

The Parish Hall

St Mary's Hall on the Main Highway, below the Harp of Erin junction, opened with a great flourish over the Easter weekend of 1934. At the official opening and blessing, not only Church dignitaries attended but also the local MP and the Chairman of the Ellerslie Roads Board. A Grand Ball followed on the Monday.

Halls belonging to a local Church were frequently the only venue available for wedding receptions, concerts, card evenings, pictures, etc. 1934 was the height of the depression and it took great confidence in the future by Monsignor Lane, Parish Priest at the time, to bring the building of the hall to a successful conclusion.



ERNIE BUTTERS AND HIS BAND		PROGRAMME		KEITH MEIKLE AND HIS MUSIC ● Our Guest Band	
1. Foxtrot	-----	12. Foxtrot Polonaise	-----		
2. Waltz	-----	13. Modern Medley	-----		
3. Foxtrot	-----	14. Three-step Polonaise	-----		
4. Maxina	-----	15. Novelty (Booms-a-daisy, Hokey, Tokey, etc.)	-----		
5. Three-step Polonaise	-----	16. Foxtrot	-----		
6. Monte Carlo Waltz	-----	17. Foxtrot	-----		
7. Foxtrot	-----	18. Old-time Waltz	-----		
8. Valeta	-----	Your request dances from 12 o'clock.	-----		
9. Debutantes' Waltz	-----				
10. Supper Waltz	-----				
Interval — Supper 10 p.m.					
11. Monte Carlo Waltz	-----				

The Saturday night dances were a great feature on the Auckland dance scene. Not too many cars about but trams and bicycles, and of course walking, saw the dances well patronized, friendships formed and romances blossom.



Refurbished in 1996, the hall had remained structurally sound – a tribute to the workmanship of the many volunteers involved in its construction.

Today the hall is used mainly by the Church and School, but is available for public hire.