



Tower History

St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen



1637, a new church was built in Enniskillen, but it was not dedicated until 1842. It then became St Anne's Parish church. Because the Cathedral in Clogher was so remote to the majority of parishes, St Anne's was dedicated, by an Act of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland in 1921, to create St Anne's Church to be the Cathedral of the Diocese. Clogher Cathedral continues as such, along with the one in Enniskillen, and they both are dedicated to St. Macartin.

At the west end of the Enniskillen Cathedral, there is a fine square tower with a spire, in which a peal of bells hangs. These bells were taken down in 1935 and sent to Taylor's of Loughborough for a major restoration job. The work included the provision of two additional Trebles, the recasting of the old Treble, Second and Third, removal of canons from all bells, fitting of new cast steel headstocks and modern steel frame. The bell installation was converted from a chime into a ring of ten bells so that they could be rung by teams of bell ringers. St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, was packed to the doors for the dedication service on Monday, October 23, 1935, when the Lord Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd H. McManaway, preached and

performed the act of Dedication.

Link to tower on web site

<https://bellringingireland.org/tower/enniskillen-st-macartins-cathedral/>

Other Links

<http://www.enniskillencathedral.org/>

Bell Weights & Inscriptions

<https://dove.ccbbr.org.uk/detail.php?tower=13372>

Below are the weights of St Macartin's Cathedral Bells Enniskillen

	Weight	Dimension	Founders
<i>Treble</i>	4 cwt, 3 qr, 5 lbs	26½"	John Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough
2	5 cwt, 0 qr, 26 lbs	28"	John Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough
3	5 cwt, 3 qr, 9 lbs	30"	Thomas Mears Founder London 1841
4	6 cwt, 2 qr, 2 lbs	31"	Thomas Mears Founder London 1841
5	7 cwt, 3 qr, 22 lbs	33"	Thomas Mears Founder London 1841
6	10 cwt, 0 qr, 5 lbs	36"	Thomas Mears Founder London 1841
7	10 cwt, 0 qr, 5 lbs	39½"	Thomas Mears Founder London 1841
8	10 cwt, 0 qr, 7 lbs	40½"	T Mears of London Fecit 1828
9	14 cwt, 2 qr, 15 lbs	45"	Thomas Mears Founder London 1841
<i>Tenor</i>	20 cwt, 2 qr, 15 lbs	51"	Thomas Mears Founder London

Below are the inscriptions of St Macartin's Cathedral Bells Enniskillen

Treble	(IB)	John Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough
	(Top of W)	1935 John Dane (incised lettering)
2	(IB)	John Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough
	(W)	1935 Anthony F Maude (incised lettering)
3	(IB)	Thomas Mears Founder London 1841
	(W)	(Taylor's stamp) RECAST 1935 (On the opposite side - Enniskillen Coat of Arms)
4	(IB)	Thomas Mears Founder London 1841
	(W)	(Taylor's stamp) RECAST 1935 (On the opposite side - Enniskillen Coat of Arms)
5	(IB)	Thomas Mears Founder London 1841
	(Top of W)	Given with Clock by Miss Anne Hall of Innishmore Co Fermanagh 1841 (On the opposite side - Taylor Stamp) Recast
6	(IB)	Thomas Mears Founder London 1841
	(Top of W)	Given by Somerset Lowry Corry, Earl of Belmore (On the opposite side - Enniskillen Coat of Arms)
7	(IB)	Thomas Mears Founder London 1841
	(Top of W)	Given with Clock by Miss Anne Hall of Innishmore Co Fermanagh 1841
8	(IB)	T Mears of London Fecit 1828
	(W)	The metal of this bell given by Government A.D.1716. Recast at the expense of Parish of Enniskillen A.D.1825
9	(IB)	Thomas Mears Founder London 1841
	(Top of W)	Given with Clock by Miss Anne Hall of Innishmore Co Fermanagh 1841 (On the opposite side - Enniskillen Coat of Arms)
Tenor	(IB)	Thomas Mears Founder London
	(W)	Presented by William Willoughby, Earl of Enniskillen To his friends the Inniskilling Men 1841 (Inniskillen Coat of Arms)