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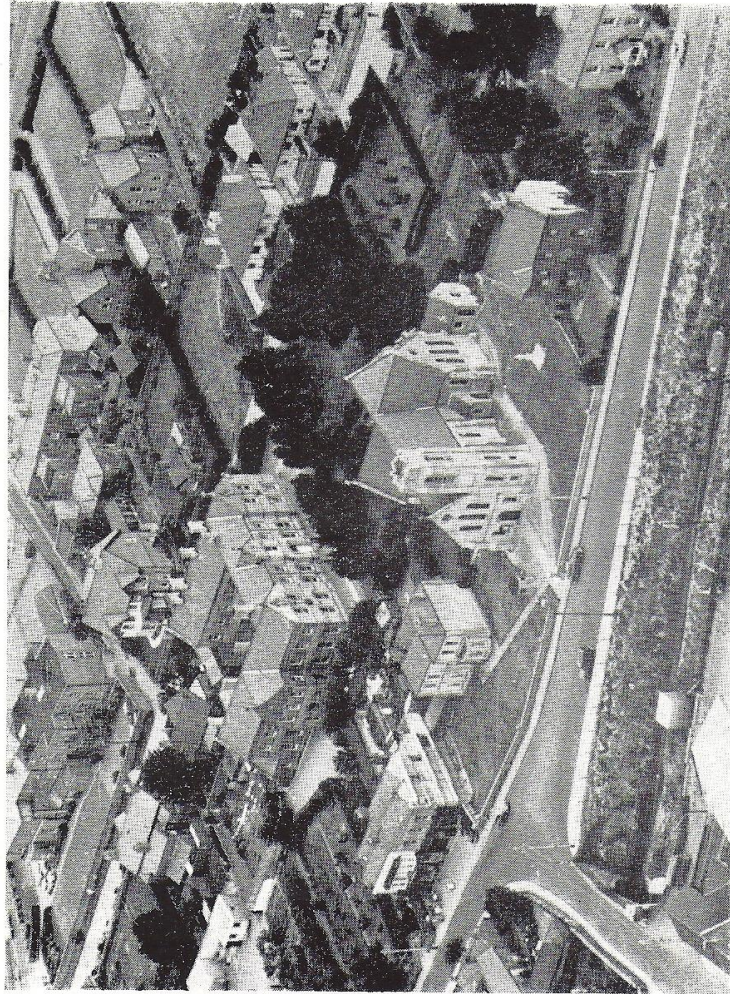
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Showing the Church of St. Kilian in the Foreground.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROSARY, GREYSTONES

CHURCH OF ST. KILIAN, BLACKLION



Parish Priest :

Very Rev. JOHN S. FENNELLY

Assistants :

Rev. MICHAEL O'REILLY

Rev. MICHAEL McGOWAN

There are two Churches, viz. :

The Church of the Holy Rosary, Greystones, and the Church of St. Kilian, Blacklion.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROSARY, GREYSTONES ORDER OF SERVICES

Masses :

Sundays : 8, 9, 10, 11 and 11.45. During the months of July and August, Masses at 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 11.45.
Holydays : 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. Evening Mass, 7.30.
Week-days : 7.30 and 10.
Special Mass for School Children usually at 8.45.

Evening Devotions :

Sundays at 5 p.m. Week-days, 8 p.m.

Confessions :

Saturday, 11.30 to 1 and 7 to 9.
On Eves of Holydays and First Friday, 7 to 9.

Eucharistic Hour :

First Friday, 8 to 9.

Sodalities :

For Men at 8 p.m. on Friday before the Third Sunday.
For Women at 8 p.m. on Friday before the Fourth Sunday.
Children's Sodality as arranged.
Children of Mary meet on Second Sunday of month.

Baptisms and Churchings by appointment.

Marriages :

At least on month's notice should be given in order that the priest may be able to make the necessary investigations and comply with the requirements of Canon Law and Diocesan Usage.

Funerals :

No arrangement should be published without previous consultation with the clergy who will fix the time for receiving the remains into the Church, and arrange—if so desired—for the Funeral Mass. The remains cannot be left longer than one night in the Church. In case of fever or contagious disease the corpse may not be admitted. No admission on Saturdays to Greystones.

Sick Calls :

The priests are prepared to minister to the sick at any hour, night or day. But parishioners are requested to send in notice of a sick call as early as possible during the day. If you are in doubt, solve it in favour of

both patient and priest by sending word to the Presbytery or 'phoning Greystones 99.

