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St Mary's Cathedral engaged Coleman & Fairburn to Project Manage the installation of a new marble altar. No mean feat when you have to manoeuvre 6 tonnes of hand carved Carrara Marble up 2 sets of steps! Between wedding ceremonies in the Cathedral, we constructed 2 timber loading platforms. On the day, the marble blocks were craned off our truck onto the outside platform, then hand pallet trucks were used to move the crates across the tiled Cathedral floor to a 2nd platform erected off the higher Sanctuary floor. A mobile gantry beam and chain blocks were used to lift the crates 1m up to the Sanctuary floor level. Pallet trucks then moved the blocks into position ready for final assembly by the Italian carvers. The new altar was dedicated by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI in July 2008. The photos tell the story.



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL: ALTAR INSTALLATION

COMMUNITY

LOCATION St Mary's Cathedral Sydney

YEAR 2008

BUDGET \$35,000

DESIGNER Sculptor Nigel Boonham (Greenwich London)

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