



## The way we were

The Stella Maris Roman Catholic Church in Broadbeach, Queensland provides a fine reminder of the days when practically all of the prime public buildings and places of worship were built of natural stone.

The original church had fallen into a state of disrepair and a figure in excess of \$3 million was required to design and build a new structure. Amazingly, over \$2 million was raised in private donations.

The approach to the church is highlighted by a stunning ColorLite

digital image of the “Madonna with Child” by Giovan Battista Salvi. The image was printed on glass by G James.

The large format, 50mm thickness diamond sawn and split finished buff and brown banded sandstone elements produced by Capricorn Sandstone, were affixed to the facade in accordance with Ardex Technical Bulletin TB 001, using SS clips. The project received recognition and awards in the 2015 Master Builders Association Awards. ■

CATEGORY

AUSTRALIAN STONE

- BEST CIVIC PROJECT -

**PROJECT:** Stella Maris RC Church, Broadbeach, QLD

**ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN:** Straw & Dunne with PMG Architect

**CONTRACTOR:** Stokes Wheeler Building Contractors

**STONEMASONRY:** Natural Sandstone of Australia

**STONE SUPPLY:** Capricorn Sandstone

**STONE DESCRIPTION:** Buff & Brown banded 50mm thick sandstone cladding

