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Reilig Shéipeál Shiúracha na Trócaire

Mercy Nuns

Graveyard, St Francis Street, Galway

Mercy Nuns Convent | Reilig Shiúracha na Trócaire

The Sisters of Mercy Convent on Francis St., a neighbour to the Franciscan Friary, is sited on part of the former Joyce Distillery. The foundation stone was laid in 1841 when the nuns transferred from an earlier premises on Lombard St. A primary school was opened here in 1842 in 1875 a new, larger, school was built on a vacant plot across the road from the convent. A tunnel was constructed under the road to connect that school and the convent. In more recent times, that school building was demolished and replaced by the current structure. The doorway from Martin Darcy's house in Abbeigate St. Upper, dated to 1624, was transferred to the Mercy Convent in the mid-19th century. The graveyard is located to the immediate north of the Franciscan Church and is accessed via a pedestrian gate. A total of 50 names are carved on four black granite headstones. The names date from between 1845-1910. The nuns who died after 1910 were mainly buried in Bohermore cemetery.

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For more information see: 'Monuments of the Convent of Mercy Francis Street Galway' by J. Higgins (1989).

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As part of Galway City Council's policy of making information on heritage freely available, a summary brochure like this one is being prepared for each of Galway City's 28 areas. These are being printed along with a map as a guide for those who visit our graveyards. The monuments on the maps are numbered and are linked to the historicgraves.com and galwaycity.ie websites. This allows anyone anywhere to research their ancestry and kinship in the Galway area without charge. Copies of the following 16 leaflets; Ballybrit, Bushypark, Castlegar, Castlawn, Convent of Mercy Forster St. and Francis St., Franciscan Abbey, Forthill, Menlo, Old Rahoon, Poor Clare Monastery, Roscam, St Mary's Dominican, St Patrick's, Salthill Upper and United Methodist Presbyterian are available from the Heritage Office, City Hall, College Rd, Galway (Tel: 091 536547/536516) and from city library branches free of charge.

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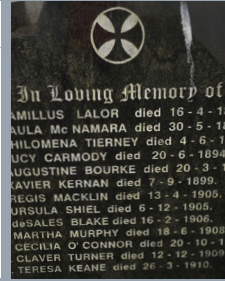
Camillus Lalor - 1892

MEMORIAL

There are 12 names carved into this memorial set against the southern wall. Each name comprises two parts, the religious name followed by the secular surname and date of death. The four modern headstones in the same style replaced older memorials.

Reference: GA-SMFS-0001

GPS: 53° 16' 31.4904" N, 9° 3' 15.0408" W



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Private Burial Ground

FEATURE

The private burial ground is a level gravel area set in between two buildings, and iron pedestrian gate, in the northern wall, provides access to the site. A number of small iron crosses, set into the ground, mark the perimeter of a short footpath.

Reference GA-SMFS

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Key

Headstone

Kerbed Grave

Cross or Pedestal

Ledger or Chest tomb

Vault or Mausoleum

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