

**St. Columba's Roman Catholic Church Cemetery, Doneyloop,  
Castlefin, Donegal**



St. Columba's Roman Catholic Church of Doneyloop, Donegal, in the parish of Urney and Castlefin, rests on the border of Tyrone in Northern Ireland, near Clady (Strabane), between Urney Road and Doneyloop Estate. The GPS coordinates are 54.78708 and 7.55643.

**GRAVESTONE PLACE NAMES:** Ardnaglass, Ballinascreen, Ballylast, Bellspark, Clady, Croaghan, Dresnagh, Graphy, Inchaney, Kenneystown, Lisdoon, Maghereagh, Newtown Stewart, Omagh, Sion, Skelpy, Skerryglass, Tallaght (Dublin), Urney

*The following is not a complete record of the graveyard's headstones.*

**SURNAMES:**

BARCLAY

BOYLE (see also McCrudden and Flanagan)

BROWNE (see Barclay)

CAHILL (see Sproule)

CLARKE

COLHOUN

CONNELL

CONNOLLY/CONNOLLY/CONOLLY

COYLE

CREANOR (see O'Flaherty)

DEVINE (see McCauley)

DOHERTY (also see Marley)

DORAN  
DUNNE  
FERRY  
FLANAGAN (also see McCrudden)  
FLOOD  
GALLAGHER  
HANNA  
HARVEY  
HEGHARTY  
KELLY (see O'Brien)  
LAFFERTY (see also O'Flaherty)  
LENNON  
MARLEY  
McCAULEY  
McCLANAGHAN  
McCRUDDEN  
McDEVITT  
McDAID  
McELMONE  
McFEELY (see O'Flaherty)  
McGAULEY  
McGINLEY  
McGLINCHEY  
McGOLDRICK  
McGRATH  
McKINNEY  
McLAUGHLIN  
McMONAGLE  
McPHERSON  
MELLY  
MOLLOY (see Gallagher)  
MURRAY (see O'Brien)  
NEALIS  
O'BRIEN  
O'DONNELL  
O'FLAHERTY  
PHELAN  
RUSH  
SCANLAN (see O'Donnell)  
SPROULE  
TINNEY  
WHITE  
WOODS

In loving memory of // the Barclay Family // Graphy // George F. Barclay // died 15 – Feb. 1970 aged 80 yrs // his beloved wife Catherine // died 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2000 aged 89 yrs // his brother John // died 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1985 aged 97 yrs // their daughter Mary Jane // died 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2003 aged 62 yrs.



*[Note: this plaque appeared on the George F. Barclay and Family plot]*  
Also // Jane Browne // and Elizabeth Barclay



In // loving memory // of // Charles Boyle // died 8<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1913, // his son Edward James Boyle // died 27<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1918, // also his wife Anne Boyle // died 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1939 // their son Michael Boyle // died 15<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1946 // and their daughter Sarah // R.I.P.  
*[note: this plot also contains a plaque memorializing Charles and Annie Woods, shown above]*



Erected // in loving memory of // the Boyle family. // John James died 24<sup>th</sup>. June 1884 // aged 66 years // Bridget died 12<sup>th</sup>. March 1924 // aged 82 years // Ellen died 12<sup>th</sup>. November 1933 // aged 72 years // Mary died 13<sup>th</sup>. April 1955 // aged 74 years // William Joseph Boyle // died 13<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> 1958 // aged 81 years. // R.I.P.



Pray for the souls of // Thomas Boyle // Inchaney // also his wife Alice Boyle. // And their son Daniel J. Boyle. // Their daughter Mary A. // died 1<sup>st</sup> March 1979.



In Loving Memory // of // Mary Ann Clarke // Dresnagh // died 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1943 // also her husband John // died 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1945 // their daughter Mamie Clarke // died 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1984 // Their son William J. // died 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1993. Their daughter Maggie M. // died 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1993. // Their son John // died 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1999.



