Stained Glass Window at Parkville Trinity College Anglican Chapel



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Location

Royal Parade, Parkville, MELBOURNE CITY

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

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Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Heritage Vic War Heritage Inventory - Stained Glass Memorial Windows Study, Bronwyn

Study/Consultant Hughes, 2013;

Architect/Designer Montgomery, William,

Hermes Number 197031

Property Number

Memorial Window References & Damp; Acknowledgements

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Memorial Window Subject

St. Alban

Memorial Window Text

Sanctus Albanus

Memorial Window Inscription

In Mem: Capt. Osborne O'Hara

Memorial Window Description & Earny; History

Captain Osborne O'Hara was the first former student of Trinity College to be a casualty of the First World War: he died on 13 February 1915. It was also the first order that stained glass artist William Montgomery (1850-1927) received for a soldier memorial although it was not the first to be installed. On 16 April 1915, Montgomery wrote in a reply to a letter from Trinity's Warden, Dr. Alexander Leeper, 'I shall be very pleased to make a sketch for window under the conditions mentioned in your letter of 15th inst. If you do not mind I should prefer the St. Alban, & will, unless you wish otherwise, make him the subject of window'. The window depicting Britain's first protomartyr was intended to be part of a comprehensive and appropriate cycle of window subjects that Montgomery promised to forward 'in the next week or so' for the Horsfall Chapel. An invoice for £56.7.0 was issued to the donor, Dr. O'Hara, on 27 September 1916 and paid in full by cheque on 3 October.

Osborne O'Hara was born in 1886, son of Dr. Henry Michael O'Hara of Melbourne and his second wife, Isabella Jane Osborne (d. 1887). He was a 2nd Lieutenant in Princess Victoria's (Royal Irish Fusiliers) Regiment in 1907 and became Lieutenant on 26 March 1913. He was killed in action on 13 February 1915 and is honoured on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium.

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