St. Kilian's Parochial Hall was opened in November, 1928, by Very Rev. Charles Lawless, P.P., as a centre for Catholic organisations in the Parish, and a meeting place for bodies engaged in cultural, social and recreational activities for the benefit of the community. Persons or bodies desiring to hire the Hall or the adjoining club rooms for occasional or regular meetings should communicate with the Hon. Secretary or with the Chairman of the Managing Committee. The club rooms have been recently decorated and restored. Visitors are welcome to enjoy a game of billiards or ping-pong at a small fee.

Convent of the Holy Faith :

The Convent was founded in 1906 and staffed by nuns taken from the Convent of the Holy Faith, Glasnevin. The Primary School for Girls is under the control of the sisters. They give loving care and attention to the sanctuary altar and vestments of the Parish Church nearby. The Church Choir is also in their charge.

St. David's :

This Secondary School for Girls, situated on the sea-front, was opened in 1942. Pupils are prepared for Intermediate, Matriculation and Civil Service Examinations. It is managed and staffed by the Sisters of the Holy Faith.

The Irish Christian Brothers :

A fine modern building is visible to the passerby about a quarter of a mile outside Greystones on the Bray road. This is the Primary School for Boys : it is controlled and staffed by the brothers.

CHURCH OF ST. KILIAN, BLACKLION

Masses :

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Thy children foregather around thee to-day
Due praises to render, and honour to pay.

Thou broughest us knowledge of God—Three in One,
And tidings of Jesus, Our Saviour, His Son ;
Through thy penance and praying, and teaching and toil,
The seed of the Gospel took root in our soil.

It flourished in virtue that kept open door
For the pilgrim, the stranger, the beggar, the poor ;
It flowered in chastity, holy desire,
And zeal for God's glory more ardent than fire.

Thy sermons and writings, though deemed quite uncouth,
Were full of sound wisdom, right precept and truth ;
They banned all dissension and hatred and strife,
As wholly in conflict with Christ's way of life.

Though threatened with torture and dungeon and death,
Our forefathers valiantly clung to their faith ;
No foreign aggressors, nor Penal-time laws
Could make them abandon the Church and its cause.

The priest and the people, in temple and home
Were bonded together, and bound fast to Rome ;
In the battle for Fatherland, Freedom and Right,
The Mass was their breastplate, their armour and might.

O, help us, St. Patrick, with aid from on high,
And always be with us when danger is nigh ;
Let no power deprive us of full liberty
To worship the Godhead, and serve Him like thee.

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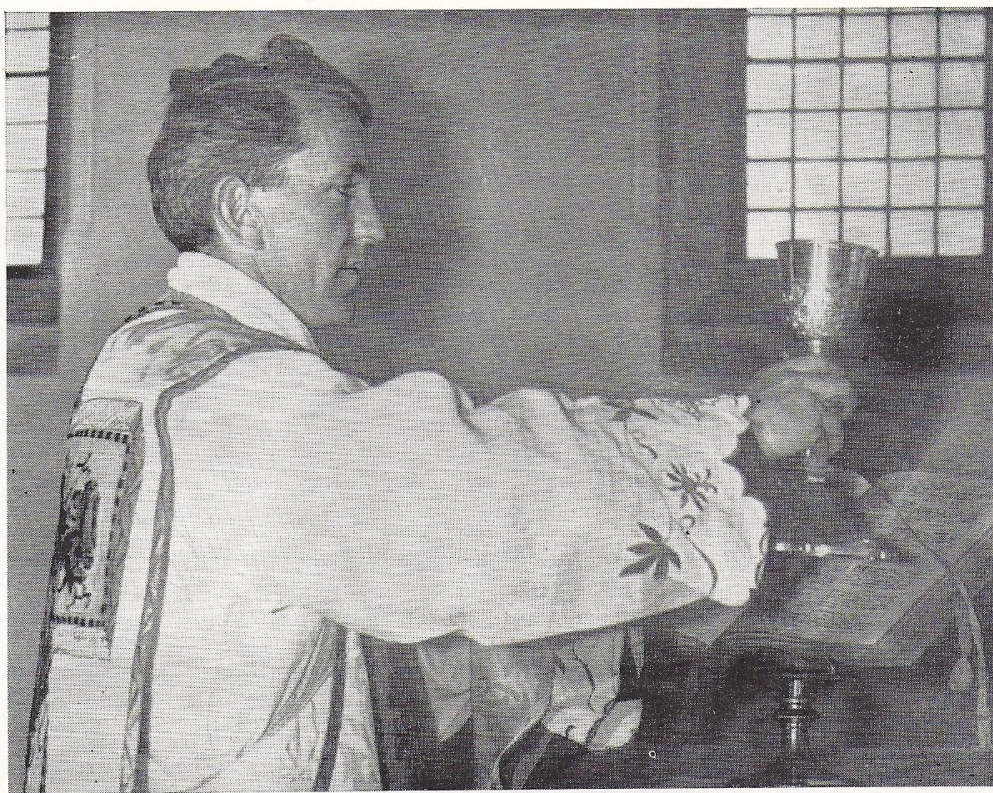


