

OLD FRIENDS REMEMBERED



FR. L. BERRY, C.C. 1963 - 1973

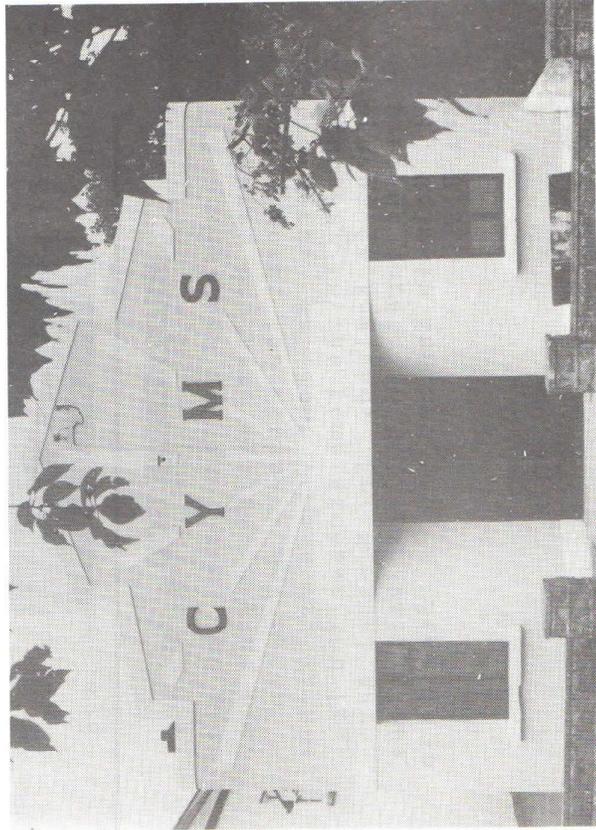
Our new church is largely a monument to this man. On his shoulders fell the heavy burden of fund raising to finance the building. Year after year in his quiet, patient, persevering way he organised and collected and when he left us his work was accomplished.

He died in 1983 while Parish Priest of Robeen, Co. Mayo.

REV. S. BLOWICK, C.C. 1933 - 1944

One of three priest brothers this was the man responsible for building the local C.Y.M.S. Hall 50 years ago.

A unique achievement of his was the staging of grand opera in this same hall. With a pianist substituting for an orchestra and an entirely local cast he successfully staged Verdi's "Il Trovatore".



Fr. John Lowry

Fr. Lowry came to Milltown as P.P. in 1970. A native of Kilbannon he served the people of Milltown/Ballyglass for sixteen years until his retirement in December, 1986. A very popular priest we are pleased that he still lives amongst us and we wish him many more years of happy retirement.



BROTHERS IN GOD

The parish has at the moment two sets of three brothers ministering at home and abroad, the Flannery and Acton brothers. Fr. John D. and Fr. Michael Flannery in the home diocese and Fr. Seamus in England. Fr. Michael Acton present curate in Milltown/Ballyglass, Fr. Colm in England and Fr. Sean is in the U.S.

PARISH PRIESTS OF MILLTOWN — BALLYGLASS

Rev. Walter Golding	1825 - 1838
Rev. Patrick Garvey	1838 - 1849
Rev. Hugh O'Connell	1849 - 1861
Rev. Peter Jennings	1862 - 1868
Rev. Thomas Flannelly	1868 - 1875
Rev. Thomas McWalters	1875 - 1896
Rev. Patrick McAlpine	1896 - 1898
Rev. Michael Diskin	1898 - 1930
Rev. John O'Malley	1930 - 1952
Rev. Malachy Concannon	1952 - 1970
Rev. John Lowry	1970 - 1986
Rev. P. Gill	1986 -

BISHOP PATRICK DUGGAN:

Early Years:

Dr. Patrick Duggan was bishop of Clonfert between the years 1872 and 1896. While many believe he was born in the family home in Carnageehy it seems from research that this was not actually so. According to Rev. Thomas Brett's "Life of the Most Reverend Dr. Patrick Duggan" published in 1921, it seems certain now that he was born in Cummer in the house of his grandparents in 1813. It was the custom at the time for a young mother to return to the house of her parents for the birth of her first child.

While his early childhood years were spent in the family home in Carnageehy where his father was a respectable small farmer he did return to Cummer as a young boy to be reared in the home of his uncle. At this stage the Parish Priest of Cummer was another uncle of the boy, Rev. Patrick Canavan. There is no doubt that he had a great influence in shaping the life of the young man who was to succeed him as Parish Priest.

He was sent to St. Jarlath's College which had been recently opened, and from there went on to St. Patrick's Maynooth. After his ordination he returned to his native diocese. His uncle Fr. Canavan was now in poor health and Dr. McHale then Archbishop appointed Fr. Duggan as his uncle's curate.

