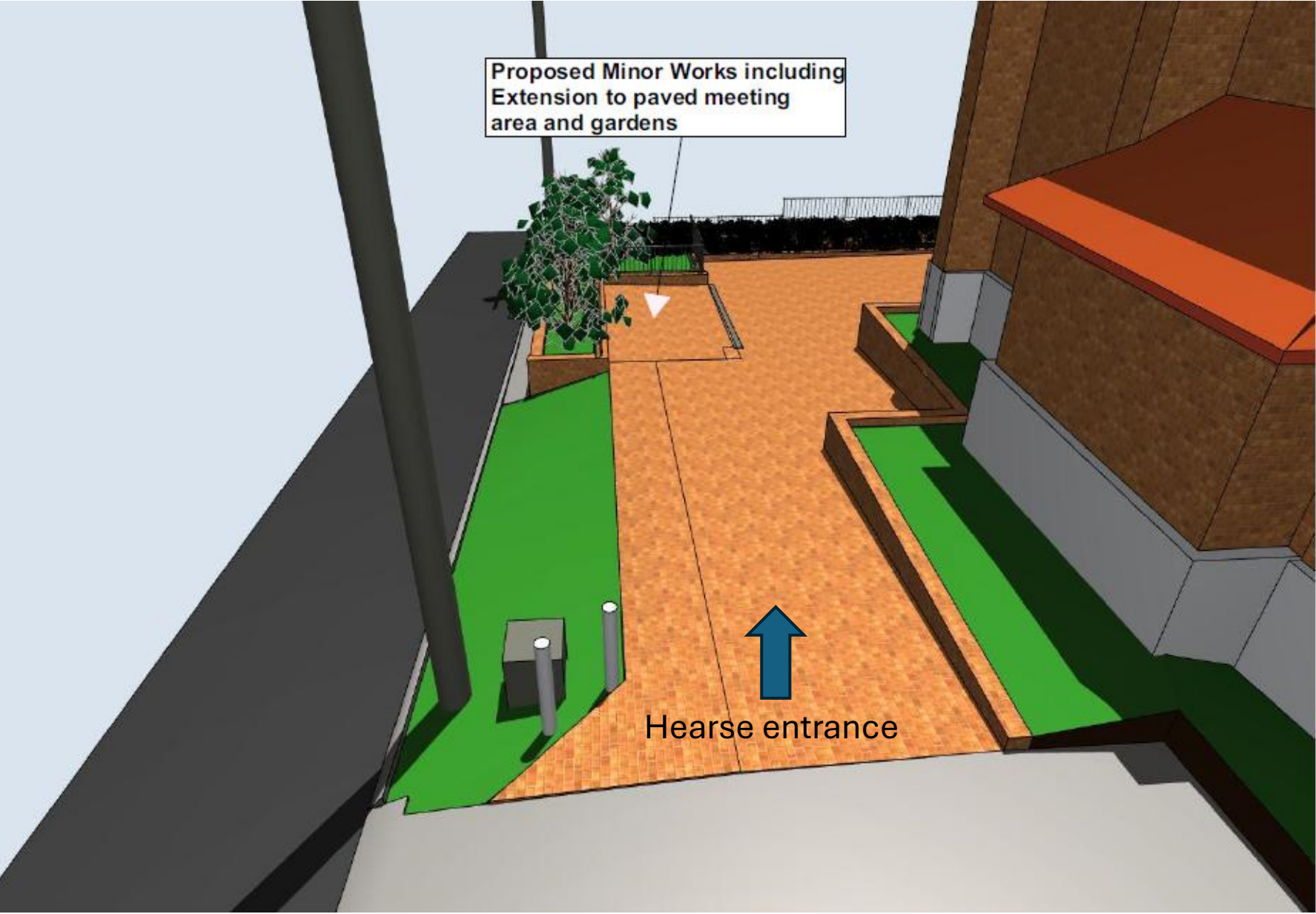
Proposed Minor Works including  
Extension to paved meeting  
area and gardens

**VIEW A**



Proposed Minor Works including  
Extension to paved meeting  
area and gardens

**VIEW B**



Proposed Minor Works including  
Extension to paved meeting  
area and gardens

Hearse entrance

**VIEW C**

# Appendix 2 – Church Sound System

- Replacement of existing failing audio sound system with improved system.
- A functioning and effective audio system is central to the character of the church and to ensure inclusiveness for all parishioners
- Planned addition of improved hearing-assistive technologies
- Works beginning in H2 2026.
- Still under discussion whether eligible for National Trust funding but works will progress in any case

<u>Estimated Cost</u>	
Audit Control System	\$12,848
Column Array Speakers	\$26,301
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$39,149</b>
 <u>Extras</u>	
Bluetooth Capability	\$726
TV monitor view	\$3,029
Touch Screen Control	\$2563
Hearing Augmentation	\$8,305
Total Audio System & Enhancements	\$53,772
 Building Works	 \$10,502
Project Buffer (approx. 10%)	\$5,726
<b>Expected Total Cost</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>

# Appendix 3 – Light Restoration & Re-wiring



- Light restoration in the Church – re-wiring of non-compliant lighting, related electrical wiring and the replacement of pendant light fittings.
- The project will include 4 stages in compliance with National Trust requirements:
  - Discovery
  - Design
  - Documentation
  - Delivery
- Total cost expected to be considerable at c. \$300,000