Pray for the souls // of // James Colhoun // Kenneystown // died 20<sup>th</sup> April 1939 // Also his wife // Margaret Colhoun, // died 16<sup>th</sup> April 1953. // Annabella Colhoun // died 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1965 // James Colhoun, // died 8<sup>th</sup> May 1968. // Margaret Colhoun, // died 16<sup>th</sup> April 1975. // Jane Colhoun // died 30<sup>th</sup> May 1983



William Con\_\_\_\_ [*rest of name is obscured*] // who died June 1868 // aged 66 years // also // his wife Ann who died Oct 1874 // aged 68(?) years // also their son James // who died March 1867 // aged \_\_ (43?) years



In // Loving memory // of // Michael Connell // died 10<sup>th</sup> Jan \_\_\_\_ // Skelpy? [*rest is illegible*]



Pray for the Soul // of // Very Rev. James Connolly // Parish Priest, Urney // Born in the Parish of Ballinascreen 1820 // Ordained Priest 1846, appointed 1848 to Urney // where successively as Curate, Administrator, and Parish Priest, he laboured until his death // died 11<sup>th</sup> January 1903. // In memoria aeterna erit Justus. Ps 111.7.



John Connolly // also Mary Connolly // Elisa Connolly // Joseph Conolly [sic]



In Loving Memory Of // our parents // John Coyle // Bellspark // died 19<sup>th</sup> October 1959 aged 62 years // also his wife Cecily // died 13<sup>th</sup> February 1959 aged 59 years.



Erected // in memory of // Charles Doherty. // who died March 1874 // aged 65 years.



Erected // in memory of // Bridget Doran // June 9, 1879 aged 69(?) years // John James Doran // August 22, 1882 aged 4(?) years





In loving memory // of // Margaret Dunne // who died 28<sup>th</sup> Jany 1922 // aged 74 years //  
her husband James Dunne // died 16<sup>th</sup> Feb-1928 aged 74 years //



FERRY



In // loving memory // of // Thomas Flanagan // 1<sup>st</sup> Aug – 1867 aged 55 years // wife Sarah died 20<sup>th</sup> Dec - 1905 // aged 76 years. // Their son Edward Flanagan // died 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1926 aged 72 years // and his wife Ann died 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – 1920 // aged 55 years //



Pray for the soul // of // Thomas Flanagan // died 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1883 aged 60 yrs. // also his wife Jane Flanagan // died 15<sup>th</sup> April 1909 aged 72 yrs. // their son Hugh Flanagan // died 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1936 aged 73 yrs // their daughter Ellen Boyle // died 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1941 aged 80 yrs // their son James Flanagan // died 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1951 aged 75 yrs. // wife Margaret Flanagan / died 31<sup>st</sup> March 1955 aged 65 yrs.



Sacred to the memory of // Patrick Flood // who died at Urney on the // 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 1875 // aged 82 years



Sacred to the memory of // John Callacher // who died 5<sup>th</sup> May 1892 aged 92 years // and his beloved wife Ellen, // who died 14<sup>th</sup> Feby, 1850, aged 88 years. // Also their son John // who died 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 1912 aged 71 years.  
*[shown at bottom]* Erected by their son // Rev. Patrick J. Gallagher, San Francisco)  
*[added later]* and his wife Catherine // nee Gallagher // died Jan 1950 aged 95 years // their son Richard // died March 1976 aged 80 years // their son John (Sean) // died April 1972 aged 77 years



Pray for the Soul of // The Rev. P.J. Gallagher // pastor of St. Mary's Church, Oakdale // in the Arch Diocese of // Sanfrancisco *[sic]* // born in the Parish of Urney 1841 // ordained in June 1871 // and died 26<sup>th</sup> April 1918.

*[note: this is the same Rev. Patrick Gallagher who commissioned the above stone for his parents, John and Ellen Gallagher]*



In Loving Memory // of // The Gallagher Family // and // the Molloy Family // Rest in Peace



Mary A Gallagher // died 1934 // her husband // James Gallagher died 1940



In Loving Memory Of // John Hanna // Died 15<sup>th</sup> July 1948 // his sons // William // interred in Scotland // Patrick and Michael // Rest in Peace



In Memory of // Jane Hanna // died 4<sup>th</sup> April 1941 // aged 67 years // John Hanna // died 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1942 // aged 75 years // Michael Hanna // died 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 1958 // aged 85 years



In // loving memory // of // Hugh Harvey // Ballylast // died 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1967 // his wife Sara // died 16<sup>th</sup> May 1948 // always remembered by // Jim, Hugo & Charlie



Ann Hegharty // who died 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> 1878 // also her husband // Hugh Hegharty // who died 25<sup>th</sup> March 1878



I gcuimne an Ceannasaí Seáin Seámais Uí Ceallaig a marbad de barr pleáscad buama, 1 ndeas do Caislean na Finn ear an 28ú la de Samain 1938 aois 48. Tógta ag a gaolta, a comrádaite agus a Cáirde.

