



Tower History

Holy Trinity, Drumbo



This Church is situated in the townland of Ballylesson, Co. Down, just a few miles south of Belfast. It was built in 1788 and consecrated in 1789. It has a square tower at the west end upon which is an octagonal lantern. There are pinnacles at the corners of the tower. The original Drumbo Parish Church was located at Drumbo Hill and, when a new church was necessary, it was decided to erect it more in the centre of population of the time at Ballylesson.

Apparently, it was the intention that the new church should contain a ring of bells because Lord Dungannon included a reference to it in a letter he wrote in 1788. The church had not long to wait, until 1791 in fact, when John Rudhall of Gloucester cast a ring of six bells which were hung in a wooden frame from timber headstocks and the bells had canons.

In 1977, two new treble bells were provided to augment the ring to one of eight bells, which cost £4000, even allowing for the amount of voluntary work involved to install them by the local band of ringers. The new treble bell occupies the pit of the former treble, now number three bell, and a new frame section was attached to the west side of the original steel frame in which the new Second and the number Three bells are placed.

Link to tower on web site

<https://bellringingireland.org/tower/drumbo-holy-trinity/>

Other Links

<http://www.holytrinityballylesson.com/>

Bell Weights & Inscriptions

<https://dove.cccb.org.uk/detail.php?tower=11938>

Below are the weights of Holy Trinity bells Drumbo

Old bells

	CWTS	QRS	LBS	Founders
Treble	5	0	19	John Rudhall of Gloucester
2	5	1	10	John Rudhall of Gloucester
3	6	1	12	John Rudhall of Gloucester
4	6	1	22	John Rudhall of Gloucester
5	7	3	11	John Rudhall of Gloucester
Tenor	12	1	7	John Rudhall of Gloucester

Present day bells with two trebles

	Diameter	CWTS	QRS	LBS	Founders
Treble	25 $\frac{7}{8}$				John Rudhall of Gloucester
2	26 $\frac{7}{8}$				John Rudhall of Gloucester
3	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	1	0	John Rudhall of Gloucester
4	30 $\frac{1}{4}$	4	3	21	John Rudhall of Gloucester
5	32	5	3	20	John Rudhall of Gloucester
6	32 $\frac{3}{4}$	5	3	22	John Rudhall of Gloucester
7	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	7	2	1	John Rudhall of Gloucester
Tenor	41	11	2	27	John Rudhall of Gloucester

Below are the Inscriptions of Holy Trinity Bells Drumbo

Old bells

Treble	Parish of Drumbo
2	Parish of Drumbo
3	Parish of Drumbo
4	Parish of Drumbo
5	Parish of Drumbo
Tenor	These bells were cast at Gloucester by I Rudhall for/.. The Parish of Drumbo 1791

Present day bells with two trebles

Treble	(IB)		PARISH OF DRUMBO
	(W)	In memoriam Sarah Jane/.. Martin Frazer	19 TAYLOR LOUGHBORO 76
2	(IB)		PARISH OF DRUMBO
	(W)		19 TAYLOR LOUGHBORO 76