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Presentation Convent Gate

The entrance to the Convent is via a door from Presentation Road. The arch door opening has a limestone block-and-start surround, voussoirs and hood-moulding. The adjacent plaque reads; Siúracha na Toirbhirte/Presentation Convent.

Reference: GA-PRES
GPS: 53° 16' 23.9" N, 9° 03' 35.8" W



F2

Burial Ground

The burial ground is set within the western corner of the garden at the rear of the convent. It is surrounded by a wall on two sides and an elegant set of railings on the others. All the headstones in the burial ground are laid out in east-west rows.

Reference: GA-PRES
GPS: 53° 16' 26.1" N, 9° 03' 40.0" W



F3

Burial Ground Railings

The iron railings on the northern side of the burial ground are broken by a double pedestrian gate accessed via three stone steps while the eastern railings are broken by a single gate. The railings are set into a low cut stone wall.

Reference: GA-PRES
GPS: 53° 16' 26.0" N, 9° 03' 39.6" W



F4

Statue of Our Lady

There is a statue of Our Lady set into a niche on the western boundary wall. The niche is raised on a plinth and the sides of the niche are decorated with simple engaged doric columns. The arched top of the niche springs from the columns.

Reference: GA-PRES
GPS: 53° 16' 26.2" N, 9° 03' 40.2" W

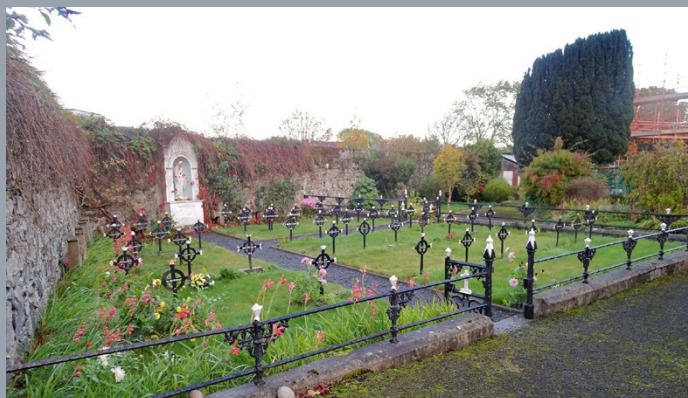


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MAB - 1831-1853

The oldest stone cross in the Presentation Sisters burial ground dates to 1831. It is one of ten crosses, removed from their original locations and now resting against the boundary walls (01-05 are set against the western wall and 06-10 against the southern wall.)

Reference: GA-PRES-0060
GPS: 53° 16' 26.1" N, 9° 03' 40.2" W



Presentation Convent | Siúracha na Toirbhirte

It was Dr. Edmund French, Warden of Galway (1812– 1831), who brought the Presentation Sisters to the city of Galway. The location of the first Presentation Convent (Oct 1815 – Feb 1816) was at Kirwan's Lane taking over a small school which had been run by a Committee of ladies for 30 children since 1808. From 1816– 1819, they moved to a larger house in Eyre Square in order to have accommodation for large numbers of children. In 1819, they came to the present location on Presentation Road. The Presentation Convent complex is listed in the Architectural Inventory of Ireland (NIAH Reg. 30313021) and is classified of regional merit. The Convent is described as follows in the NIAH inventory; This building, overlooking Mill Street, was acquired by the Presentation nuns in 1819. The date plaque of 1815 refers to the year the nuns arrived in Galway from Kilkenny. The convent was originally built as a charter school c.1748, then became a military barracks and a fever hospital before standing empty for a short period prior to the arrival of the nuns. The building and walls have been well maintained and remain a prominent feature on the streetscape and an attractive landmark in the locality. The retention of timber sash windows and the presence of good stone detailing to the gate building add to the architectural significance of the site.

St Joseph's Catholic Church dated to 1883 is located beside (east of) Presentation Convent and the Poor Clare's Monastery on Nuns Island is located to the NW. There is a large garden to the rear of the convent at the junction of the Eglinton Canal and the River Corrib. The garden is the site of a new convent building. The burial ground is set within the western corner of the garden to the rear of the old national school. It is bound by the garden walls on the western and southern sides and iron railings on the other two sides. There are a total of 65 Presentation Sister's names commemorated on 65 crosses, ten of these are stone crosses while the other 55 are metal. The oldest of the burials dates to 1831 and the most recent of the burials dates to 1992. The name comprises two parts, the religious name followed by the secular surname and date of death.

