Summary Guide: Famine Monuments – a Global Survey

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This listing comprises post-1990s Famine monuments and memorials in Australia, Canada, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Britain and the United States. It includes primarily three-dimensional monuments and significant renovations or re-dedications (as opposed to plaques or signpostings of Famine-era relics).

This summary listing is organized by country and region/county/state. Information includes city/town, region, date, title of monument (untitled works listed as Famine memorial), artist (if visual artist commissioned), and commissioning group or individual.

More extensive details (including inscriptions, photographs, precise location and further historical details) may be found on www.irishfaminememorials.com (maintained by the author). As this is an evolving survey, new records of new monuments and other additions/corrections are most welcome: emily.mark@ucd.ie

See also Dr Emily Mark-FitzGerald, Commemorating the Irish Famine: Memory and the Monument (Liverpool University Press, 2013).

Australia

Sydney, New South Wales (1999)
Australian Monument to the Great Irish Famine
Artists: Hossein and Angela Valamanesh
Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales in collaboration with the the Irish Famine Commemoration Committee

Melbourne, Victoria (1998)
Melbourne Famine Monument
Melbourne Irish Famine 150th Commemoration Committee

Canada

Bathhurst, New Brunswick (1997)
Celtic Cross
Bathurst Chapter, Irish Canadian Cultural Association of New Brunswick

Celtic Cross/Cairn/Commemorative Meadow
Irish Festival Inc.

Moncton, New Brunswick (2000)
Irish Families Memorial
Moncton Chapter, Irish Canadian Cultural Association of New Brunswick
Saint John, New Brunswick (1994)
*Celtic Cross*
Saint John Chapter, Irish-Canadian Cultural Association of New Brunswick

Saint John, New Brunswick (1967/1997 rededicated and additional memorial added)
*Celtic Cross*
St. Patrick’s Society and the Saint John Chapter, Irish-Canadian Cultural Association of New Brunswick

*Celtic Cross*
Charlotte County chapter of the Irish Canadian Cultural Society of New Brunswick

Kingston, Ontario (1998)
*Celtic Cross*
Kingston Irish Famine Commemoration Association

Kingston, Ontario (2000)
*Memorial Drinking Fountain*
Created by Campbell Monuments, Belleville
Kingston Irish Folk Club

Kingston, Ontario (2002)
*Celtic Cross – McBurney Park*
Kingston Irish Folk Club

Kingston, Ontario (2002)
*Celtic Cross – Douglas R. Fluhrer Park*
Kingston Irish Folk Club

Maidstone, Ontario (2000)
*Celtic Cross*
Parish of St Mary’s

Toronto, Ontario (2007)
*Ireland Park (Sculpture title: Arrival)*
Rowan Gillespie (artist), Jonathan M. Kearns (architect)
Ireland Park Foundation

Grosse Île, Québec (1998)
*Le Mémorial*
Lucienne Cornet (artist), Emile Gilbert and Associates (France Laberge, César Herrera, architects)
Department of Canadian Heritage

Quebec City, Québec (2000)
*Celtic Cross*
James Callery / Commission de la Capitale nationale du Québec, the City of Québec and Parks Canada.

Richmond, Québec (2002)
Celtic Cross
St. Patrick's Society of Richmond & Vicinity

Saint-Côme-Luinère, Québec (2007)

Celtic Cross
La Societe historique de Saint-Côme de Kennebec et de Liinère

Saint-Odilon-de-Cranbourne, Québec (2009)

Celtic Cross

The Celtic Corner (Celtic Cross / Stone Circle
Coirneal Cealteach

Ireland

Carlow, Co. Carlow (1997)
Famine memorial – Famine graveyard
Carlow County Heritage Society

Ennistymon, Co. Clare (1995)
The Great Hunger Memorial
Artist: Alan F. Ryan Hall
Clare County Council and Ancient Order of Hibernians (Board of Erin)

Feakle, Co. Clare (1997)
Famine memorial – Famine graveyard
Local drama group

Tuamgraney, Co. Clare (1997)
East Clare Heritage Famine Memorial Park (‘Casaoireach’)
East Clare Heritage

Aghinagh, Co. Cork (1997)
Famine memorial – Famine graveyard
Aghinagh Heritage Group

