

Moycullen Local History Quiz Number Fourteen– Answers

We hope you enjoyed this quiz.

1. What saint is associated with Loughwell School?

Answer: St. Enda is associated with Loughwell School. The school was called *Scoil Éinne*.

2. Moycullen was one of the earliest places in Connaught to be inhabited. According to folklore, what was the surname of the first people to settle here?

Answer: Kyne was the first family to settle in Moycullen. Other early settlers included Caulfields, Maddens and Conroys.

3. One of the boundaries of Moycullen parish is at Quinn's Bridge. Where is this bridge?

Answer: Quinn's Bridge is at Corcullen/Woodstock and divides the parishes of Moycullen and Rahoon. (The spot where the speed camera van parks!)

4. In which Moycullen townland is Boithrín na gCreig?

Answer: Boithrín na gCreig is in Baile na hAille (Ballinahalla).

5. Funerals going to the church stopped at Bearnna na gCorp, a location on the Oughterard road. In another part of the parish, funerals also stopped and men added a few stones to a heap, cloch le carn. Where was this?

Answer: Funerals stopped in Baile Dóite Ballydotia.

6. At funerals, a table was placed outside the door of the church and people left money on it. This money was then given to the priest. This custom was called 'taking the, a tradition that continued until recent times.

Answer: This custom was called 'taking the altar'.

7. During the COVID 19 pandemic, the services of barbers and hairdressers are a big loss to us all! In folklore, it was considered unlucky to have your hair cut on which day of the week?

Answer: It was considered unlucky to have your hair cut on a Monday.

8. Fr. Kenny was parish priest in Moycullen during the famine. In what townland did he live?

Answer: Fr. Kenny lived in Deerfield, a townland on the Oughterard side of the parish

9. Long ago, when people walked on mountains in remote areas, they carried bread in their pockets for fear of being struck by a severe unnatural hunger. What was this hunger called in Irish?

Answer: This hunger was called *sliabh gorta*, hunger of the mountain.

10. Who is the Moycullen-born author of *Maigh Cuilinn a Táisc agus a Tuairisc* (1986), a book that is a rich resource of Moycullen heritage, folklore and placenames?

Answer: Pádraic Breathnach, a native of Coill Bhruachláin /Kylebroughlan, wrote *Maigh Cuilinn a Táisc agus a Tuairisc*.

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