

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

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Lough Kinale Shrine



Soiscéal Molaise



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

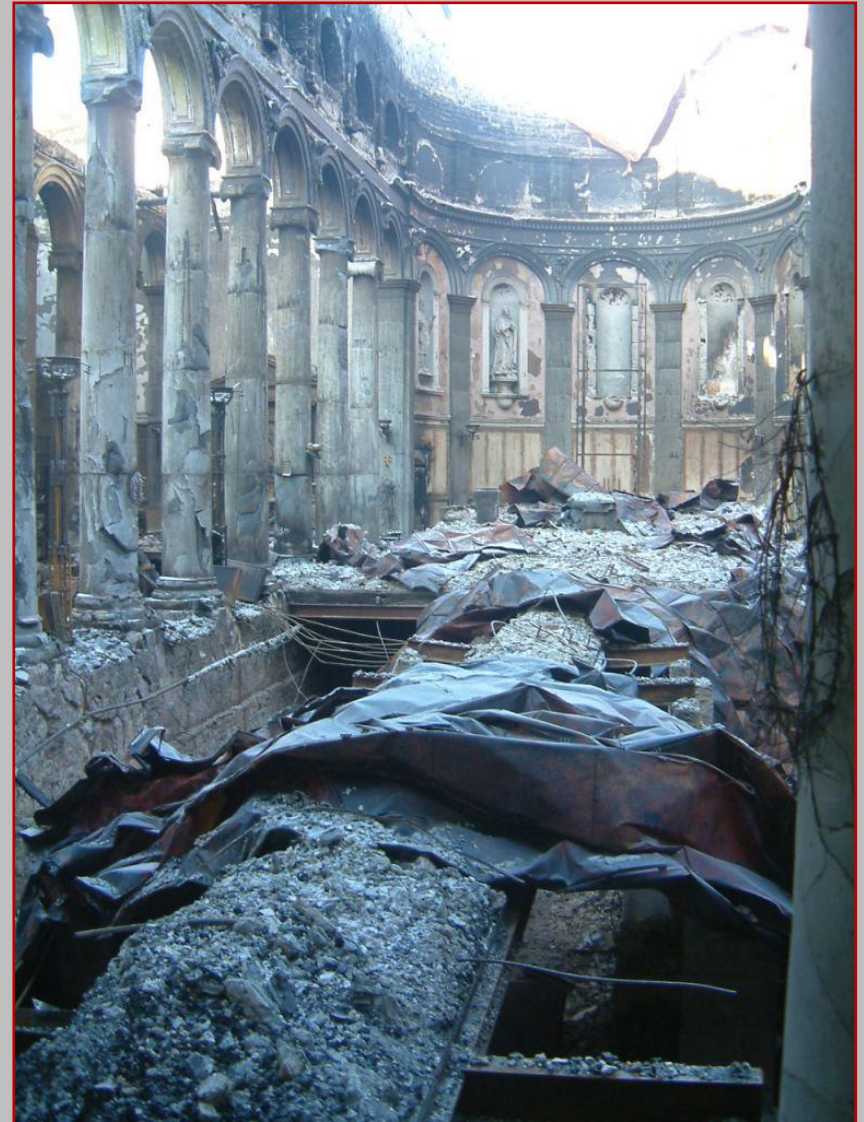


# St Caillín's Shrine



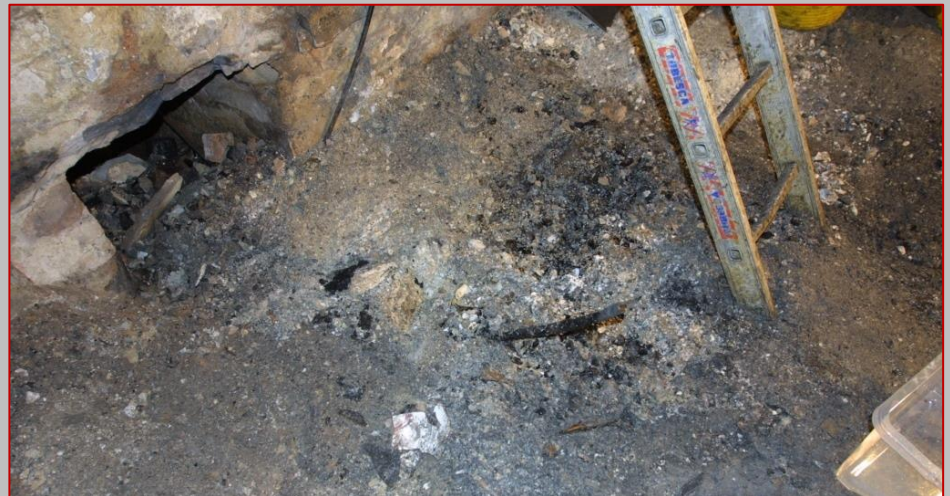