Ballingeary, Co. Cork (1997)
Coolmountain Soup Pot
Cumann Staire

Canovee, Co. Cork (1997)
Soup House Kitchen Crossroads Memorial
Canovee Historical Society

Castletownbere, Co. Cork (1996)
Famine memorial – The Glebe
Beara Historical Society

Clondrohid, Co. Cork (1990s)
Famine memorial, Carrigastyra
Lee Valley Famine Commemoration Committee
Cork, Co. Cork (1997)
Famine memorial – St Finbarr’s Hospital

Cork, Co. Cork (2009)
Famine memorial – St Joseph’s Cemetery
Cork City Council

Famine memorial, Carr’s Hill
Created by Jack Sorenson (also referred to as 'Olaf' or 'Booney' Sorenson)
Self-constructed by Sorenson; later plaques added by Cork Civic Trust & An Gorta Mor
Famine Commemoration Committee

Famine memorial
Curly Cahalane and Sean O'Brien, cross by Maurice and Billy Murphy
Drimoleague Historical Society

Dunmanway, Co. Cork (1997)
Famine memorial – Fanlobbus Graveyard
Dunmanway Environmental Awareness Group and Dunmanway Macra na Feirme

Enniskeane, Co. Cork (2009)
Famine memorial – Kinneigh Graveyard
Coppeen Archaeological, Historical & Cultural Society

Fermoy, Co. Cork (1992)
Famine Memorial – Carrignagrogher Graveyard
Fermoy Field Club

Famine memorial - Gurranweeigh Cross
Kilmichael Historical Society

Kilshinabin, Co. Cork (1997)
Famine memorial – Famine graveyard
Local committee

Mallow, Co. Cork (1997)
Famine memorial – Famine graveyard
Mallow District Council

Mitchelstown, Co. Cork (1997)
Famine Memorial – Mitchelstown Town Hall
Mitchelstown Heritage Society

Schull, Co. Cork (1997)
Famine memorial – St Mary’s Church
Mizen Historical & Archaeological Society

Skibbereen, Co. Cork (1996)
Famine memorial – Abbeystrewery Cemetery
Irish Famine Commemoration (Skibbereen) Ltd.

Donegal town, Co. Donegal (1990s)
Famine memorial – Famine graveyard
(Unknown)

Kill, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal (1990s)
Famine memorial – Famine graveyard
(Unknown)

Dublin, Co. Dublin (1997)
Famine
Artist: Rowan Gillespie
Norma Smurfit (donated to Irish government)

Anaghdown, Co. Galway (1997)
Famine memorial
Anaghdown Heritage Society

Ballinasloe, Co. Galway (1997)
Famine Remembrance Park
Dedication and memorial monument: John O'Connor; Urn monument: Helen Comerford
Ballinasloe Historical Society and Ballinasloe Urban Council

Carraroe, Co. Galway (1997)
Trá na bPáistí / The Children’s Strand
Local committee headed by Peadar MacDonncha; work carried out as part of a local FÁS scheme

Galway, Co. Galway (2009/20012)
Celia Griffin Memorial Park / Famine Ship Memorial
Famine Memorial Committee (led by Mark Kennedy)

Glenamaddy, Co. Galway (1995)
Famine memorial, Mountkelly
Arts & Historical Society and Galway County Council

Kenmare, Co. Kerry (1990s)
Famine memorial – Old Kenmare cemetery
(Unknown)

Killarney, Co. Kerry (1990s)
Gorta – St. Mary’s Cathedral
(Unknown)

Tralee, Co. Kerry (1997)
God’s Acre – Ballybeggan
Tralee Urban District Council
_Famine Family – St. Vincent’s Geriatric Hospital_
Artist: James McKenna
Kildare County Council
Celbridge, Co. Kildare (2007)
_Famine Memorial ‘Remembrance’ – Celbridge Workhouse_
Artist: Jarlath Daly
Celbridge Tidy Towns Committee
Naas, Co. Kildare (1990s)
_Famine memorial – Naas General Hospital_
Naas Local History Group
Naas, Co. Kildare (1990s)
_Famine Graveyard Memorial Park_
Naas Local History Group
Callan, Co. Kilkenny (1994)
_Famine memorial – Cherryfield Cemetery_
Action from Ireland
_Famine Memorial Garden (MacDonagh Junction)_
MacDonagh Junction Development Company
_Gairdín an Ghorta (Famine Garden)_
Newmarket Development Association/Tidy Towns Committee
Durrow, Co. Laois (2007)
_Famine and Emigration Memorial Wall_
Durrow Development Forum
Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim (1994-8)
_Famine Memorial Garden_
Carrick-on-Shannon and District Historical Society, with additional monument by the County Leitrim Society of New York
Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim (2006)
_Famine Memorial – Leitrim County Hospital_
Rose McPadden and the Famine Graveyard Committee / Health Services Executive
Ballingarry, Co. Limerick (1998)
_Knockfierna Famine Commemoration Park_
Knockfierna Heritage and Folklore Group
Cappamore, Co. Limerick (1997)
Famine memorial – St Michael’s Church
Artist: Michael Killeen
Cappamore Historical Society