In // Loving Memory Of // Mary Anne Kelly // (nee Dolan) // Wife Of // John James Kelly // and Mother of Hugh // Died 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1962 // aged 81 years.

[Translation: In memory of Commandant John James Kelly who died due to an exploding bomb in Castlefinn on the 28th of November.1938, age 48. Erected by his relatives, comrades and friends.<sup>1</sup>]

<sup>1</sup>Military preparations for a renewed IRA campaign included a series of attacks on British customs houses in Northern Ireland. On November 28 and 29, 1938, British customs posts along the border were demolished using explosives. The only fatalities were three IRA volunteers:

- Jimmy Joe Reynolds from Leitrim,
- John James Kelly from Donegal, and
- Charlie McCafferty from Tyrone.

They were killed by the premature explosion of a mine at a house in Castlefin, County Donegal on 28 November 1938. *Wikipedia*

[^](#) See Bowyer, Bell J., *The Secret Army - the IRA* page 153, for details of the incident and other border activity in period.



In Loving Memory of // Edward Lafferty // died 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 1972



In loving memory of // Patrick Lennon // died 11 - Feb. 1958 aged 81 yrs. // his wife Catherine // died 5 - Aug. 1971 aged 89 yrs // their son James // died 8 - Sep. 1974 aged 67 yrs // their daughter Lena // died 28<sup>th</sup> March 1995 aged 75 yrs // their daughter Teresa // died 4<sup>th</sup> March 2002 aged 83 yrs.



In loving memory of // Eliza Marley // who died 18<sup>th</sup> January 1902, aged 72 years // and William Marley, her husband, // who died March 1891, aged 60 years // and John Doherty, her father, // who died 1863 aged 76 years. // also Catherine Doherty, her mother // who died 1873, aged 78 years



In Loving Memory Of // Dan Mc Cauley, Lisdoon. // Died 6<sup>th</sup> April 1943 aged 71 yrs // his wife Catherine // died 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1976 // and their daughter Anna Devine // died 28<sup>th</sup> June 1949 aged 26 yrs // also their son John // died 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1997 aged 78 yrs





In Memory // of // Mary Elizabeth McCauley // died 26<sup>th</sup> Dec-1909 // aged 49 years // her son Andrew McCauley // died 11<sup>th</sup> Jan-1914 // aged 25 years // also her daughter // Hannagh Mary // died 17<sup>th</sup> March 1913 // aged 17 years. // also Charles McCauley // died 6<sup>th</sup> February 1999 // aged 77 years // Maghereagh



(one headstone; two closeup photos)

Erected by // Eliza McClanaghan // Newtown Stewart // in memory of her // beloved husband // Patrick McClanaghan // who died 20<sup>th</sup> November \_\_\_\_2 // aged 60 (?) years // also his infant daughter // aged \_\_\_\_ // Eliza aged \_\_\_\_ // also their daughter // Catherine // who died 14<sup>th</sup> January 18\_\_ // aged 2\_ years // also Patrick \_\_\_\_\_ (McClanaghan?) // who died \_\_\_\_\_ // also Elizabeth McClanaghan // who died 29(?)th March \_\_\_\_ (1896?)



Pray // for the souls of // Sarah McCrudden // of Skerryglass. // Died January 1868, aged 76 years // also John Boyle, // died 5<sup>th</sup> July 1875, aged 16 years. // And his sister Sarah Flanagan // died 27<sup>th</sup> March 1899, aged 38 years. // also James Boyle // died 21<sup>st</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1926, aged 59 years // and his wife Susan Boyle, // died 16<sup>th</sup> March 1962 aged 69 years // also their son John James Boyle // died 15<sup>th</sup> June 1998 aged 75 yrs. // his sister Mary Josephine Boyle // died 12<sup>th</sup> December 2005 aged 84 yrs



Pray for // the happy repose // of the soul // of // Edward McDaid // late of Skerryglass, // Urney, Co. Tyrone // who died on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1957 // aged 85 years



In Memory of // Henry McDevitt // died 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1930 // his daughter Margaret Mary // also his sons // William, Hugh and Bernard // and his wife Catherine // died 1<sup>st</sup> May 1937.