# ST MELS CATHEDRAL: CHRISTMAS DAY 2009





# Recovery of shrine

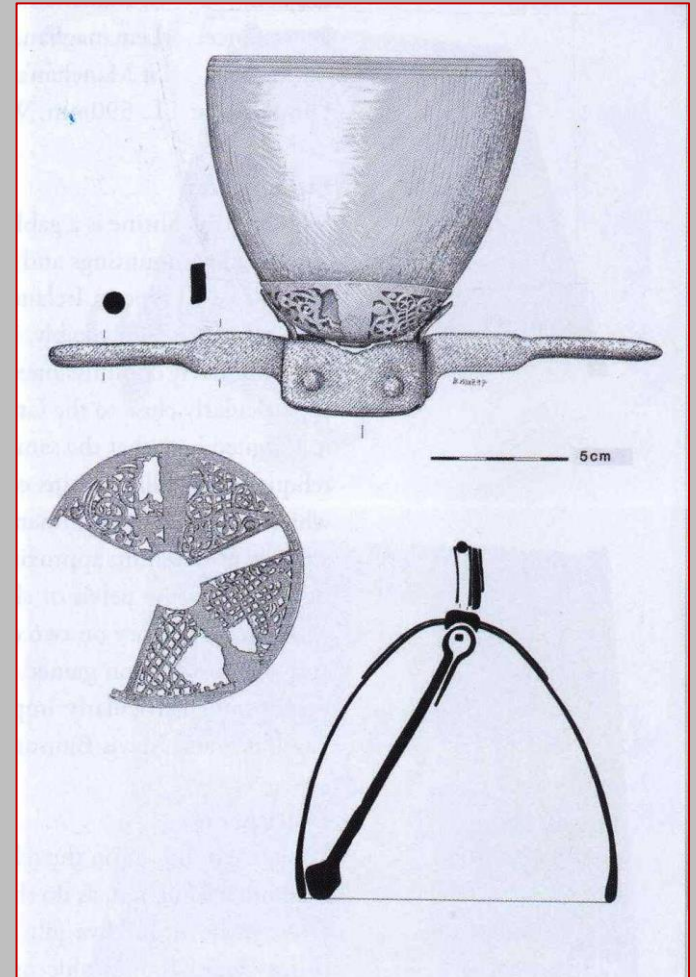




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# St Caillin's Bell: Clogh-na-Rígh



(Drawing by U. Mattenburger,  
after Murray 2015)