Kilmallock, Co. Limerick (1999)
*Kilmallock Famine Memorial Park*
Kilmallock Famine Memorial Committee

Limerick, Co. Limerick (1997)
*Broken Heart Fountain*
Artist: Maria Pizzuti
Gerry Barrett (Edward Holdings Ltd. Galway)

Newcastle West, Co. Limerick (1991)
*Famine Memorial Gates – St. Ita’s Hospital*
Artist: Cliodna Cussen
Famine Cemetery Committee

Longford, Co. Longford (1995-6)
*Famine Garden of Remembrance*
Sister Calasanctius, with cooperation of Longford County Council and the Midland Health Board

*Famine memorial – Ballina District Hospital*
Killala Diocese Famine Heritage Committee

Doolough, Co. Mayo (1990s)
*Famine memorial*
Action from Ireland

Doolough, Mayo (1994)
*Famine memorial*
Action from Ireland

Murrisk, Co. Mayo (1997)
*National Famine Memorial / Coffin Ship*
Artist: John Behan
Irish National Famine Commemoration Committee

Swinford, Co. Mayo (1994)
*Famine memorial – Swinford District Hospital*
Action from Ireland

Kells, Co. Meath (1993)
*Famine memorial, Hill of Lloyd*
Action from Ireland

Moylegagh, Co. Meath (2012)
*Famine memorial*
Moylegagh Historical Society
Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan (1995)
*Famine memorial – St. Mary’s Hospital*
Castleblayney Community Enterprise

Clones, Co. Monaghan (2001)
*Famine memorial – Clones Famine Graveyard*
Artists: Carolyn Mulholland (bronze figure), Yoram Drori (plaques)
Clones Famine Graveyard Committee

Drum, Co. Monaghan (1996)
*Famine memorial*
Drum Heritage Committee

Killeevan, Co. Monaghan (1997)
*Famine memorial – St. Livinius Church*
Killeeven Heritage Group

Ballyboy, Co. Offaly (1996-7)
*Famine Memorial*
Tommy Hayden

*Famine Memorial / Commemorative Gates*
Muintir na Tire / Edenderry Historical Society

Tullamore, Co. Offaly (2007)
*Famine Memorial Garden*
Offaly Famine Commemoration Committee

Ardcarne, Co. Roscommon (1997)
*Tamhlacht*
Artist: Jackie McKenna
Fr. Henry Tonra

Ballykilcline, Co. Roscommon (1999)
*Nurturing*
Artist: Michael Casey
Ballykilcline Society

Castlerea, Co. Roscommon (2009)
*Famine Commemoration Stone, Sacred Heart Hospital*
Castlerea Church Pastoral Council and Roscommon County Council

Roscommon, Co. Roscommon (1999)
*County Famine Memorial Garden*
Artist: Elizabeth McLaughlin (sculptor), with casting assistance from Maurice Harron; Mary O’Carroll (O’Carroll Associates, architect)
Roscommon Famine Committee

Sligo Town, Co. Sligo (1997)
Faoin Sceach, St. John’s Hospital
Artist: Fred Conlon
Co. Sligo Famine Commemoration Committee

Sligo Town, Co. Sligo (1997)
*Untitled (graveyard gates), St. John’s Hospital*
Artist: Niall Bruton
Co. Sligo Famine Commemoration Committee

Sligo Town, Co. Sligo (1997)
*Famine Family*
Artist: Niall Bruton
Co. Sligo Famine Commemoration Committee

Anacarty, Co. Tipperary (2000)
*Famine memorial, St. Brigid’s Church*
Anacarty Parish Committee (Fr. Tony Ryan, PP)

Cashel, Co. Tipperary (2010)
*Famine Memorial, St Mark’s Cemetery*
Cashel Arts and Heritage Society

*Scart Famine Memorial Garden*
Artist: Tommy Madden
Kennedy Park Development Group / Roscrea 2000 Ltd.