(2) On ascending the Altar steps, the Priest kisses the Stone, wherein lie the Relics of the Saints



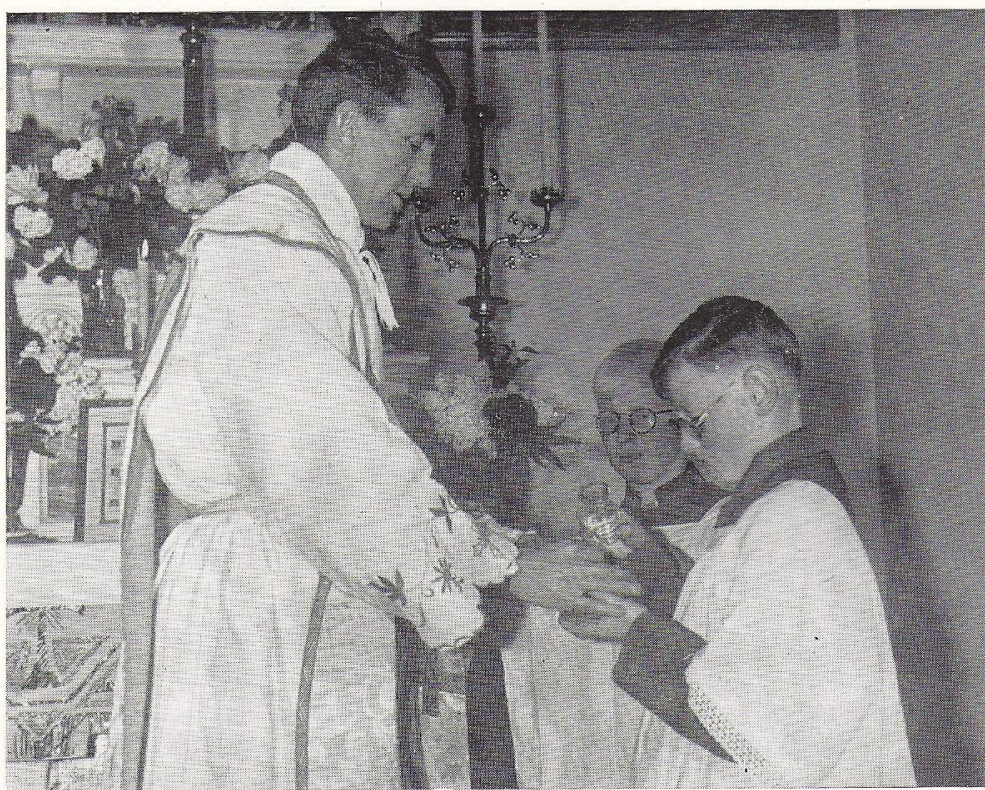
(3) The Priest signs his forehead prior to reading the Gospel

The Offertory



(4) The Priest offers the Chalice containing
the Wine

The Lavabo



(5) The Priest washes his fingers

The Preface



(6) Prepare to welcome the Body and
Blood of Jesus !

After the Pater Noster



(7) Immediately after the Pater Noster,
the Priest signs himself with the Paten

The Ablutions



(8) The Priest purifies the Chalice



(9) The Priest gives the Final Blessing

The Sunday Mass

The priest began the Sunday Mass, and most were dead on time
To join in the Confiteor before the rite sublime ;
Then some appeared in nick of time to do their duty bound,
“With Sunday clothes and staring eyes and ignorance profound”:
And was it chance or heavenly grace that coaxed into a pew,
The omadhauns that by the door to have a distant view ?
One wonders why they come at all, for surely it must bore
To keep one eye upon the priest, another on the door,
And all the time be waiting for the “Deo Gratias”
That’s answered by the altar-boy to mark the end of Mass.
’Tis strange, indeed, how habit gets a grip upon us all ;
Sometimes it drives one onward, but more often makes us stall ;
In Penal times they dared not speak, and had to keep a scout
For warning priest and people when the bloodhounds were about.
But now, thank God, we’re free to meet, and pray aloud and sing,
And thunder out the praises of Our Lord and Heavenly King :
So let us end with Penal ways, abandon outworn views,
And play our part in breaking down “The silence of the pews.”

