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|  | **Some history:*** John Scott’s model of the proposed Church produced vociferous objections locally
* John’s 1970 Presbytery design was likened to African huts
* The altar area in the Church has been reconfigured twice since the Second Vatican Council in the early 1960’s
* John also designed the Parish Centre (opened in 1987)
* The Church was recognised by a New Zealand Institute of Architects Enduring Architecture Award in 2010 as being "a major work by one of New Zealand's most significant architects."

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| **Our Lady of Lourdes Church****Notes:*** **On the left, John Scott’s sketches for the redesigned altar area, with a circular screen and strong echoes of the structural skeleton**
* **Compare that sketch with the reconfigured Futuna Chapel (centre) and the eventual 2007 changes at Our Lady of Lourdes (right) designed by Jacob Scott and Karl Wixon**
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| **Our Lady of Lourdes Church****2007** | **Notes to the 2007 Refurbishment:*** **Altar area re-designed by Jacob Scott and Karl Wixon**
* **New screen behind the altar, with its rough-cast central wall echoing the rough-cast buttresses at the Church entrance**
* **Screen wing walls angles matching the main structure**
* **Immersion baptismal font lowered to floor level**
* **Faded and damaged coloured window panels replaced**
* **Free-standing altar, with other furniture to match (Rimu altar, lectern, chair and baptismal font tables designed by Judy Marshall, and Kauri baptismal bowl turned by Mark von Dadelszen)**
* **Altar area re-carpeted**
* **Original pews retained (with carpet installed under the pews)**
* **Original paved aisles retained**
* **Interior timber finishes refurbished**
* **Mosaic of Our Lady commissioned by John Scott installed above the entrance to the Church (gift of his widow)**
* **Sound system installed**
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