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## St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Brighton

Stonemasonry and restoration company CWO has undertaken sensitive repair work to the historic St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Brighton using traditional materials and methods.

St Joseph's church was built in 1879 and more than a century of exposure to salt-laden sea breezes has taken its toll on the slate roof and decorative stonework.

CWO won this restoration contract last summer and started work on site in September 2003. The largest part of the work involves replacement of the roof, which had reached the end of its working life.

The old roof tiles of Green Westmoreland slate was replaced with a new roof using Vermont Green slate, which was imported from America, and has the same qualities as the original Green Westmoreland slate.



Extensive cleaning to the stone facades on the north and east elevations of the church were carried out using the Doff and Hodge Clemco method.

CWO has also replaced two ornate tracery stone windows, which had suffered extensive erosion over the decades. The new windows were made from natural Bath stone to match the existing structure. The old cast iron guttering and down pipes were overhauled by means of shot blasting, treating and redecoration.

**Client:** St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church  
**Main Contractor:** CWO  
**Contract Administrator:** Knight Frank  
**Value:** £500,000

**RESTORATION**