

## THE PARISH OF DRUMCULLAHER.

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**SITUATION.** The north northwest point of this Parish is situated about nine miles south southeast of the Town of Newcastle. It is bounded on the north by the Parishes of Kilmeedy and Clouncroo; on the east by Clouncroo Parish and the Parish of Killballaan, Co. of Cork; south by Killballaan, Co. of Cork and Tullalease, Co. of Limerick and on the west by the Parishes of Killahobahan and Mahoonagh.

**NAME.** The name of this Parish is in Irish Drom Colla-chair, which is in all probability a corruption of Drom-Coll-Choille, i.e., Hazelmount. This may be disputed, but still it is almost certain.

The old Church of this Parish, which is sometimes called St. Bartholomew's Church, stands in ruins in the Glebe of Carhooard West and Village of Drumcullaheer. It is twenty one feet in breadth, but its length cannot be determined as the west gable has totally disappeared; the present length of the side walls is fifty five feet. The window on the east gable is round-arched on the inside, where it is nine feet high by three feet eight inches and formed of cut lime stone. It consists of two parts on the outside, but the mullion is now

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removed. On this side it is in the pointed style. On the south part of this window outside, there remains but one of the cut stones and by means of this one its breadth (width) is determined. It is five feet high by fourteen inches on this side. On the south side wall within three feet of the east gable, there was a window which is now disfigured; there was another window, now also disfigured, twenty four feet from the former on the same wall. No doorway is to be seen on any part of the walls which remain. These walls are about twelve feet high, three feet four inches in thickness and built of small hammered stones cemented with lime and sand mortar. Attached to this Church there is a large grave yard much in use, having large ash-trees growing in it.

In the Townland of Gardenfield South, is pointed out the site of a Castle, now occupied by a barn.

Antiquities examined by Mr. A. Curry.

P. O'Keeffe.

Ballingarry,  
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