



**SACRED HEART
BASILICA,
TIMARU**

**SOUTH AFRICAN WAR
(ANGLO – BOER WAR)
1899 – 1902
ROLL OF HONOUR**



	NAME	FORCE No.	RANK	UNIT	WHERE WOUNDED / KILLED / DIED	WHERE BURIED / COMMEMORATED	DATE	AGE
1	BYRNE , William Joseph (born 29/5/1876) (His brother also served in the ABW)	203	Corporal (Sergeant on Canterbury Memorial)	1 st Contingent, New Zealand Mounted Rifles	Served with the Otago Hussars; killed in action; hit by a shell in the head at Klip Riviersberg, Olifants Vlei, Orange Free State, South Africa. (one day short of his 24 th birthday)	Mac Cauvlei Cemetery, Free State, South Africa. (also on Timaru & Canterbury SAW Memorial, Victoria Square, Christchurch, New Zealand)	28/05/1900	23
2	CLARKE , Daniel (born 28/10/1883) (from Geraldine)	1617	Trooper	5 th Contingent, New Zealand Mounted Rifles	Killed in action at Wessels farm, near Klerksdorp, Western Transvaal. Initially buried at Coalmine Drift near Kerksdorp; exhumed & reburied after the war.	Klerksdorp Cemetery, North West Province, South Africa (gravestone appears to be lost) (also on Canterbury SAW Memorial, Victoria Square, Christchurch & Timaru, Temuka & Oamaru SAW Memorials)	14/01/1901	17

SACRED HEART BASILICA, TIMARU

The Sacred Heart Basilica or Timaru Basilica, as it is popularly known because of its style of architecture, is a Catholic church in Timaru, New Zealand. It was designed by the prominent New Zealand architect, Francis Petre and is one of his most celebrated works. Its great size and beauty make it one of the most important historic buildings of Timaru and of the South Canterbury region. The Basilica's twin towers and copper cupola are highly visible features of the Timaru skyline, especially from the south.

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart is the third church built on the Craigie Avenue property. A wooden chapel was opened on 25 October 1874, and was replaced three years later by a larger church. Increasing numbers of parishioners dictated the need for a further, and even larger building.

The foundation stone was laid by Bishop Grimes, assisted by Bishop Verdon of Dunedin on 6 February 1910. It was timely that the church was completed in 1911. The wooden church had burnt down in 1910 and Mass had been offered in the boys' school until the Basilica was ready. The building cost £23,000 and was practically completed and paid for by the time of the opening and consecration, on Rosary Sunday, 1 October 1911.

At the head of the nave is the internal dome, supported by Ionic columns, and buttressed by external walls. It rises to a height of 21.33 metres (70 feet) from the floor. The internal dome is one of the main artistic features, and over this dome rests the central tower out of which rises the coppered cupola (the external dome) of the church. The cupola rises to a height of 35 metres (115 feet) and is in square tower-like fashion. Two small domes surmount the towers that flank the façade and there is another internal dome above the sanctuary centering the apse of the basilica.

The Basilica has 26 stained glass windows. Eight of those windows are high above in the apse; each approximately 200 cm x 95 cm. which were ordered from John Hardman & Co., Birmingham, England for a total cost of £240. The windows on the north side were manufactured by F.X. Zettler in Munich Germany. The donors of the windows are named on marble tablets at the head of the nave and throughout the Basilica.

Although Geraldine has a WWI & WWII Memorial, it does not appear to have a South African War Memorial. Possible names for such a memorial would be:

- **CLARKE, Daniel**
- Mc KAY, Daniel &
- MONAHAN, William Gibb.

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BYRNE, William Joseph

BRITISH ANGLO – BOER MEMORIAL
MacCauvlei Cemetery,
Free State, South Africa.



NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED RIFLES
LT. MCKEIGH R. 4-6-01
CPL BYRNE W. 28-5-00
TPR MCINTYRE P. 20-8-00



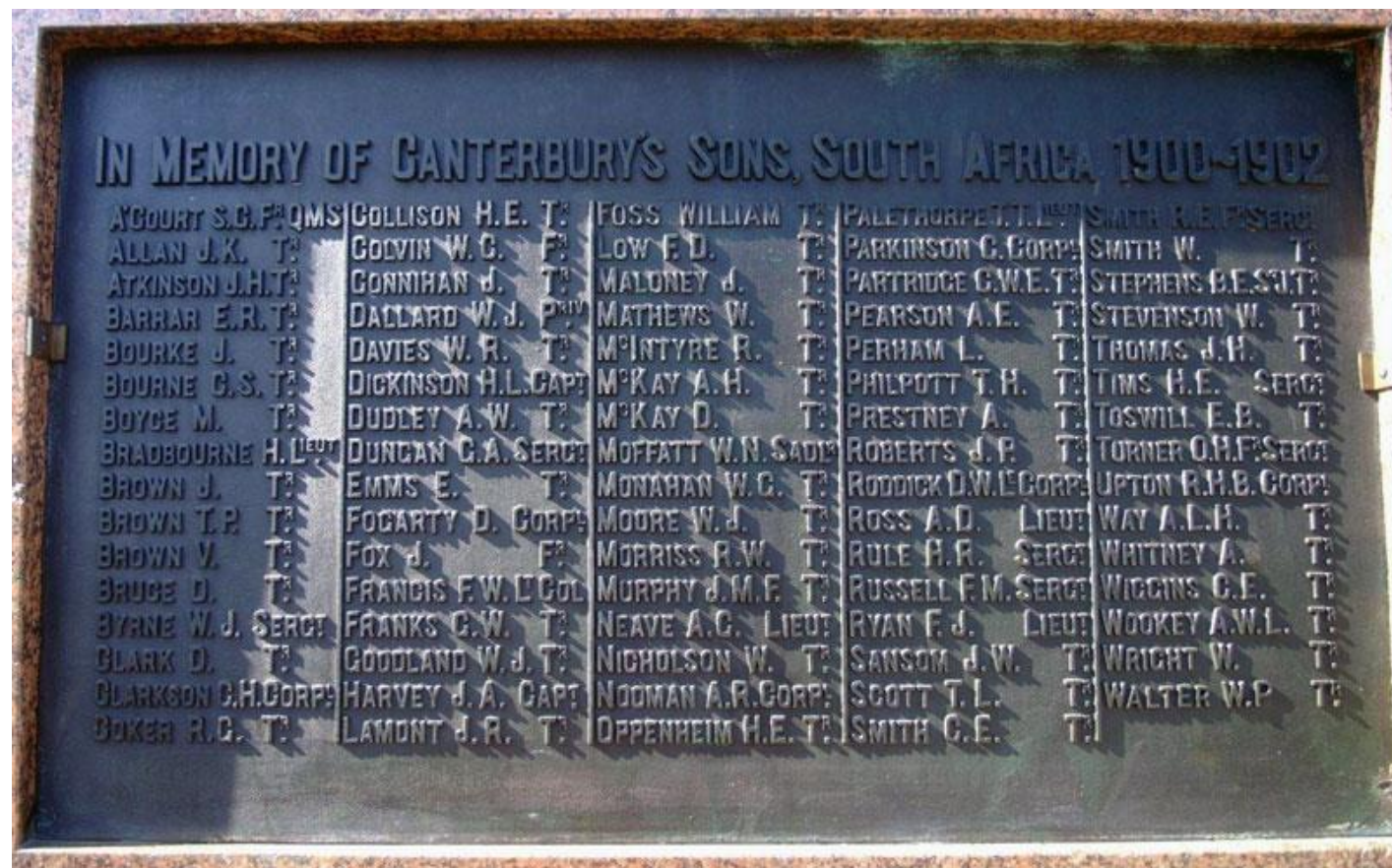
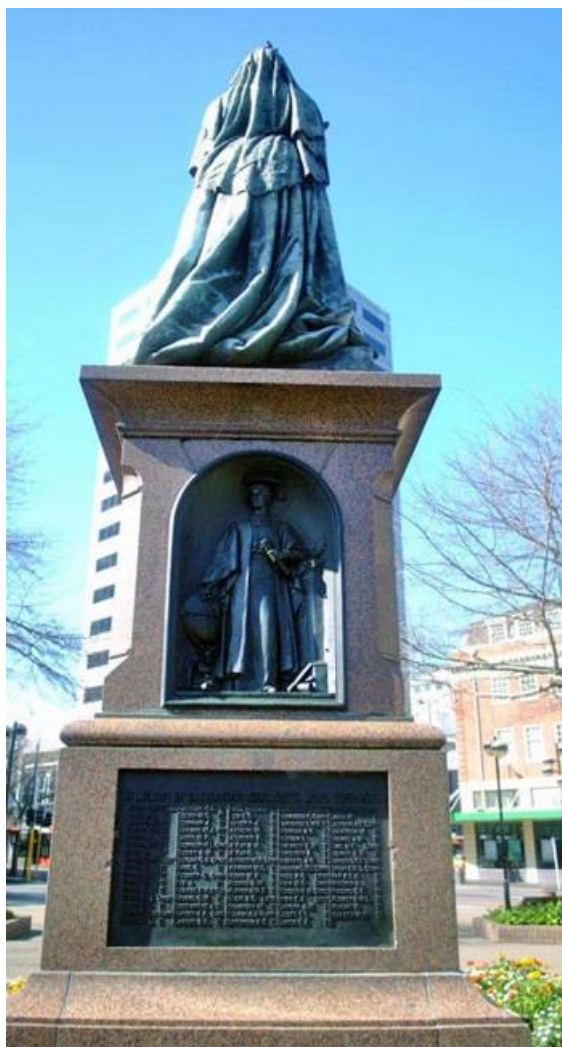
Mac CAUVLEI CEMETERY,
Free State, South Africa.