In Loving Memory // of // Patrick McElmone // who died \_\_\_ (1<sup>st</sup>?) July 1906 // aged 35 years.



In memory of // Edward Mc Gauley // died 25<sup>th</sup> Sep. 1907 aged 67 years // his son Edward // died 28<sup>th</sup> Sep. 1910 aged 40 years. // John died 29<sup>th</sup> April 1923 // his wife Teresa died 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1925 // Patrick died July 1930 // also his niece [*sic*] Joan // died 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1918.



Sacred Heart of Jesus // Have mercy on the soul // of // Patrick McGinley, Ballylast //  
died 5<sup>th</sup> April 1952 aged 65 years. // His wife Mary // died 9<sup>th</sup> April 1981 aged 86 years. //  
son Joseph // died 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2003 aged 54 years



McGlinchey // Mill St. Clady



McGoldrick



Katherine // and // Philomena //daughters // of // Joseph and Katherine McGrath // of //  
Omagh // In God's keeping are they all.



Of your charity // pray for the soul of // Thomas McGrath // who died 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1900 //  
aged 28 years



Pray for the souls // of // Thomas McGrath // died Aug<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1888 // aged 95 years //  
Edward McGrath // died Sep<sup>t</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1912 // aged 75 years



In Loving Memory // of // William McKinney // died 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 1926 // aged 87 years //  
Also his wife // Mary McKinney // died 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1920, // aged 77 years. // In loving  
memory of // Mary Agnes Mc Kinney // Croaghan // died 28<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1952 aged 51 years



In loving memory of // Thomas Mc Kinney // 1856 – 1939 // his wife Margaret 1869 –  
1958 // their daughter Ellen 1890 – 1906 // their sons James 1894 – 1934 // and John 1909  
– 1985 // also his wife // Ellen Mc Kinney // 1920 - 1987



Pray for the // souls of // McLaughlin // Family, Lisdoon



Mary McMonagle // died April 1939 // Elizabeth McMonagle died 27 May 1944 // Francis McMonagle // died 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 1966 // baby Mary Josephine Teresa // died 26<sup>th</sup> June 1976 // Patrick McMonagle // died 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1996 // and his loving son, Danny // 12-Feb 1996, aged 23 years.





Pray for the soul // of // William McPherson // who died 19<sup>th</sup> July 1878 // aged 22 years // William McPherson // died 4<sup>th</sup> August 1888 // aged 75 years. // Margaret McPherson // died 26<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> 1891 // aged 77 years // Patrick McPherson // died 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – 1917 // aged 73 years // Susan McPherson // died 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – 1934, // aged 73 years. // William McPherson // died 2<sup>th</sup> June 1937 aged 48 years // Henry McPherson died 11<sup>th</sup> May 1966



In Loving Memory // of // Elizabeth Melly // died 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1947 // aged 60 years. // Also her husband // John Melly // died 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1953 // aged 70 years.



In loving memory of // the Nealis family // Clady



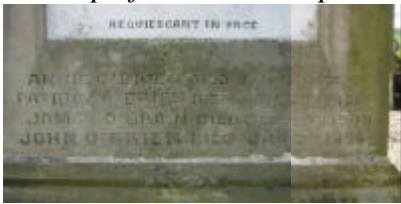
Patrick O'Brien // died 10<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1946 aged 30 years // James O'Brien // died July 1958 aged 49 years // Ellen Murray // died Nov 1958 aged 79 years // M Kevin O'Brien // died 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 1975 aged 54 years // Maureen O'Brien (nee Kelly) // died 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2004 aged 66 years.



