



Coláiste Mhuire
Cnoc beag



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Restoration and Extension 2017 - 2020

Blessed by

Bishop Denis Nulty

Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin

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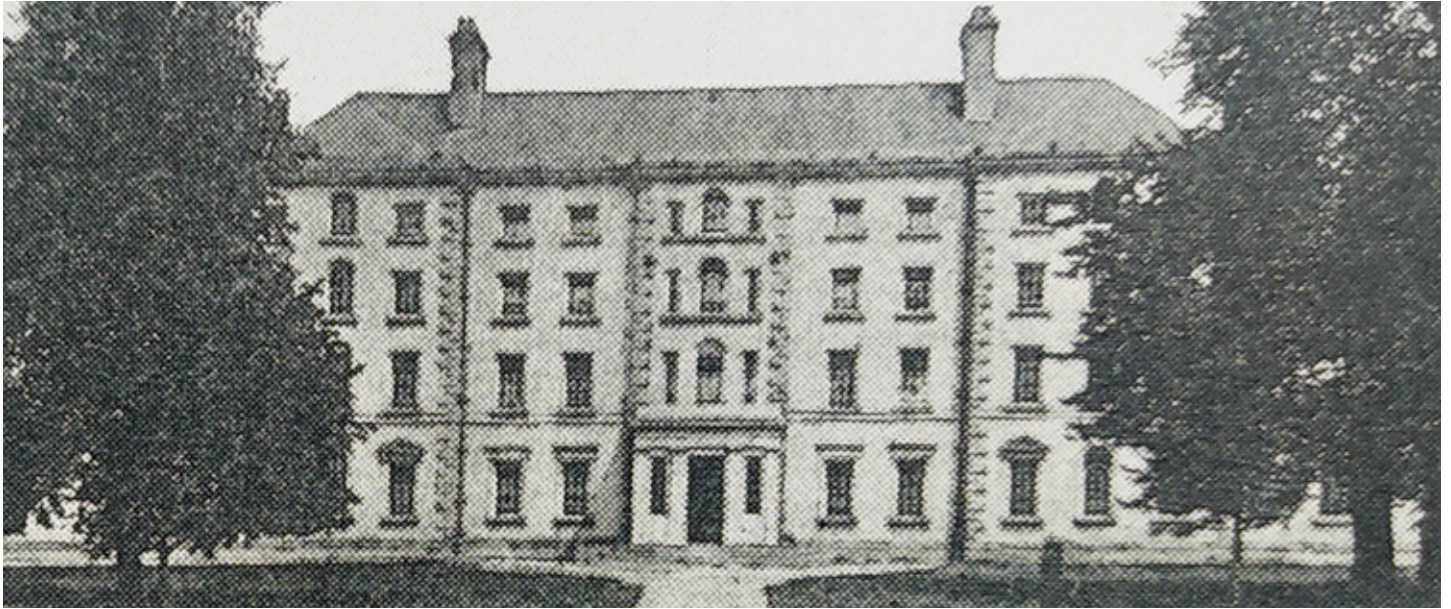
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President of the Past Pupils' Union

10 September, 2021

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Where it all began...



Carlow College, founded in 1782 for the education of lay Catholic youth, was built during the following years. By the date of opening, October 1st 1793, it had been decided to include and train students for the priesthood.



When the East Wing was added to the Middle House, it became the home of Carlow Lay College.

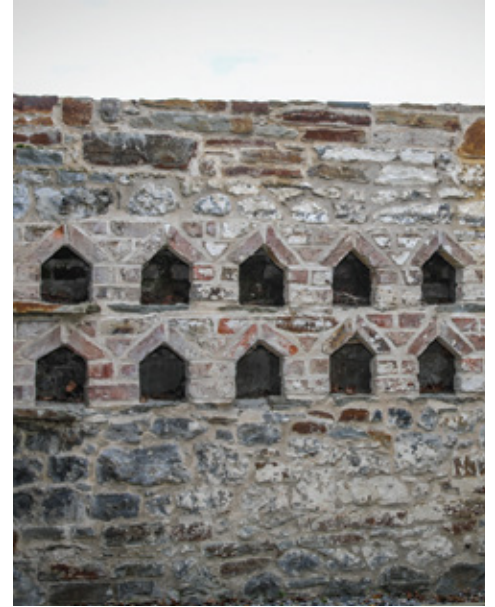


Original main entrance to the College, now St. Leo's Convent Gate.
H.S.: Henry Staunton, (First President).

