



## TASMANIAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES NOT FOR SALE

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No Catholic churches in Tasmania are for sale. The tradition of the Church has always been one of reluctance to sell churches because they are consecrated buildings of spiritual importance.

Archbishop Julian Porteous has publicly confirmed on more than one occasion, the support of the Catholic Church in Australia for the establishment of a national redress scheme to be available to those who suffered abuse. The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hobart is making provision for any potential demand on it for compensation arising from the proposed Redress Scheme. Archbishop Porteous has advocated the Tasmanian Government sign up as a participant of the national Scheme, with which the Archdiocese of Hobart will fully cooperate.

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