John Fennelly.

(With apologies to the author of Tangmalangaloo)

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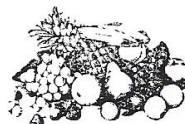
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"THERE'S peace and ho'ly quiet here" — in this parish of Greystones, lying serenely in the shadow of Cualann's shapely hills, beside the murmuring sea. Looking at its lovely modern Church, schools and peaceful homesteads, it is hard to realise that this place holds age-old memories of pagan and early Christian times and of the vicissitudes of the different races who struggled to make a home in this fair land.

RATHDOWN—The Annals of the Four Masters record that in the remote pre-Christian era, "Heremon, one of the Kings of Ireland, built a rath on the sea-shore at Rath-oinn in the territory of Cualann." The Annals of Clonmacnoise record that the rath was constructed at "Rath-onie in Crich Cualann." When the Normans came here over 700 years ago, the Irish overlord of the Briuin Cualann had his residence on the north side of the same Rath. He was Donald MacGiollamchoilmog, son-in-law of Dermot McMurrough, King of Leinster. Donald's territory stretched from Newcastle Lyons, the Dodder and the gates of Dublin south to Delgany and Rathdown. During the 13th century the family lost some of their lands and changed their name to McDermot. In 1400, John, Grandson of Donald, was still Lord of the Manor at Rathdown; for which he paid a yearly rent of two otter-skins to the English King. For many years afterwards, Donald's descendants acted as head landlords of Kilruddery and Glencullen. In the 15th century the Fitzgeralds were in possession of Rathdown. Archbishop Allen's "Reportorium Viride" (1537), records that "Richard, son of the Earl of Kildare, had a castle and chapel in the town and barony of Rathdown." A year later, after the Fitzgerald revolt, the Rathdown Manor and Lands were granted to Peter Talbot. The continuous wars of the 16th and 17th centuries affected the fortunes of the Rathdown lords, as we find that the Down Survey map of this district (1657) shows the Castle in ruins. A hundred years later, it appears to have been re-built, as it is shown with chapel and village in Taylor & Skinnners "Road Maps of Ireland" (1777). The village stood to the north-west of the castle and had paved streets and a clear spring well. Early in the 19th century, a traveller named G. N. Wright came down Rathdown lane and described what he saw: "Beside a little stream in a deep ravine, and on the bold sea beaten shore, stands the ruin of the once strong and extensive castle of Rathdown. The ground plan may be distinctly traced by

the heaps of ruinous masonry. The basement of one large square tower may still be seen. A short distance from the ruined castle lay the ivy-covered, roofless Chapel of St. Crispin. The castle, St. Crispin's Cell and the Parish Church were within short distances of each other and of the village." He goes on to relate that upon the disappearance of the village the proprietor razed the tombstones, disinterred the bones in the churchyard and buried them in a large pit at the eastern end of the Church, after which he razed the Church itself."

Some tradition of this act survived when Eugene O'Curry visited the place in 1838. He relates that he saw part of the east, south and north walls of the castle and also the ruined Chapel of St. Crispin. The entrance to the old Chapel was through a porch at the west end of the door, seven feet high, with a round arch formed out of two cut stones. The door and gable inside were white-washed. There were two windows, one in the south wall and one in the east gable. O'Curry surmised that "it had been built about two hundred years before as a Chapel of Ease." Some fourteen years after O'Curry's visit, the ruins of the old castle were removed, though they are still marked as existing on the Ordnance Survey maps. The ivy-covered remains of St. Crispin's Chapel and the name of the Barony alone bear silent witness to the ancient fame of Rathdown.

WINDGATES—Seven hundred years ago, when the MacGiollamchoilmog ruled at Rathdown over the lands of Hy Briuin, they leased Kilruddery to a Norman lord who sub-let it to the new Norman Abbey of St. Thomas. The register of this Abbey describes the boundaries of the estate, and among them "the royal road which is called *le Windgates*." It appears that prior to the Norman Invasion the Irish chiefs had constructed a coastal road from Bray to Wicklow, which they called "*Bealach Laighean*" (Blacklion) afterwards used by the Normans as a military road.

TEMPLECARRIG—South of Windgates is Templecarrig, held by the Archbold family in pre-Reformation days. From the 14th century this family had held the manors and castles of Bray, Kilruddery and **Kindlestown** with others. In the Ordnance Survey Letters (1838), C. O'Curry records that on his visit here he saw an "uncultivated spot in a field, which they call the Church Bank," and in a field half a mile east in the same townland, a field called "the Raheen Field," which, he says, looked like "the place of an old Church."