BYRNE, William Joseph



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Free State, South Africa.

BYRNE, William Joseph



CANTERBURY ANGLO – BOER WAR MEMORIAL,
Victoria Square,
Christchurch

BYRNE, William Joseph
CLARKE, Daniel



KLERKSDORP CEMETERY

(British ABW graves)
North West Province,
South Africa.

CLARKE, Daniel

(gravestone/ cross appears to be lost)



TEMUKA SOUTH AFRICAN WAR MEMORIAL GATES (CLARKE, Daniel)

The Temuka South African (Boer) War memorial comprises the formal entry gates to the Temuka Domain and Public Gardens. The memorial comprises four gate posts and substantial wrought iron gates including two walking access gates and a carriage width gate, plus a 'ticket box'. The gates are a part of the whole front wall of the Domain, and the whole was fabricated from Timaru bluestone by the mason H.B. Hall. Four engraved white marble tablets record the names, dates and place of the death of four local men who fought in the South Africa War

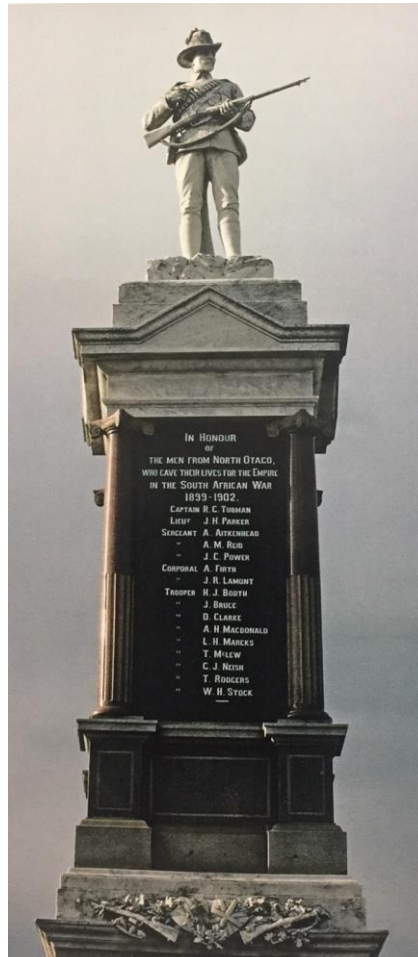
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**TEMUKA SOUTH AFRICAN WAR
MEMORIAL GATES**

