

## The Sam Maguire Community Bells

Installed in St. Mary's Church, Dunmanway, Co. Cork.

by M.B.H Engineering Services, The Pike, Drinagh, Dunmanway, Co Cork.

The Bells were blessed by Rt. Rev. Dr. Paul Colton, Bishop of Cork Cloyne and Ross on 17th June 2017.

First official ring took place following a service of thanksgiving on 9th September 2017,

by a band of newly trained ringers from the local community in the presence of,

*The Right Rev. Dr Paul Colton, Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross*

*The Most Rev. Dr John Buckley, Bishop of Cork and Ross*

*Cllr. Declan Hurley, Mayor of the County of Cork*

*Aogán O Fearghail, President of the Gaelic Athletic Association*

*The Rev. Cliff Jeffers, Rector of Fanlobbus Union of Parishes*

*And a full church of parishioners, bell ringers, friends and local supporters.*

Bell	Note	Weight	Inscription	Diameter
Treble	D	1-0-18 (59kg)	Samuel Maguire 1877-1927 (MH & Co 2017)	
2	C#	1-1-05 (66kg)	Samuel Maguire 1877-1927 (MH & Co 2017)	
3	B	1-1-17 (71kg)	J Warner & Sons London 1887	19 in (483mm)
4	A	1-1-26 (75kg)	J Warner & Sons London 1887	20 in (509mm)
5	G	1-2-17 (84kg)	J Warner & Sons London 1887	21 in (553mm)
6	F#	1-3-10 (93kg)	J Warner & Sons London 1887	22 in (559mm)
7	E	2-0-18 (110kg)	J Warner & Sons London 1887	23.5 in (597mm)
Tenor	D (1180Hz)	2-2-04 (129kg)	Cast by John Warner & Son London 1887	25 in (635mm)

The six largest bells were previously a chime at Christ Church, Llanelli, Wales. When the church was closed in 2011, the bells were rescued from becoming scrap metal by Keltex Trust. They were then purchased by Dr. Mike Pomeroy of St. Mary's Cathedral Tower in Limerick, who donated the bells to St. Mary's Church, Dunmanway.

These six bells were tuned in Whitechapel Bell Foundry, shortly before it closed in May 2017. Benjamin Kipling who tuned them, joined the company of Matthew Higby & Company Ltd in Somerset, England, who cast the two new trebles completing the octave.

Building works in the tower were carried out by Cahalane Bros., Ltd, Tadgh O'Sullivan, Michael & Kevin Hourahan, Alert Engineering and Leslie Beamish under the supervision of Martin Hough of M.B.H. Engineering Services who built the bell frame and fittings at his workshop in Drinagh, Co. Cork before installing and commissioned the bells in the tower of St. Mary's Church, Dunmanway, Co. Cork in July 2017.

Technical support for the building works was supplied by Declan O'Shea Consulting Engineer Ltd.