

## St Joseph & St Francis Xavier, Richmond

*Newbiggin, Richmond, DL10 4DT*



### **Part 1: Core data**

1.1 Listed grade: *II*

1.2 Conservation area: *Yes*

1.2 Architect: *George Goldie*

1.4 Date(s): *1867-8*

1.5 Date of visit: *5 February 2008*

1.6 Name of report author: *Neil Burton*

1.7 Name of parish priest and/or contact(s) made on site: *Unaccompanied*

1.8 Associated buildings: *former school and priests' house*

1.9 Bibliographic references:

Carson, R.: *A History of Diocese of Middlesbrough*, 1978

Pevsner, N.: *Yorkshire: The North Riding*, 1966

Wyman, Sr. Clare: *A History of the Catholic Mission at Richmond*, 1992

Parish website: [www.stjosephsfx.co.uk](http://www.stjosephsfx.co.uk)

## **Part 2: Analysis**

### **2.1 Statement of Importance**

*A handsome, large mid-19<sup>th</sup> century Gothic church by a Yorkshire architect with an established London practice. Despite some reordering, the character of the interior is well-preserved.*

### **2.2 Historical background**

The Jesuits established a mission at Richmond in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century. In 1809 the Scrope family built a chapel in Newbiggin on the site of the present church, which was served at first by Benedictines and from 1814 by Jesuits. The original church was extended in the 1850s and then completely rebuilt in the late 1860s under the direction of Fr William Strickland. The foundation stone was laid on August 13 1867 and Bishop Cornthwaite of Beverley opened the completed church on 28 July 1868. Fr Strickland also built a new presbytery adjoining the church, a new boys' school behind it, and some cottages. The cost of all these works put the parish into debt for many years, which was not finally discharged until the 1890s. When the Jesuits were reorganised in 1961 the care of the parish was transferred to the Middlesbrough Diocese and the large presbytery, built for the accommodation of several priests, passed into secular use.

### **2.3 Setting**

The church fronts Newbiggin, one of the old streets of Richmond. It is a prominent landmark in the local conservation area.

### **2.4 Description of the building and its principal fittings and furnishings**

The building is fully described in the list entry, below.

The organ was installed in about 1894, at a cost of £360.

### **2.5 List description:**

#### **Building Details:      Details:**

<b>Building Name:</b>	<b>LBS Number:</b> 439831
ST JOSEPH AND	<b>Grade:</b> II
ST FRANCIS	<b>Date Listed:</b> 19/01/1993
XAVIER	<b>Date of Last Amendment:</b> 19/01/1993
CATHOLIC	<b>NGR:</b> NZ1682500986
CHURCH	
<b>Parish:</b>	
RICHMOND	
<b>District:</b>	
RICHMONDSHIRE	
<b>County:</b> NORTH	
YORKSHIRE	
<b>Postcode:</b> DL10	
4DT	

#### **Listing Text:**

NEWBIGGIN  
NZ 1600 NE (north side)

681-/5/10002 SS Joseph and Francis Xavier  
Catholic Church

GV II

Roman Catholic Church. 1867-8, designed by George Goldie. Coursed rubble with ashlar dressings and slate roofs. Single nave and chancel with curved apse aisles, western porch and south western tower. Gothic Revival style. Chamfered plinth, flush ashlar quoins and cill bands, raised coped gables with kneelers and finials. South, entrance front, has projecting single storey lean-to porch with five pointed arches, containing 3 traceried windows and single flanking doors. Above 3 tall chamfered lancets, and a quatrefoil tracery circular window above. To the right a 2 light pointed arch window. To the left the tall slender tower with a square base rising to an octagonal bell-stage with short octagonal stone spire with 4 lucarnes. The lower stages have small stair lancets, and the bell-stage 4 narrow lancet bell openings. Clerestory has 5 circular windows to each side with chamfered quatrefoils. Aisles have pairs of chamfered lancets and alternating buttresses, with projecting vestry to east with external gable stack and circular stair turret with conical lead roof and finial. Projecting boilerhouse to west has tall circular stack. North apsidal end has three large, 3-light pointed arch windows with cinquefoil and trefoil tracery.

Interior. Nave has 4 bay east arcade and 5 bay west arcade, with circular piers and responds with chamfered bases and stiff-leaf capitals, and plain, slightly chamfered arches. North west bay has panel tracery and dividing slender pier. Wooden roofs supported on curved stone corbels. Fine ashlar and marble curved reredos, and pulpit. Later wooden reredoses to aisles. Original C19 pews survive in the nave. Some good quality late C19 stained glass. Wooden organ and gallery to south.

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**Building Details:**

**Building Name:** 32 AND 34  
**Parish:** RICHMOND  
**District:** RICHMONDSHIRE  
**County:** NORTH YORKSHIRE  
**Postcode:** DL10 4DT

**Details:**

**LBS Number:** 439832  
**Grade:** II  
**Date Listed:** 19/01/1993  
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**NGR:** NZ1685100973

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NEWBIGGIN  
NZ 1600 NE (north side)

681-/5/10003 Nos 32 and 34

GV II

Presbytery and house, now convent. 1878. Possibly designed by George Goldie. Coursed

rubble with ashlar dressings and slate roofs with coped gables and kneelers. 2 gable stacks. Quoins and flush ashlar bands. Shouldered window surrounds throughout, all plain sashes. Street front, 3 storey, 4 window facade. Off-centre doorway with shouldered surround and overlight, to the left 2 sashes and to the right 2 narrow sashes with between a buttress which supports a square oriel window above. This oriel has 2 sashes, and to the left 3 pairs of narrow sashes. Above 4 sashes with a single ventilation slit in each gable. West front, has 3 storey 2 window block to right with a central doorway in pointed arch surround, with fanlight and wooden gable porch with bargeboards. To the left a small sash and to the right a square bay window with 2 sashes, and above a canted bay window. To the left a pair of sashes, with above a smaller pair of sashes and to the right a datestone. To the north a lower 2 window block, with a through eaves gable dormer to the left.

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