

From Sarah Brown McCulloch's *Guilford: A Walking Guide* (2012):

**St. George Roman Catholic Church, 161-165 Whitfield Street, Gothic Revival, 1876.**

With its lancet windows and sharply pointed wings at each corner, this is an interesting example of the rural Gothic style often referred to as Carpenter Gothic. When it was built, the Catholic parish numbered about thirty families who had been holding services conducted by visiting priests in a hall over a market which they had purchased about 1860. It was 1887 before they were to have their own clergy. When the new Roman Catholic church was built on Whitfield Street in 1963, the steeple was removed and the church deconsecrated. St. Alban's Lodge, No. 38, bought the building in 1865 for a Masonic Temple and altered it considerably. A new owner removed the vinyl siding, which restored the shape of the three small lancet windows at the top, uncovered the arched windows on either side of the doorway as well as the large circular window, and turned it into apartments.