Later on he became Parish Priest of the combined parishes of Cummer and Belclare. Parts of the parish were up to 30 miles apart and during the famine years, the

young priest would often ride that long journey twice in a day stopping only to minister to the sick and dying.

In appearance Fr. Duggan was a striking figure, he was tall and stately and was a fluent speaker in Irish and English. He was a great favourite with all classes, as welcome in the humble cabin, as he was in the big house. His experience during the famine had a profound effect on him and he was always to the fore in defence of Tenants Rights. He was a journalist of some note and contributed regularly to the "Tuam Herald" and the "Freemans Journal."

Clonfert:

In 1871 he was a very popular choice to succeed Dr. Derry of Clonfert who had just died. He was consecrated Bishop of Clonfert on the 11th January, 1872. During his 25 years as Bishop he continued to fight for the rights of his people and played a prominent part in the land wars of that time.

He was taken ill in August 1896 while visiting a friend in Dublin. He was taken to Jervis Street Hospital where he died a few days later on the feast of the Assumption.

There is no doubt that the young boy from Carnageehy had a profound influence on the people of Galway during the troubled times of the 19th century. He is still remembered in the parish of Corofin where the parish hall and local G.A.A. field are named in his honour. The G.A.A. field in Ballinasloe also bears his name.

The most distinguished priest associated with the parish of Milltown/Ballyglass was buried, according to his own wish, in Glasnevin Cemetery beside the grave of his life long friend Cardinal McCabe.



Priests native to Our Parish

Rev. M. Acton, Belmont
 Rev. C. Acton, Belmont.
 Rev. S. Acton, Belmont.
 Rev. D. Begley, Milltown.
 Rev. S. Blake, Liskeavy.
 Rev. Dean Blake, Liskeavy.
 Rev. B. Brennan, Liskeavy.
 Rev. F. Brennan, Liskeavy.
 Rev. W. Byrne, Carnageehy.
 Rev. J. Concannon, Russelstown.
 Rev. P. Concannon, Russelstown.
 Rev. T. Corless, Conagher.
 Rev. P. Connolly, Kilgevrin,
 Rev. Wm. Coen, Rosmearon.
 Rev. P. Delaney, Carranthomas.
 Rev. W. Diskin, Russelstown.
 Rev. P. Feeney, Dalgin.
 Rev. D. Forde, Liskeavy.
 Rev. J.D. Flannery, Milltown.
 Rev. Ml. Flannery, Milltown.
 Rev. Seamus Flannery, Milltown.
 Rev. M. Godwin, Belmont.
 Rev. V. Grogan, Milltown.
 Rev. P. Carvey, Milltown.
 Rev. J. Heaney, Ballyglass.
 Rev. C. Heaney, Ballyglass.
 Rev. O. Heaney, Ballyglass.
 Rev. T. Heaney, Ballyglass.
 Rev. W. Heaney, Ballyglass.
 Rev. Jas. Heaney, Ballyglass.
 Rev. Thos. Healy, Russelstown.
 Rev. John Healy, Russelstown.
 Rev. John Higgins, Russelstown.

Nuns from Our Parish

Rev. P. Joyce, Belmont.
Rev. J. Keenan, Ballyglass.
Rev. M. Lavelle, Kilgevrin.
Rev. E. Lavelle, Kilgevrin.
Rev. T. McWalters, Conagher.
Rev. P. McWalters, Conagher.
Rev. T. Martin, Cartron.
Rev. T. Molloy, Cartron.
Rev. E. Mullarkey, Milltown.
Rev. P. J. Mullarkey, Milltown.
Rev. F. McEnnis, Pollaturick.
Rev. T. McEnnis, Pollaturick.
Rev. Ml. O'Connor, Emera cly.
Rev. J. O'Connor, Emeracl. y.
Rev. A. O'Connor, Milltown.
Rev. P. O'Connor, Milltown.
Rev. P. Rhagitan, Bawnmore.
Rev. J. Ryan, Dalgin.
Rev. Jas. Ronayne, Kinnakinelly.
Rev. P. Tierney, Carnageehy.
Rev. T. Varley, Carowmore.
Rev. James Mullarkey, Milltown.

Christian Brothers

Brother Monaghan, Lurgan
Brother Duignan, Stripe.
Brother Grogan, Milltown.
Brother Godwin, Belmont.