Erected in memory of // James O'Brien // who died August 6<sup>th</sup> 1875 // aged 72 years // also his wife Anne O'Brien, // who died Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1880 // aged 74 years. // James O'Brien // died Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1885 // aged 48 years. // Also his wife Ann O'Brien // died June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1883 // aged 32 years // Patrick O'Brien // died Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1900 // aged 72 years. // Margaret Mary O'Brien // died Jan-14<sup>th</sup> 1928 // requiescant in pace // Annie O'Brien died Jan-15<sup>th</sup> 1936 // Patrick O'Brien died June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1940 // James O'Brien died Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1949 // John O'Brien died Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1954



*Closeup of bottom inscription:*



Erected in // memory of James // O'Donnell of Sion // who departed this // life Ju\_\_ 9<sup>th</sup>  
1879 // aged 80 years



*[right side]*

Pray for the soul of // Eleanor O'Donnell // who died 29<sup>th</sup> March 1861 // aged 20 years //  
and her beloved mother // Catherine O'Donnell // who died 4<sup>th</sup> April 1869 // aged 65  
years // also Charles O'Donnell // who died Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 1883 // aged 78 years



*[front facing on Eleanor O'Donnell stone]*

Erected in fond remembrance // by // Patrick Scanlan // Philadelphia



Erected by // Michael O'Flaherty, Philadelphia U.S.A. // in memory of his father Neil, // who died 15<sup>th</sup> November 1881, // aged 79 years. Also his mother Sarah, // who died 21<sup>st</sup> November 1881, // aged 72 years. // And their son James, // who died 27<sup>th</sup> November 1894, // aged 54 years. Also Edward, who died 4<sup>th</sup> March 1899, // aged 53 years. //Also

his neice [sic] Mary Creanor, // who died 25<sup>th</sup> November 1890, // aged 19 years. // Also his wife Mary Anne, // his daughter-in-law, Bridget Catherine // who died 26<sup>th</sup> July 1937 aged 44 Yrs. // Her husband Michael Lafferty, who died 7<sup>th</sup> May 1960 aged 72 yrs.



In Loving Memory // of // James O'Flaherty // died 11<sup>th</sup> July 1923 // and his wife Jane // died 11<sup>th</sup> July 1914 // also their son // John O'Flaherty // died 1<sup>st</sup> May 1931 // and their grandson // James Malachy // died 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1932,



In loving memory

of

JAMES O'FLAHERTY

DIED 11- JULY 1923.

AND HIS WIFE JANE

DIED 11- JULY 1918.

SON THEREOF

JOHN O'FLAHERTY

DIED 11- SEPT 1931.

AND THEIR GRANDSON

JAMES MALACHY

DIED 25- SEPT 1932.

Pray for the soul // of // Margaret O'Flaherty // who died July 17<sup>th</sup> 1880 // aged 70 years.  
// Also her husband // Manasses O'Flaherty // who died 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1888, // aged 91 years. //  
// Also thier [sic] sons // Manasses O'Flaherty // who died 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 1890, // aged 38 years.  
// and // Patrick O'Flaherty // who died 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 1890, // aged 48 years. // Pray for the  
soul of // Annie McFeely // died 1<sup>st</sup> October 1926 // aged 49 years // and her husband  
Thomas // who is interred in // St. Maelruain's cemetery // Tallaght Dublin



Pray for the souls of // Catherine O'Flaherty, // died Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1882 // aged 42 years. //  
Also her husband // Bernard O'Flaherty, // died Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1887 // aged 63 years. // And his  
brother // Mark O'Flaherty // died March 12<sup>th</sup> 1896 // aged 73 years.



Pray for // the souls of // James Phelan // died September 6<sup>th</sup> 1906 // aged 23 years //  
Matilda Phelan // died November 19<sup>th</sup> 1911 // aged 50(?) years // also Denis Phelan //  
died March 21<sup>st</sup> 1922





In Loving Memory of // Joseph Rush // died 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 1973 aged 71 yrs // Bridget Rush // died 31<sup>st</sup> Aug. 1956 aged 54 yrs



Sproule // Pray for the souls // of // Henry Sproule // died 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1951, aged 70 years. // John Samuel Sproule // Died 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1960, aged 87 years. // Mary Sproule // Died 12<sup>th</sup> March 1987, aged 83 years. // Charlotte Magdalene Cahill nee Sproule // died 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1974, aged 41 years.



In loving memory of // Andrew Tinney, Ardnaglass // died 25 – July 1940 aged 38 yrs // also his wife Kathleen Tinney, died 8 – June 1991 aged 88 yrs.



In loving memory // of the // White // family, Skelpy



In Loving Memory Of // Charles Woods // and his wife // Annie // Rest in Peace  
*[note: this plaque appears inside the plot shown below for Charles Boyle and his family]*