1847



Knockbeg House, former home of the Best and Carruthers families, was bought to provide accommodation for the 8 to 12 year old boarders of Carlow Lay College.



Bee holes in the original garden wall.



Original coach house restored.



Caretaker's shed restored.

1880

As numbers grew and more students were transferred from the Lay College, a major extension was added to the Knockbeg House. In 1892 the final students were transferred and in 1898 Knockbeg Lay College became the Junior Seminary for the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.



Gate Lodge



New "Red Corridor"

A New Century begins...



1903: The Front House, hiding the old, provided the familiar façade for Knockbeg for the next 120 years.



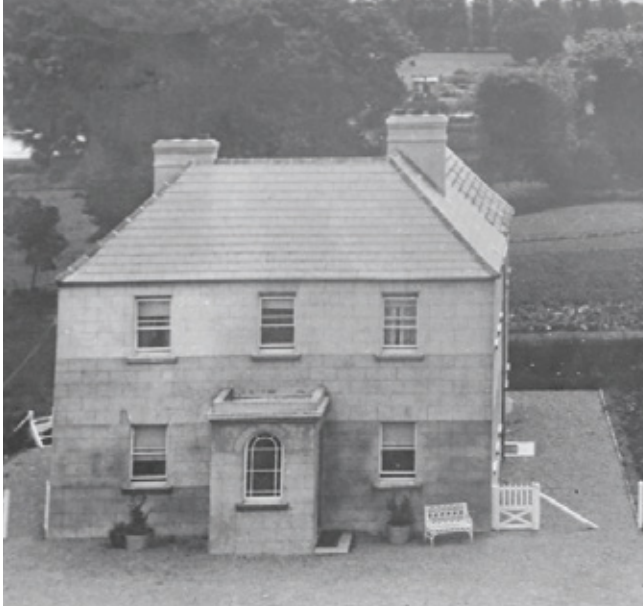
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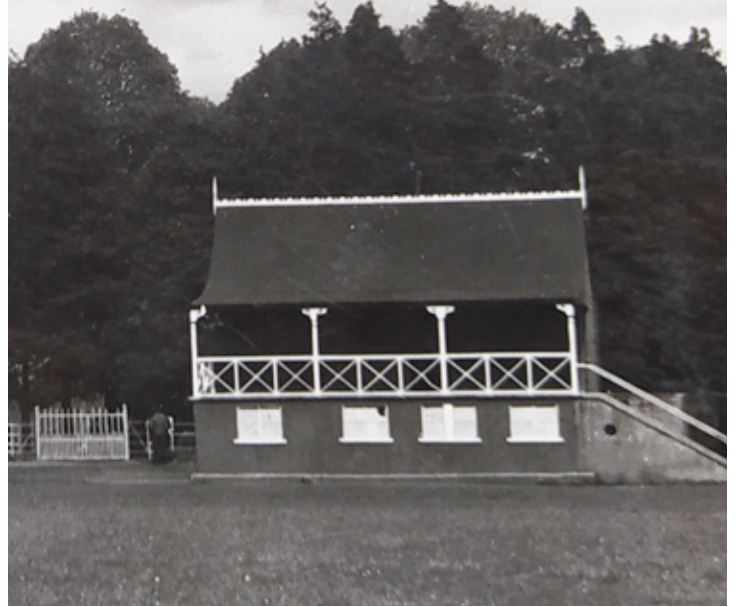
An Séipéal



An Staighre



An Otharlann



An Grianán



Suainlios



An Clog



An Halla Staidéir



1963



A new wing is added, containing class halls, a science lab., a study hall and a dormitory.