Sr. Otteran Burke, Banagher.
Sr. Margaret Brennan, Liskeavy.
Sr. Mary Corless, Conagher.
Sr. Margaret Corless, Conagher.
Sr. Ciss Corless, Conagher.
Sr. Ciss Connelly, Russelstown.
Sr. Elizabeth Connelly, Ilaun.
Sr. Brigid Diskin, Dillonbrook.
Sr. Mary Margaret Diskin, Ballymana.
Sr. Mary Diskin, Dillonbrook.
Sr. Maeve Dolan, Milltown.
Sr. Eileen Dolan, Milltown.
Sr. Nancy Dolan, Milltown.
Sr. Teresa Delaney, Carranthomas.
Sr. Joy Flannery, Milltown.
Sr. Katherine Fitzpatrick, Carnageehy.
Sr. Katherine Gormally, Russelstown.
Sr. Sarah Gormally, Russelstown.
Sr. Katherine Garvey, Dillonbrook.
Sr. Brigid Garvey, Dillonbrook.
Sr. Monica Garvey, Dillonbrook.
Sr. Nora Garvey, Dillonbrook.
Sr. Mary M. Grady, Milltown.
Sr. Brigid Hession, Bawnmore.
Sr. Margaret Hession, Bawnmore.
Sr. Una Heany, Ballyglass.
Sr. Margaret Healy, Russelstown.
Sr. Una Healy, Russelstown.
Sr. Mary Kirrane, Dillonbrook.
Sr. Nellie Kirrane, Dillonbrook.
Sr. Mary Mallon, Ilaun.
Sr. Brigid Mannion, Kilgevrin.
Sr. Brigid Mannion, Milltown.
Sr. Mary Mannion, Tonermoyle.
Sr. Margaret Mannion, Tonermoyle.
Sr. Julia Mannion, Clashaganny.
Sr. Sarah Mannion, Kilgevrin.
Sr. Ncra Mannion, Tonermoyle.

Curates in Milltown since 1900

Sr. Nora Moran, Carnageehy.
 Sr. Mary Anslem Mongon, Cloondroon.
 Sr. Mary Molloy, Cartron.
 Sr. Ita McEnnis, Pollaturick.
 Sr. Teresa McEnnis, Pollaturick.
 Sr. Mary Kathleen Mullen, Pollaturick.
 Sr. Dorothy Mullarkey, Milltown.
 Sr. Mary Murray, Banagher.
 Sr. Sabina Nicholson, Tonemoyle.
 Sr. Margaret Nolan, Clashaganny.
 Sr. Mary Nolan, Clashaganny.
 Sr. Mary K. O'Donnell, Davros.
 Sr. Kathleen Tierney, Belmont.
 Sr. Nora Tierney, Belmont.
 Sr. Maureen Tierney, Belmont.
 Sr. Teresa Tierney, Belmont.
 Sr. Una Tierney, Belmont.
 Sr. Margaret Tierney, Carnageehy.
 Sr. Ellen Toole, Conagher.
 Sr. Julia Toole, Conagher.
 Sr. Margaret Toole, Conagher.

* Sr. Mary Kathleen Mullen of Pollaturick now in U.S. is 100 years old and a nun for 77 years.



Rev. James Kelly	1900 - 1905
Rev. Denis Greaney	1902 - 1903
Rev. A. O'Toole	1903 - 1906
Rev. Wm. Faulkney	1905 - 1906
Rev. James Godfrey	1906 - 1921
Rev. Edward Lavelle	1906 - 1908
Rev. Martin Loftus	1908 - 1910
Rev. Malachy Concannon	1910 - 1919
Rev. Michael Hughes	1919 - 1923
Rev. Michael McEvilly	1923 - 1926
Rev. Pat McHugh	1923 - 1935
Rev. Pat Murphy	1926 - 1935
Rev. Stephen Blowick	1933 - 1944
Rev. Frank Lynch	1935 - 1942
Rev. Michael Quinn	1942 - 1947
Rev. Mark Curley	1944 - 1950
Rev. Martin Jennings	1947 - 1957
Rev. Richard Prendergast	1950 - 1953
Rev. Patrick Conroy	1953 - 1954
Rev. John Langan	1955 - 1957
Rev. Malachy King	1957 - 1963
Rev. Arthur Devine	1960 - 1962
Rev. Louis Berry	1963 - 1973
Rev. Michael Quinn (Elphin)	1964 - 1965
Rev. Kevin Early	1965 - 1966
Rev. Eugene McLoughlin	1966 - 1967
Rev. Liam Sharkey	1967 - 1968
Rev. John McGowan	1968 - 1970
Rev. Patrick Moran	1973 - 1979
Rev. Enda Lyons	1979 - 1981
Rev. Paddy Mullins	1981 - 1982
Rev. Michael Acton	1981 -

**Some Curates who served
in Milltown pre-1900**

Rev. J. Kelly	1829
Rev. James Waldron	1838
Rev. J. Moran	1840
Rev. Thos. O'Malley	1860
Rev. F. O'Donoghue	1865
Rev. J. McGirr	1869
Rev. Martin Heaney	1879
Rev. James Hynes	1880
Rev. Fr. Glynn	1891
Rev. Martin Colleran	1894

