

## THE PARISH OF NANTENAN.

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**SITUATION.** This Parish is situated in the northern portion of the County of Limerick, in the Barony of Lower Connello. It is bounded on the north by the Parish of Askeaton, on the east by Kilcornan, Croagh and Cappa Parishes, on the south by Rathkeale Parish, on the west by the Parishes of Lismakeery, Kilbradran and Doondonnell. There are two detached portions of this Parish insulated by Rathkeale Parish; also another in the west of the Barony of Shanid, bordering on the County of Kerry.

**NAME.** The name of this Parish is not of ecclesiastical origin, but derived from that of the Townland in which the old Church is situated. The name is in Irish Naenntanán, and signifies Land abounding in Nettles.

Of the old Church of this Parish not a vestige now remains. It was levelled to the ground about thirty years ago, when the Church in use at present was being built. Attached to this Church is an old graveyard of considerable extent, much in use at present. This is situated on level ground in the Townland of Nantenan. St. James's Well lies about half a furlong south of the Church in the Townland of Ardgoul North. This well is still much resorted to on the 25th July (Saint James's Day) which is a holiday in the Parish. Its waters are believed to be efficacious in curing sores of every description.

Contiguous to Stoneville House in the Townland of the same name are the ruins of an old Castle.

The Antiquities of this Parish were examined by Mr. A. Curry and his notes put into the above form by Mr. O'Keeffe.

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