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KINDLESTOWN — After the Norman Invasion, the lands of Hy Briuin were mostly divided between Norman lords who built fortified castles and held this country against the Gaelic chiefs. From the 14th to the early years of the 17th century, the Archbold family held a castle with watermill and 400 acres of land at **Kindlestown**. After the Reformation these came into possession of the Earl of Meath.

KILLINCARRIG (Coilin Carraige—The Little Wood of the Rock)—This castle or “house” is marked on the Down Survey map (1657) and is described as “the most remarkable building in this half barony,” and is said to have been garrisoned during the time of the late wars.” It was an Elizabethan house which probably belonged to one of the Parliamentary party in the 17th century. During the Cromwellian wars, Colonel Hugh Byrne took possession of this castle, but was driven out by the Cromwellian army, a company of which then garrisoned it. “A Captain Barrington of Arklow killed Donogh O'Doy of Killincarrig and about 500 men.

ST. KILIAN'S CHURCH

During and after the 1798 revolt, County Wicklow suffered much “from husbandry neglected, the subsequent free quarters of the yeomanry, and the resulting depopulation.” It is not surprising that during the Penal Days there was only one Priest, who had to minister in the whole district now comprised in the Parishes of Bray, Enniskerry and Greystones. The people had to go to Mass to Kilmacanogue or Crinken. With improved conditions new Churches were built. On the 14th October, 1866, the foundation stone of St. Kilian's Church at Blacklion was laid by Very Rev. Mgr. Walter Lee, P.P., of Bray and Greystones, on a site given by Thomas Phelan. This building was enlarged on 1st August, 1886. Most Rev. Dr. W. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, laid the foundation stones of transepts, east and west with a choir. A statue of St. Kilian, wrought by Herr Arnold Fussengang, an eminent Bavarian artist, placed above the high altar was gifted to the Church by Mgr. Lee.

By tradition, the parish of Mullagh, in the diocese of Kilmore, is remembered as the birthplace of St. Kilian, who, like many other Irish saints, went to European pagan countries “as a pilgrim of Christ” in the 7th century.

After having preached the Gospel in Franconia, he with two companions, was martyred in Wurzburg, in Bavaria.

During the past twelve hundred years, a devotion to St. Kilian, Bishop and Apostle, has been constantly maintained in Southern Germany, where Churches and

Chapels bear his name, and particularly in Wurzburg diocese of which he is patron. His relics are preserved in a silver shrine in Wurzburg Cathedral and his feast is kept on the 8th July. In 1952 the present Bishop of Kilmore, with other Irish representatives, attended the celebrations held in Wurzburg in commemoration of the 12th centenary of the translation of the relics of St. Kilian and his two Irish companions to Wurzburg Cathedral in 752.

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

Greystones began as a tiny fishing hamlet and developed into a residential centre with 500 population in 1891. At that time there were only four Catholic inhabitants. In a few years the number increased so much that in 1895 a temporary Church had to be erected there by Most Rev. N. Donnelly. In that year for the first time a Catholic priest came to reside in the district. Before 1908, the temporary Church was replaced by the present Church of the Holy Rosary and the modern parish of Greystones and Blacklion was formed.

In the beautiful modern parish Church of the Holy Rosary may be seen two exquisite stained glass windows, one representing the “Good Shepherd” and the other “Our Lady of the Rosary” (Battle of Lepanto) executed in 1948 by the famous Irish artist, Evie Hone, “whose art sings to the eyes, touches the heart and persuades the intelligence.”

Thank God

*When you hear the dear birds sing,
When you see them on the wing,
When they come to herald Spring,
Thank God.*

*When the sun shines through the trees,
When you feel the Summer breeze,
When you hear the hum of bees,
Thank God.*

*When the leaves are Autumn brown,
When the wind has blown them down,
When the days begin to frown,
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*When the snow flakes gently fall,
When dark Winter's dreary pall
Covers earth and sky and all,
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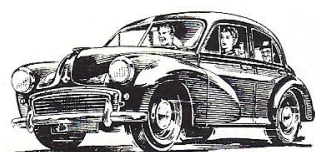
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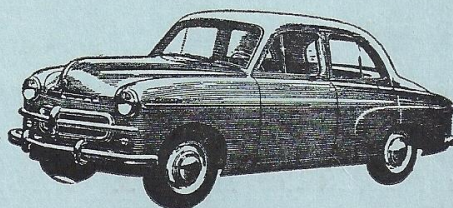
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