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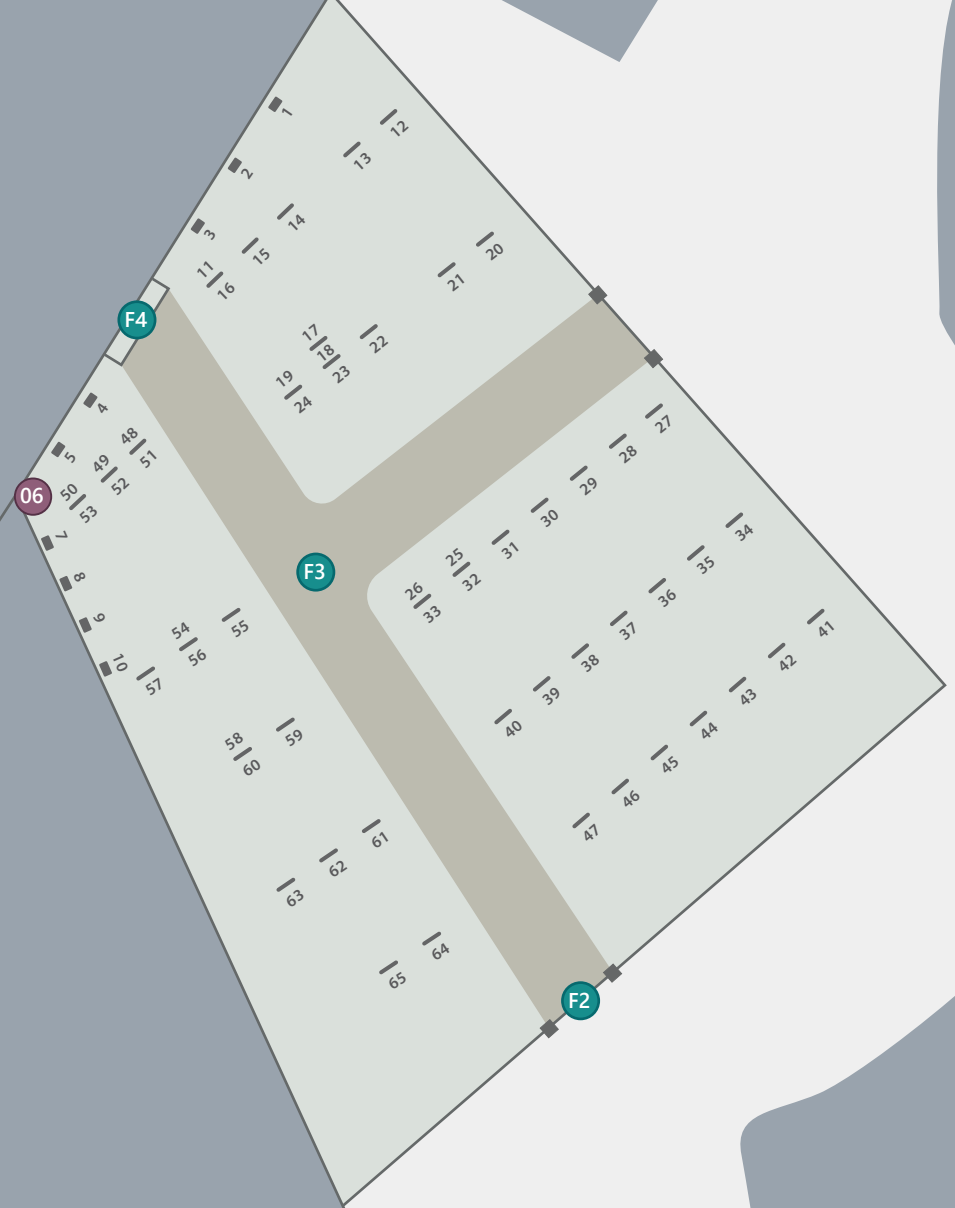
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Key	Headstone	Kerbed Grave	Cross or Pedestal	Ledger or Chest tomb	Vault or Mausoleum
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