

Our Parish Church

A transcription from the Attymass Parish
Inventory

Signed by Bishop the Most Rev Dr. Morrisroe

Dated 2nd May 1912

Believed to have been written by the then PP Fr. Walter Henry

Parish Buildings

Under this head our parish church is the principal building. It is of solid structure, oblong form 107ft by 34ft – 8in clear on the outside lighted by eight windows of various size and gothic in shape.

The principal altar is marble and the Church has a Sacristy attached to it and is furnished with seats, confessional, gallery, and organ.

Tradition here says the Church was begun building about 1835 and replaced an old thatched building that served as church and school at this time. It was at that time Attymass was made a separate parish from Bonnicolton to which it had been joined up to that time (1832) and Father Brennan uncle of the late Canon Brennan was its first P.P.

Fr Keane, who had been afterwards transferred to Carracaastle after building the Church, was the 2nd appointment to the new parish about 1835. At that time was begun the building of present church. The Church has been improved and changed since from time to time.

The Church being so exposed to the storms the roof has suffered very much and had to be repeatedly repaired. A Sacristy had been added in course of time. Wainscoting and sheeting of Sacristy and Gable and finally whatever had been found necessary for the needs of the time has been now added.

The plot of land on which the Church has been built had been given by the late Mrs G. H. Moore; and though there be no title deeds to this effect it is clear that this plot belongs by right of prescription, to the Church and that the Parish Priest for the time being is the legal owner.

The Church ground or plot is surrounded or enclosed by boundary wall except at the back of the school where the boundary line is marked by a hedge.

The Church has been consecrated by the late Dr. Diyster and St. Joseph is its Patron Saint.

P. Morrisroe 2nd May 1912