

1830 - 1900

1835 Three members of the Institute of Charity arrive in England.

1847 Members of the Institute of Charity arrive at St. Mary's Newport.

1854 Institute of Charity sent to Cardiff by Antonio Rosmini at the request of Bishop Brown.

1855 Death of Antonio Rosmini.

1858 Site secured off Plwcca Lane (City Road) on a 999 year lease.

1860 The Foundation Stone of the Church was laid on 20th August by Fr. Laurentio Gastaldi.



The Church was designed by Charles Hanson of Bristol, the Builder was John Webb and Son of Birmingham.

Note: Charles Hanson's original concept (shown left) was with Tower and Spire.

1859-1862 Fr. Laurence Gastaldi was the first Rector of the Cardiff Mission



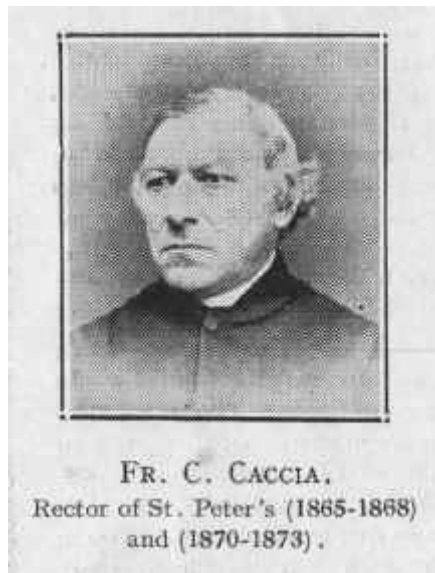
Fr Costa, Fr. Clarke & Dr. Gastaldi were the Rosminian Priests then working in Cardiff.



1861 The Church was opened by Bishop Brown September 24th.

The view below shows the Church circa 1870 - note that the Tower, Presbytery and Dormer Windows are missing.





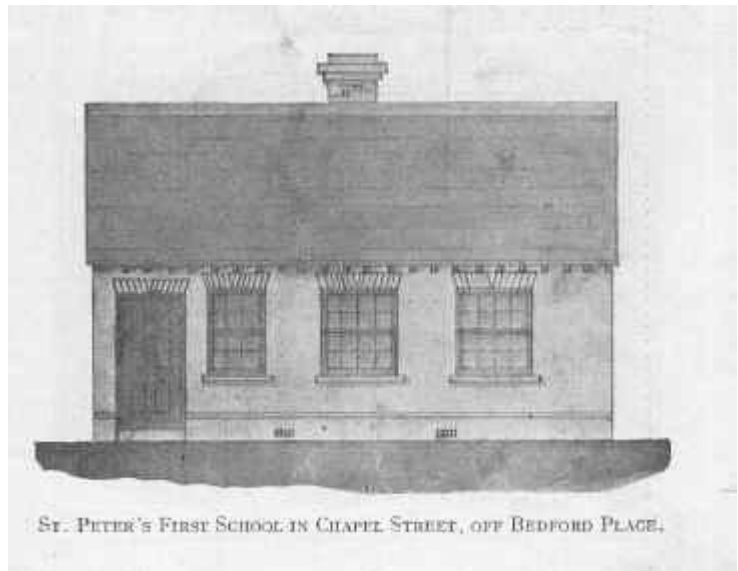
1865 Fr. Caccia as Rector

1865 Pulpit donated by Fidele Primaves and designed by Charles Hanson installed.



1865-1873 Fr. F. Signini as Rector.

1868 First St. Peter's School opened on January 14th in a disused Wesleyan Hall in Chapel St. (No.4 Bedford Place)



1869 The Marquis of Bute, young Catholic convert arrives in Cardiff.

Internal view of St. Peter's circa 1870 - note the missing Rood Screen - no Stained Glass windows - little light into the ceiling area (later to benefit from the 6 Dormer Windows installed in 1923).



1871 Contract signed in September for the building of St. Peter's School. Foundations were laid in October of the same year.

1871 Work started on the building of Sacristy, Cloister and Presbytery.

1872 St. Peter's School opened August 5th as a mixed School.

1872 1st Rood Screen, Sanctuary, High Altar designed by Bernard Whelan of London. Tabernacle made by James Begg (A parishioner)



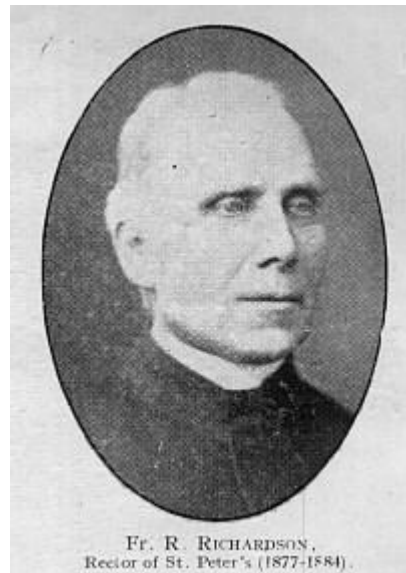
1873 Presbytery built by James of Cardiff.

1873 - 1874 Fr. W. Lockhart Parish Priest





1874 - 1877 Fr. S. Bruno Parish Priest



1877-1885 Fr. R. Richardson Parish Priest

1878 Sisters of Providence came to Heathfield House.

1879 Fr. Richardson built and opened the Guildhall next to St. Peter's Infant School.

1882 Stained Glass in the Sanctuary added by Meyer of Munich. Each window cost £160.00 (Donated by Bute, Fidele Primavesi & Parishioners).

1883 Tower of St. Peter's completed by Lord Bute.

1884 Catholic Community of Cardiff divided into Parishes.

1884 Peal of 8 bells weighing 5 tons and bearing the names of saints (Donated by Bute) was solemnly blessed by Bishop Hedley.

1885-1887 Fr. Maguire Parish Priest

1887-1899 Fr. John Hayde Parish Priest:



1890 - 1891 New Organ and Gallery erected in memory of Fortunatus Signini and solemnly blessed by Bishop Hedley. The old organ moved to Lady Chapel.



1892-1893 Lady Chapel redesigned.

1897-1898 2nd Rood Screen built (gift of Lord Bute).

The picture shows the interior of the Church circa 1920 but the splendour and size of the Rood Screen can be clearly seen.



1899-1901 Fr. Geo Cormack Parish Priest

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