

THE PARISH OF KILKILLAUN.

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SITUATION. This Parish is bounded on the north by the Parish of Rathjordan; on the west by Cahercorney and Knockainy Parishes; on the south by Knockainy and on the east by the Parishes of Ballyuamona and Ballynard.

NAME. The name of this Parish is called in Irish Cill Chathláin, which signifies the Church of Cathlan, but as I do not find a Saint of this name in the Calendars I incline to think that it was called after the Chieftain by whom it was built. Churches were not unfrequently called after families as, Lissonuffy.

The old Church of this Parish is situated in a small graveyard not much used and on level ground in the Townland of Kilkillaun, about three hundred yards west of the River Camog. It consists of a nave and choir. The east gable of the choir is now reduced to the height of four feet; this choir is eighteen and a half feet long by twelve feet ten inches. On its south wall three and a half feet from the east gable there was a window which is now entirely disfigured. The choir arch, which is eleven and a half feet high by seven feet ten inches, is in the pointed style and formed of brown cut stone. The nave is thirty three feet long by twenty feet two inches. Of its south wall nine and a half feet in length adjoining the west gable and three feet adjoining the middle gable, remain; the rest of the wall is destroyed to the foundation. There were two windows, one on each of the side walls of the nave near the middle gable but they are now totally disfigured. The doorway must have been on that portion of the south wall which is destroyed. There was a window on the west gable which has completely lost its form. The walls are about ten feet high, three feet in thickness and built of regular sized lime stones cemented with lime and sand mortar.

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On the bank of the river (Camog) east of the old Church and in the same townland, remains the first arch of an old Castle, but the external face of the walls is destroyed. This building measures twenty one feet eight inches by thirteen feet ten inches and the walls were five and a half feet in thickness.