CLARKE, Daniel



**OAMARA SOUTH AFRICAN
WAR MEMORIAL**

CLARKE, Daniel



**OAMARA SOUTH AFRICAN WAR MEMORIAL
Roll of Honour**

CLARKE, Daniel



**TIMARU SOUTH AFRICAN WAR
MEMORIAL**



TIMARU SOUTH AFRICAN WAR MEMORIAL

BYRNE, William Joseph
CLARKE, Daniel



**TIMARU SOUTH AFRICAN WAR
MEMORIAL**



TIMARU EVENING POST, 24 November 1913, Page 9

*“Timaru, 23rd November. A beautiful memorial window in the Roman Catholic Church was dedicated this afternoon to the memory of **Sergeant William Byrne**, the first local man to lose his life in the Boer war. The subject is the baptism in the Jordan. A procession of ex-contingenters and other military attended at the morning service. At the morning service eight other windows, scriptural subjects, decorating the chancel, the gifts of different individuals and parties, were dedicated.”*

There is conflicting information as to name of William Byrne’s brother who served in the South African War. Two possibilities:
(almost certainly the same person)

Daniel Joseph Byrne (# 2347)
or
Dudley Alexander Byrne (#2347 & WWI #13386)



**SACRED HEART BASILICA,
TIMARU**

*'Greater love no one has,
than when they lay down their
lives for their friends.'
John 15,13*

ROLL OF HONOUR

**South African War
1899 — 1902**

Cpl	William J Byrne
Pte	Daniel Clarke

**1st World War
1914 — 1918**

Pte	James Anderson
Pte	John Anderson
Rfm	Timothy J Breen
Pte	Michael J Collins
Pte	William J Collins
Pte	John P Cox
Gnr	Edward J Dennehy
Pte	Thomas F Dennehy
Pte	Andrew J Dick
Pte	John L Fitzgerald
Pte	Robert Fitzgerald
Pte	Patrick G Fitzgerald
Pte	William M Gray
Tpr	Thomas R Kennedy
Pte	Arthur W King
Pte	Michael Kirby
Pte	Henry F Kirk MM
Rfm	Humphrey W Lane
L/Cpl	Gordon R Mahoney
Capt	Leslie G O'Callaghan
2 Lt	Denis J O'Connor
Pte	James O'Connor
Pte	Paul J O'Connor
Pte	Cornelius O'Shea
Pte	Daniel O'Shea
Rfm	Charles Scannell
Pte	Michael J Scannell
Pte	John M Sheehan
Pte	Michael A Spring
Rfm	John Sullivan
Pte	James Sullivan
Pte	John C Wade
Pte	William A Wall
L/Cpl	James P Wederell

**WWI
ROLL OF HONOUR**

**2nd World War
1939 — 1945**

Brig	Patrick A Ardagh CBE, DSO, MC, MID
F/O	Michael J Berry
Fl/Sgt	Michael W Cosgrove
W/O	Frederick W Climo
Dvr	Gerald D Cox
F/O	Francis T Culling-Mannix
Lt	Thomas W Daly
L/Cpl	Francis P Duffy
Lt	Guy P Gifford
Cpl	Leslie Gollan
2 Lt	Colin D Griffiths
Pte	Karl W Hall
Cpl	Laurence E Hayhurst
Fl/Lt	Eugene J Hetherington
Pte	Norman E Joyce
Pte	Phillip J Kent
P/O	Denis P Kyne
Sgt/P	James H McClafferty
Pte	Alexander F McCormick
L/Cpl	Allen J Rennie
L/Sgt	Patrick L Scannell
Dvr	Maurice C Seaman
Cpl	Douglas P Shea
Pte	Francis B Sloan
Pte	P Sullivan
Sgt	Brian J Walsh
Cpl	William P Walsh
F/O	Denis R Wilkes

*'At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
we will remember them.'*

**WWII
ROLL OF HONOUR**