

THE PARISH OF KILBRADRAN.

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SITUATION. This Parish is situated in the north western portion of the County of Limerick, and Barony of Shanid. It is bounded on the north by the Parishes of Kilmoylan, Dunmoylan and Lismakeery, south by Clounagh Parish, east by Lismakeery and Rathkeale and on the west by the Parishes of Rathronan, Kilcolman and Dunmoylan.

NAME. It is called in Irish Cill Bradhráin which is believed to mean the Cell or Church of Saint Bradran, but I do not find a Saint of this name in the Calendar.

The old Church of this Parish originally consisted of a nave and choir. Of the latter only a small portion of the south wall remains. The nave, of which the walls are perfect, is thirty five and a half feet long by seventeen feet eight inches. The choir arch is entirely disfigured. On the south side wall, at the distance of two feet from the middle (now the east) gable, is a square window formed on both sides of coarse stones; it is five feet high by four feet on the inside; two feet eleven inches in height, five and a half inches in width at the top and nine inches

at the bottom on the outside. On this wall at the distance of nine feet from the west gable was the doorway, which is at present much disfigured. The west gable and north wall are featureless. The walls of this Church are about fourteen feet high, two and a half feet in thickness and built of large stones, not quarried, irregularly laid with lime and sand mortar. It is situated in a large graveyard much in use, and on level ground in the Glebe of Kilbradran.

Antiquities examined by Mr. A. Curry.

P. O'Keeffe.

Askeaton,
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