# Conservation of shrine

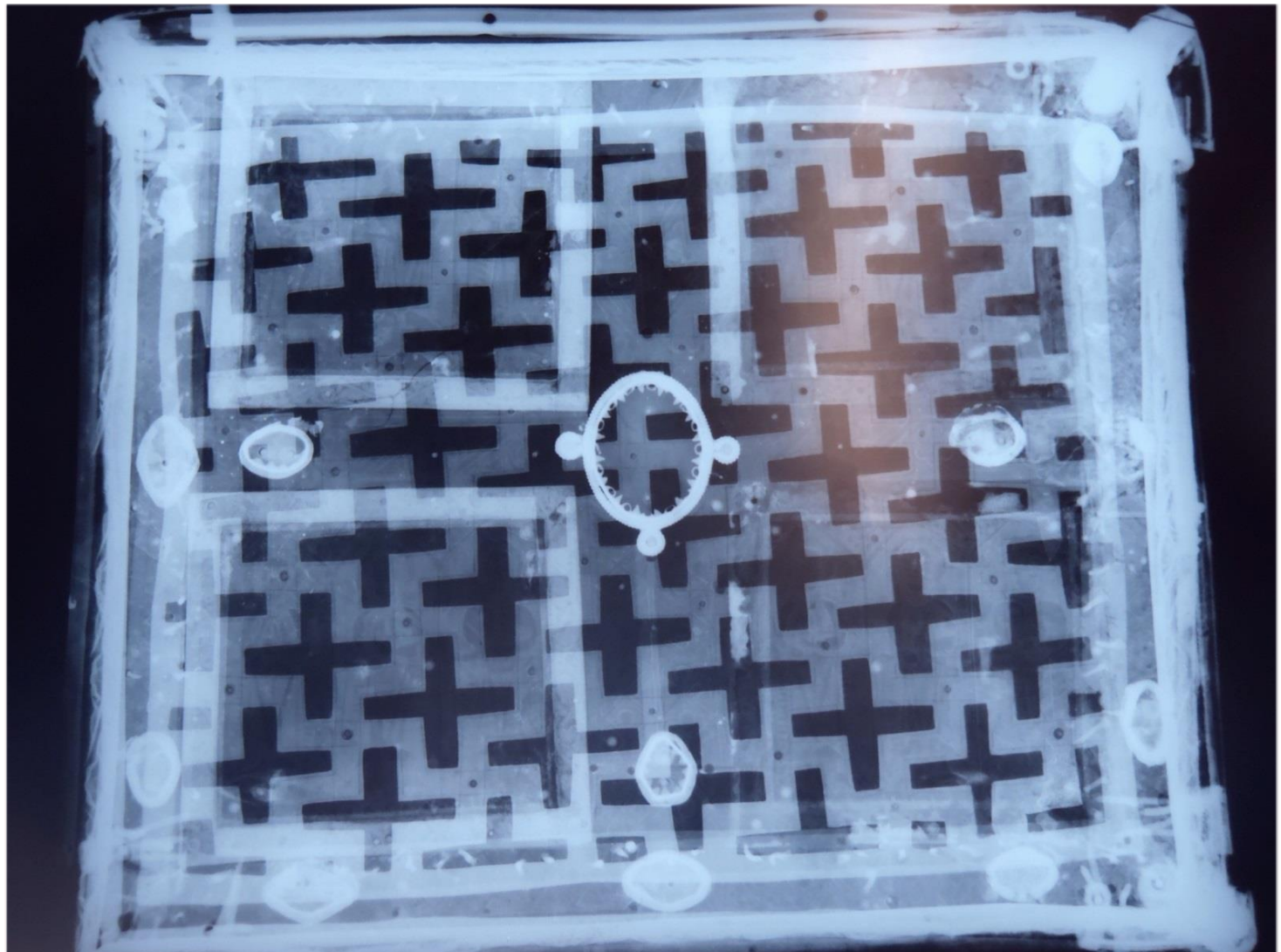


# St Caillín's Shrine: after conservation





# Radiography



# Inscription



ORCID: DON: NFIR: DO CUMDAIGH: AN MINNSA:  
 CAIL/LIN: ADHON: BRIAN: MAC: EOGAIN:/RUAIRC:  
 AGUS: MA (crucifix) IRGREIGE: INGIN/ IHBRIAN: AGUS:  
 DOBI: AOIS: AN/TIGEARNA: ANTAN:/SOIN: SE: BLIANA  
 /DEG: AR: XX: AR: M: AR/CCCCCAIBH: A MARIA.

