

# Matehy Cemetery and Historic Church



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Ahern	121	Dilworth	12	Heal	191	Linehan	148	O'Callaghan	189	O'Regan	196	Scharrer	222	Unknown	34	Unknown	127
Ambrose	168	Dilworth	56	Healy	185	Linehan	111	O'Callaghan	193	O'Regan	196	Sheehan	226	Unknown	35	Unknown	129
Anglin	193	Dilworth	120	Healy	61	<b>Mc</b>		O'Callaghan	28	O'Reilly	100	Sheehan	65	Unknown	37	Unknown	130
<b>B</b>		Dilworth	115	Healy	61	McCarthy	46	O'Callaghan	116	O'Riordan	60	Sheehan	33	Unknown	38	Unknown	131
Barry	47	Dineen	36	Healy	198	McCarthy	82	O'Callaghan	212	O'Shea	220	Sheehan	26	Unknown	40	Unknown	132
Barry	135	Dineen	201	Healy	136	McCarthy	59	O'Callaghan	169	O'Shea	53	Sheehan	26	Unknown	41	Unknown	137
Barry	80	Dineen	207	Hegarty	217	McCarthy	215	O'Callaghan	189	O'Sullivan	99	Sheehan	213	Unknown	42	Unknown	138
Bennett	16	Donovan	170	Hegarty	117	McCarthy	39	O'Callaghan	212	O'Sullivan	128	Sheehan	26	Unknown	49	Unknown	139
Blake	77	Dorney	20	Hennessy	161	McConnell	84	O'Callaghan	189	O'Sullivan	23	Sheehan	26	Unknown	50	Unknown	141
Buckley	166	Dorney	20	Herlihy	118	<b>M</b>		O'Callaghan	116	O'Sullivan	97	Sullivan	200	Unknown	51	Unknown	144
Buckley	113	Downey	28	Horgan	59	Madigan	147	O'Callaghan	193	O'Sullivan	66	Sullivan	98	Unknown	54	Unknown	145
Buckley	213	Downey	28	Horgan	200	Mahony	135	O'Callaghan	116	O'Sullivan	99	Sullivan	200	Unknown	62	Unknown	146
Buckley	10	Downey	165	<b>I</b>		Mahony	86	O'Ceilleachair	143	O'Sullivan	6	Sweeney	58	Unknown	63	Unknown	149
<b>C</b>		Downey	202	<b>J</b>		Mahony	133	O'Connell	160	O'Sullivan	24	Sweeney	213	Unknown	64	Unknown	151
Callaghan	212	Downing	71	<b>K</b>		Mahony	135	O'Connor	71	O'Sullivan	168	<b>I</b>		Unknown	67	Unknown	151A
Callaghan	187	Downing	55	Kelleher	84	Mullina	157	O'Connor	8	O'Sullivan	24	Towmey	181	Unknown	68	Unknown	154
Callahan	195	Downing	219	Kelleher	25	Mullins	157	O'Connor	208	O'Sullivan	73	Twomey	115	Unknown	72	Unknown	155
Callihan	192	Downing	55	Kelleher	93	Mulvey	218	O'Donnell	171	<b>P</b>		Twomey	78	Unknown	81	Unknown	156
Casey	79	Drummev	153	Kelleher	95	Murphy	122	O'Donovan	45	Patrick	74	Twomey	115	Unknown	83	Unknown	159
Casey	84	Dunn	48	Kelleher	25	Murphy	53	O'Donovan	84	<b>R</b>		Twomey	78	Unknown	87	Unknown	172
Casey	79	<b>E</b>		Kelleher	94	Murphy	122	O'Flynn	162	Reen	218	<b>U</b>		Unknown	89	Unknown	179
Casey	208	Ernest	3	Kelleher	94	Murphy	216	O'Herlihy	9	Richard	134	Unknown	5	Unknown	90	Unknown	184
Coffey	1	<b>F</b>		Kelleher	123	Murphy	203	O'Herlihy	55	Richardson	167	Unknown	11	Unknown	92	Unknown	188
Colden	8	Fennell	183	Kelleher	96	Murphy	69	O'Leary	205	Richardson	59	Unknown	13	Unknown	102	Unknown	190
Concannon	85	Finigan	182	Kelleher	91	Murphy	197	O'Leary	206	Richardson	167	Unknown	14	Unknown	103	Unknown	194
Connell	173	Flynn	164	Kelleher	123	Murphy	7	O'Mahony	101	Richardson	163	Unknown	15	Unknown	104	Unknown	199
Crean	166	Flynn	76	Kelleher	94	Murphy	206	O'Mahony	158	Riordan	150	Unknown	17	Unknown	105	Unknown	204
Crimin	142	<b>G</b>		Kenneally	150	<b>N</b>		O'Mahony	43	Riordan	107	Unknown	18	Unknown	106	Unknown	209
<b>D</b>		Galvin	147	Kiely	52	Noonan	7	O'Mahony	43	Riordan	222	Unknown	19	Unknown	108	Unknown	210
Daly	47	Grover	77	<b>L</b>		<b>O</b>		O'Mahony	20	Riordan	107	Unknown	27	Unknown	110	Unknown	211
Day	221	<b>H</b>		Lane	178	O'Brien	47	O'Mahony	158	Riordan	168	Unknown	29	Unknown	112	Unknown	214
Delaney	57	Hall	44	Lane	180	O'Brien	150	O'Neil	174	Riordan	222	Unknown	30	Unknown	124	<b>W</b>	
Desmond	168	Harkins	114	Lane	140	O'Brien	21	O'Regan	213	Ryan	65	Unknown	31	Unknown	125	Wallace	61
				Lenihan	4	O'Brien	70	O'Regan	22	<b>S</b>		Unknown	32	Unknown	126	Wiseman	109

