

HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN PORT PERRY MRS. SAM NAPLES

In Uxbridge the Sacred Heart Church was established in the year 1865 with Rev. Father Kainan the first Pastor. Port Perry was and still is a Mission church. Records previous to 1876 are preserved in the Parish Register of Brock in Beaverton. The first Mission in Port Perry was built of wood on the site by the old cemetery on Borellia Hill in the year 1870, and named St. John.

The second Mission was called The Immaculate Conception (the church formerly belonged to the Methodists) situated at the corner of John and Cassimir Sts. The first services were held in the year 1886 with Father Allain as the Pastor

In July 1915 the Catholic Church was struck by lightning destroying the steeple and the cross. Mass was solemnized in the homes for sometime after this incident.

The Catholic cemetery was closed in 1954 and burial is now in Uxbridge.

The third mission was built on highway 7a (Scugog St.) in the year 1967 with Father Adrian Leegas Pastor. The old mission is now used as a church community centre. The Official Opening is on another page.

NAMES OF THE FIRST FAMILIES

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- Mr. & Mrs. Tom Dewey -- Mrs. Leonard Leahy' parents
- Mr. & Mrs. William Bowles
- Mr. & Mrs. William Harrison
- Mr. & Mrs. John Cassidy
- Mr. & Mrs. Tom Druin
- Mr. & Mrs. John Burke
- Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Whitfield -- Frank Whitfield's parents
- Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bowles
- Mr. & Mrs. Jack Lawlor
- Mr. & Mrs. William O'Brien
- Mr. & Mrs. Wilkinson
- Mr. & Mrs. Barney O'Brien
- Mr. & Mrs. O' Hara
- Mr. & Mrs. Oleary
- Mr. & Mrs. John McGlyn
- Mr. & Mrs. Jack Whitfield
- Mrs. Ashton - Bill Bowles' sister
- Mr. & Mrs. Angus Doucett
- Mr. & Mrs. Tom Conlin

NAMES OF THE PASTORS

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- Rev. Kainan 1876
- Rev. Finain 1876
- Rev. McEwter 1877
- Rev. O'Reilly 1877 *Rev. P. McCall*
- Rev. Egan 1881
- Rev. Allain 1886
- Rev. Keane 1886 P.J.
- Rev. Desmond 1894
- Rev. McSpillane 1894
- Rev. Lynett 1895
- Rev. Omally 1896-1900
- Rev. Richardson 1901-1913
- Rev. Canticllon 1915
- Rev. O'Neill 1915-1918
- Rev. E. Keane 1918
- Rev. E.P. Woods 1931
- Rev. P. Coffey 1939
- Rev. F. O'Reilly 1945
- Rev. W.J. Murphy 1948
- Rev. McGuivney 1949
- Rev. J. Kasken SCJ 195 Dutch Priest
- Rev. Shoemaker SCJ 1952
- Rev. John Van Zeltzs SCJ 1955
- Father Lee SCJ 1966- at present 1971