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



Shrine of St Patrick's tooth



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# Die stamping



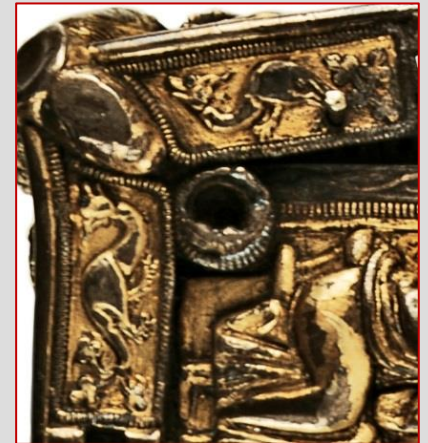
Shrine of the Cathach, detail



Durrow, Co. Laois



Domhnach Airgid





# Heads from corners



Breac Maodhóg shrine



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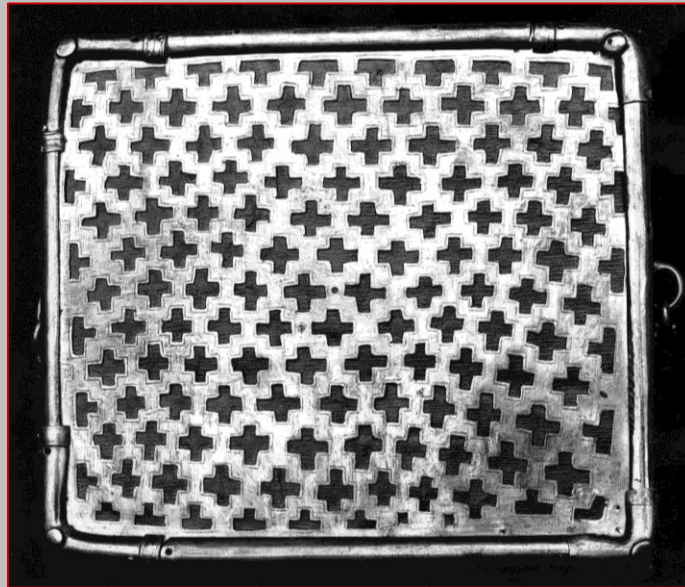




# Openwork plates



Shrine of the Cathach



The Misach

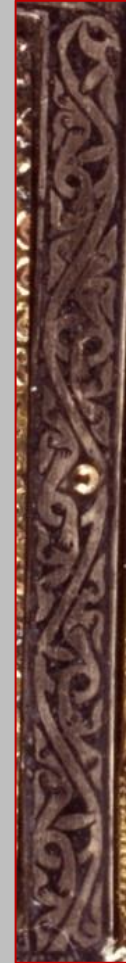


# Wear and mistakes

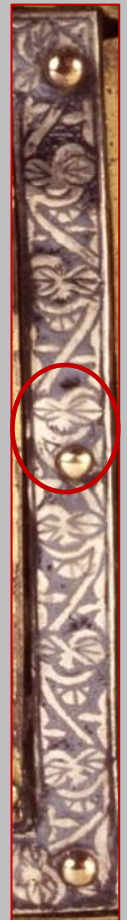
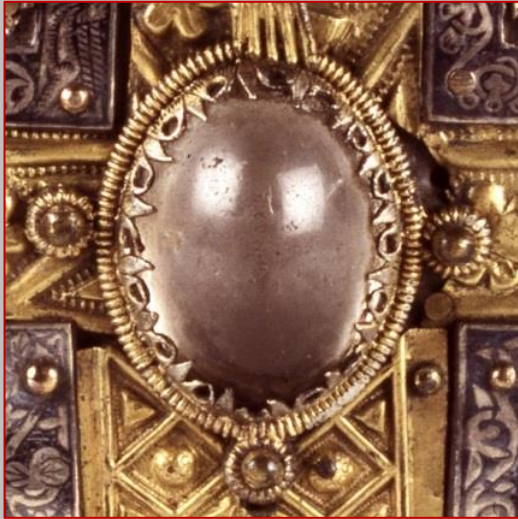




# Foliate motifs



# Craftsman





# The Misach and the Shrine of the Cathach





