

Heritage Statement

St Marys Presbytery was formerly in the ownership of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Nottingham. It was part of a larger building housing Catholic priests and their domestic household. It is sited within the curtilage of St Mary Crown RC Church, off Sumner Street. St Mary Crowned was built in the late nineteenth century in the Gothic Revival style with funds provided by the Sumner family, owners of the nearby Wren Nest cotton mill. The houses in the surrounding streets, Sumner Street and Tredcroft Street and the Presbytery were built around the same time. There is a date stone on the front elevation of the Presbytery.

St Mary Crowned Church is a Grade II Listed building (list entry 1384299). The Presbytery is not mentioned in the Listing and, being sited within the historic grounds of the church, is considered to be a curtilage building.

The Presbytery was vacated in the latter part of the twentieth century and was left unoccupied and in a poor state of repair. It was sold by the Diocese in 2019 and converted into two separate dwellings, now known as The Old St Marys Presbytery and Garlick House. The ground and first floor connections between the two parts of the building and the internal corridor look into the sacristy have been blocked off. Two parking spaces were created off the driveway within the private garden area to the side of the house.

All windows have been replaced, with the exception of the first floor metal framed windows in the twentieth century first floor extension on the eastern side of the building. Internally, walls have been re-plastered and cornices restored. The ground floor timber floor has been replaced, with the first floor timber floor restored and replaced as necessary. The original timber staircase has been retained. The original front door and internal doors have been retained and restored. New kitchen and bathroom fittings. The external doors leading from the kitchen are modern and of poor quality and fit. It is unclear what the original fenestration pattern was on this elevation. As the lower part of the ashlar stonework surround either side of the opening has been altered, it is thought likely that there was a central door with two flanking windows, although no photographs of this elevation have been found.