## History of Matehy Cemetery & Historic Church

'This cemetery is located opposite St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in the small village of Matehy. The perimeter of the cemetery is defined by a large stone wall in which is contained some walls of a ruined church, the Matehy Parish Church, which are ivy-clad and flanked by a number of towering yew trees. The church was in a ruinous state in AD 1615.

History of Matehy Graveyard/Cemetery with its ruined Parish Church.

Matehy Graveyard erstwhile dubbed, "The Moving Graveyard" lies 8 kms west of Blarney Village. 'Teichtic', a legendary pagan Chieftain, lived here. He ruled from this prominent elevated hill-top fortress. The late Sr Angela (Evelyn) Bolster, Diocesan Archivist UCC, Lecturer and noted historian, author and publicist, has suggested that many of our ancient Christian hilltop burial sites can be traced, through the mists of time, to our Pagan ancestors. This learned proposition resonates with, and links us to, the fascinating ancient story that is 'Matehy'.

'Teichtics' fortress is now the site of Matehy Graveyard and the surrounding plain has been anglicised as Matehy i.e. 'Mágh Mach Teichtic', 'The Plain of the son of Teichtic'. (Across the road, St Joseph's RC Church, built 1875)

In 'The Pipe Roll of Cloyne' (McCotter/Nicholls, Cloyne Lit. Soc., '96, p. 239) McCotter states with reference to Matehy, "The title of the name is now represented by Vicarstown. 'Mághmactechedy' represents the original of the later form 'Matehy'. Mághmacthethyt and Mágmacteht, 1306. The rectorial tithes of Matehy Parish like those of all the Cogan fee in Muscramittine, belong to the Preceptory of Mourne. 1200 Mourne Abbey (near Mallow) was founded C. 1200 as Preceptory of Knights Hospitallers by Alexander de Helena".

Matehy linked to Crusades

1291 Parish reports to Pope Nicholas IV suggests that Inniscarra and Magumkeda (Matehy) operated in unison. 1291, "P'benda Magri, Phil O Hynovan. Ecce de Imscara et Magumkeda xxs decima 11s" (Tax P. Nic.) (Pipe Roll, McCotter, '96.)

Matehy twinned with Ardfert in Kerry

1447 Carolus alias Cenfaelayotuma, (also spelt Keanfela Otuoma- Cennfaelad Ó Tuama) a priest of Ardfert diocese was Vicar of the parish of Matehy 1489; Dermot Othuama was perpetual vicar of Dromad [Diocese of Ardfert] in succession to Maurice O Thuama, while in the following year a papal mandate assigned to Donald Othuama (Diocese of Cloyne), the vicarage of Matehy Parish.

The Otuama family have had, until recently, a presence in this area/site. Note the mysterious link with Ardfert with its historical association with St. Brendan the Navigator].

Reformation 1541.

'Under the Establishment the Rectory and Vicarage of Inniscarra were united with the Rectory and Vicarage of Matehy, or Mathea, and the Chapelry of Kilmurry [North] to constitute the corps of the Prebend of Inniscarra in the Cathedral of Cloyne. [Church and Parish records.... Cole...1903] 1770 'Church of Inniscarra in repair,..... that of Matehy in ruins,.....glebe at Matehy comprising of, 11 acres 1 Rood and 7 Perches. The rectory of Matehy formerly belonged to the preceptory of Mourne'.

1834 The Protestant population of Inniscarra was 117; of Matehy 45. [Bradly ,1863, clerical and parochial records, Cork, Cloyne and Ross].

1700 -1900s... Matehy Graveyard/Cemetery, Gilcaugh.

Here is buried Denny Lane who composed the beautiful song 'Carrighdoun'. At the north side is Fox's Bridge, supposed to have derived its name from an English soldier named Fox, who slew a priest who was celebrating mass in Matehy Church. Captain Fox was pursued by the irate congregation and was killed by a fall from his horse at the ford of the Shournagh River. [Bruno O Donoghue 'Place names West Cork, 91']. Fox was buried in the nearby Loughane Cemetery. Locals were incensed and removed the remains of their recently interred relatives. These were then buried in this burial site at Matehy. This gave rise to the legend of 'The Moving Graveyard'. This story is often 'misrepresented' by 'strangers' who conflate the slaying of a priest in Matehy, with the murder of a priest, Fr O Donoghue, years later, as he celebrated mass at 'Carraig-an-Aifreann', the nearby Mass rock at Ballyshonin. These were two separate, unconnected tragedies during the Penal times. However, we empathise with our fellow human beings worldwide, whose personal freedom, or beliefs, are not respected.



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