



Tower History

St Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny



St Canice's Cathedral in Kilkenny stands to the north-east of the town centre and has a traditional, free standing round tower in the grounds (though the bells are not stored in it)

The first record of the bells was on 23rd of May 1322 when the belfry collapsed into the church destroying the roof and bells. By 1650 the tower contained 5 bells, but these were taken away by Oliver Cromwell who used the cathedral as a stable.

Fortunately, in 1674 a ring of 6 bells was cast for the cathedral, and in 1892 this was augmented with the addition of two new bells which form the Treble and Second bells of the current ring of 8.

Link to tower on web site

<https://bellringingireland.org/tower/kilkenny-st-canices-cathedral>

Bell Weights & Inscriptions

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