The shrine of St Caillín of Fenagh and its place in Irish late medieval art

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Shrine of the Stowe Missal

Shrine of the Cathach
The Misach

Shrine of the Book of Dimma

Shrine of the Book of Moling

St Caillin’s Shrine
St Caillín’s Shrine
St Caillín’s Shrine: short sides
St Caillín’s Shrine: long sides
St Caillín’s Shrine
Recovery of shrine
St Caillin’s Bell: Clogh-na-Rígh

(Drawing by U. Mattenburger, after Murray 2015)
Conservation of shrine
St Caillín’s Shrine: after conservation
Radiography
Pray for the man who covered the shrine of Caillín, that is, Brian, son of Eoghan O’Ruairc and for Margaret, daughter of O’Brien, and the year of our Lord was 1536. A Hail Mary.
Saints
Domhnach Airgid saints

James,
Peter, Paul,
John the Baptist
Engraved figures
St Catherine of Alexandria?

O Dea crozier (1418)
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Domhnach Airgid

Claudio Coello (1664-5)
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Crucifix figures

The Misach

Shrine of St Patrick’s tooth

Domhnach Airgid

Corp Naomh
Die stamping

Shrine of the Cathach, detail

Durrow, Co. Laois

Domhnach Airgid
Heads from corners

Breac Maodhóg shrine
Breac Maodhóg shrine
Openwork plates

Shrine of the Cathach

The Misach
Wear and mistakes
Foliate motifs
Craftsman
The Misach and the Shrine of the Cathach