An Halla Imeartha



Pasáiste Na Staire



An Halla Gleacaíochta i 1992



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Into a Fourth Century







Rectors of Knockbeg College

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Fr. James Nolan | (1847-1875) | · | An tAth. Peadar Mac Suibhne | (1927-1949) |
| Fr. William P. Bourke | (1877-1883) | · | Fr. Patrick Maher | (1949-1955) |
| Fr. James Harris | (1883-1885) | · | Fr. Patrick Shine | (1955-1971) |
| Fr. John C. Corbett | (1885-1886) | · | Fr. Michael Noonan | (1971-1981) |
| Fr. Paul Murphy | (1886-1895) | · | Fr. Moling Lennon | (1981-1985) |
| Fr. Matthew Cullen | (1895-1909) | · | Fr. Brendan Byrne | (1985-1989) |
| Fr. Edward O'Donoghue | (1909-1914) | · | Fr. P. J. McEvoy | (1989-1995) |
| Fr. P. J. Doyle | (1914-1920) | · | Fr. Dan Dunne | (1995-2003) |
| Fr. Michael Donoghue | (1920-1927) | · | Fr. Mícheál Murphy | (2003-2011) |

Lay Principals of Knockbeg College

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|--------------|-------------|---|---------------|-----------|
| John Curtis | (1995-2005) | · | Michael Carew | (2014 -) |
| Cyril Hughes | (2005-2014) | · | | |

Presidents of Past Pupils' Union

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|-------------------------|---------------|---|------------------------|---------------|
| Edmond Lupton, KC | (1930 - 1932) | · | Brendan McWey | (1976 - 1978) |
| Philip J. Lawrence | (1932 - 1934) | · | Seán Phelan | (1978 - 1980) |
| Laurence J. Murray | (1934 - 1936) | · | Art McGann | (1980 - 1982) |
| Richard J. Keogh | (1936 - 1938) | · | Willie Hosey | (1982 - 1984) |
| Henry C. Cahill | (1938 - 1941) | · | Martin Coonan | (1984 - 1986) |
| James P. Hughes | (1941 - 1947) | · | Brendan L. Brophy | (1986 - 1988) |
| Prof. Michael J. Gorman | (1947 - 1949) | · | Stan Kelly | (1988 - 1990) |
| James Davis | (1949 - 1951) | · | Fr. Moling Lennon | (1990 - 1993) |
| James McDermott | (1951 - 1953) | · | Aidan Kelly | (1993 - 1995) |
| Hugh O'Donnell | (1953 - 1954) | · | James Julian | (1995 - 1997) |
| Fr. Patrick Maher | (1954 - 1955) | · | Pat Lawlor | (1997 - 1999) |
| Barney Spollen | (1955 - 1957) | · | Fr. Brendan Byrne | (1999 - 2001) |
| Dr. John Stack | (1957 - 1959) | · | Fintan Walsh | (2001 - 2003) |
| Tom Murray | (1959 - 1961) | · | Joe Murphy | (2003 - 2005) |
| Hugh O'Donnell | (1961 - 1963) | · | Cairbre Lyndon | (2005 - 2007) |
| Dr. Tim Kirby | (1963 - 1965) | · | Fr. P.J. McEvoy | (2007 - 2009) |
| Tom McDonnell | (1965 - 1968) | · | Tom Kirley | (2009 - 2011) |
| Paddy Lalor, T.D. | (1968 - 1971) | · | Fr. Dan Dunne | (2011 - 2014) |
| Oliver P. Walsh | (1971 - 1974) | · | Oliver Whelan | (2014 - 2017) |
| Fr. Paddy Shine | (1974 - 1976) | · | Charles Flanagan, T.D. | (2017 -) |

