

St. Paul's Church

Norwood, Ontario

The corner stone of the present St. Paul's Church, Norwood, Ontario, was laid on August 6, 1869. At this time, Norwood was a mission of the parish of Hastings, and belonged to the Diocese of Kingston. The parish priest of Hastings was Rev. John Quirk, and Bishop Horan of Kingston laid the corner stone.

In January, 1974, the Vicariate Apostolic of Peterborough was cut off the diocese of Kingston, and Norwood became part of it. On July 11, 1882, the Vicariate Apostolic of Peterborough became the diocese of Peterborough.

In 1888, the mission of Norwood became the parish of Norwood, the present house was built and Rev. Patrick Conway became the first resident parish priest. The following is the list of parish priests:

1888 Rev. Patrick Conway
1910 Rev. Patrick J. Kelly
1914 Rev. P.J. Galvin
1916 Rev. J.J. McCarthy
1938 Rev. C.J. Carroll
1957 Rev. J.S. Collins
1962 Rev. J.C. Moloney
1967 Rev. J.F. Houlihan
1971 *Rev. Kay.*

In the time of Rev. J.C. Carroll, the church was re-decorated, a new altar was installed, as in Photo #1.

In the fall of 1967, the church was repainted, new lighting fixtures installed, and the sanctuary redesigned to correspond to the directives of Vatican II to permit Mass facing the people.

Photo 1 - parish
Photo 11 - Mrs. Agnes Coughlin
Photo 111 - Mrs. Richard Coughlin.