

The Right Reverend William James Ray
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HELP ST JAMES RING AGAIN

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A 10m banner will be unveiled at St James Cathedral on Wednesday, July 2 at 11am in an effort to raise funds to restore the 121 year old historical landmark to its original glory.

The Anglican Diocese of North Queensland is financing part of the \$6 million dollars required to conserve the Cathedral but is relying on the community to show their support and raise enough funds to complete the restoration work.

Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of North Queensland, The Right Reverend Bill Ray will unveil the banner with support from St James Cathedral representatives.

"This is the first public call for help we've made since restoration work began back in March," said Bishop Ray.

"Work has already begun to reconstruct the bell tower and we are hoping the community will get behind us to allow for the complete restoration of the landmark, including an upgrade to the drainage system, removal of asbestos and repairs to the stained glass windows."

The Cathedral has had only minimal improvements and repairs in the past as the focus was on building the ministry and giving back to the community.

"The conservation work is now well overdue and in asking the North Queensland community for support, we hope that once completed, current and future generations will continue to utilise this place with great architectural value for significant community events."

"Whether you can donate \$20 or \$20,000, any amount will be put to use and would be greatly appreciated," said Bishop Ray.

Restoration on the bell tower is due to be complete later this year to allow for the Cathedral bells to be in full swing to celebrate the Christmas season.

Further restoration work will continue once the funding is made available.

The church is asking anyone that is interested in making a donation to contact 4771 4175 so arrangements can be made.