

History of Limerick 941.94
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FRAME 2. DONOGHMORE

On his journey through Ireland St. Patrick came to Donoghmore on the outskirts of the city and established a church there. (A church which Patrick himself established was referred to as a "Domhnach"). The ruins of the church may be seen in this frame. While he was in this area many people came to him and were baptised.

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FRAME 3. HOLY WELL AT SINGLAND

He later moved nearer to the city - to Singland - and founded a church there of which no trace now remains. A holy well can still be seen here and on a rock nearby is said to be the print of the saint's knees.

Cairthean, King of the Dál gCais came to visit St. Patrick here and was baptised. Cairthean's son suffered from a disease which Patrick cured.

Having spent some time here Patrick journeyed westwards through Patrickswell to Foynes in West Limerick.

FRAME 4. MUNGRET *

Nessan having been ordained by Patrick founded a monastery at Mungret. This monastery became famous as a centre of learning and at one time upwards of 1,500 monks attended here. Where once stood six churches the ruins of only three now remain. In this frame may be seen the ruins of one of these churches. (Seán Ó Dálaigh, one of the Maigue poets, is buried in the cemetery in front of the church.)

In 834 the Norsemen sailed up the Shannon as far as Mungret and plundered the monastery. Later they settled on King's Island and from here sacked many of the country's monasteries. They were eventually defeated by Brian Ború at Solohead in 968.