Tipperary, Co. Tipperary (1995)
*Famine memorial, St. John’s Graveyard*
Friends of St John’s Graveyard / FAS

Ballyinaneashagh, Co. Waterford (1996)
*Famine memorial, St. Otteran’s Cemetery*
Waterford Corporation

Dungarvan, Co. Waterford (1998)
*Famine Commemorative Sculpture, Waterford County Library*
Artists: Tom Hayes and Dick Joyn
Waterford Crystal / Waterford County Council

Kilmacthomas, Co. Waterford (2002)
*Famine memorial, former workhouse*
(Unknown)

Kilrossanty, Co. Waterford (1995)
*Famine memorial, Old Cemetery*
Parish of Kilrossanty and Fews

Kilrush, Co. Waterford (1995)
*Famine memorial, Kilrush Cemetery*
Waterford County Museum
Pulla, Ring, Co. Waterford (1996)
Famine memorial, Reilig an tSleibe Famine Graveyard
Dungarvan Famine Graveyard Restoration Committee

Mullingar, Co. Westmeath (1994)
Famine memorial
Edmund Rice 150th Anniversary Committee

Mullingar, Co. Westmeath (1997)
Famine memorial
Artist: Gerard Leslie
Mullingar Town Council

Ballygarrett, Co. Wexford (1996)
Famine memorial, Ballygarrett Cemetery
Ballygarrett Heritage Committee

Northern Ireland

Rathlin Island, Co. Antrim (1990s)
Famine Memorial Stone
(Unknown)

Famine memorial (Cross marker / Memorial stone), Armagh County Hospital
Southern Health and Social Services Board

Magherafelt, Co. Derry (1995)
Celtic Cross, Glen Chapel
Glen Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 367

Ardess, Co. Fermanagh (2000)
Famine Grave, St. Mary’s Church of Magheraculmoney
Ardess Community Association

Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh (1996)
Famine Memorial
Artist: Eamonn O'Doherty
Fermanagh District Council

Irvinestown, Co. Fermanagh (1997)
Famine memorial, Rehill Park housing estate
Irvinestown Famine Committee

England

Liverpool Famine Memorial
Artist: Eamonn O'Doherty
The Great Famine Commemoration Committee Liverpool

Scotland

Carfin, Lanarkshire, Scotland (2001)
*National Irish Famine Monument (Scotland)*
Irish Famine Commemoration Committee Scotland

Islay, Scotland (2000)
*Memorial to the Exmouth*
Joseph Wiggins and the Exmouth Memorial Fund

Wales

Cardiff, Wales (2002)
*Wales Great Famine Memorial*
Wales Famine Forum

United States

Phoenix, Arizona (1999)
*An Gorta Mór Great Hunger Memorial*
Artist: Maureen McGuire
Irish Cultural Center

Lecanto, Florida (2000)
*An Gorta Mor Monument*
Citrus County Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians

Oak Forest, Illinois (1999)
*Famine memorial*
Artist: Fr. Brankin
Chicago Gaelic Park members

Davenport, Iowa (2011)
*Irish Memorial*
Artist: Lou Quaintance
St. Patrick Society

Boston, Massachusetts (1998)
*Boston Irish Famine Memorial*
Artist: Robert Shure
Boston Irish Famine Memorial Committee and City of Boston

Cambridge, Massachusetts (1997)
*An Gorta Mór - The Great Hunger*
Artist: Maurice Harron
Cambridge Famine Committee
Charlestown, Massachusetts (2009)
*The Children of the Famine Memorial*
Charlestown Historical Society and Saint Francis de Sales Cemetery Memorial Project Committee

Lawrence, Massachusetts (2006)
*An Gorta Mor (The Great Hunger)*
Irish Foundation of Lawrence and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, James T. O’Reilly Division 8, Lawrence Massachusetts

Irish Hills (Adrian), Michigan (2004)
*An Gorta Mor Hibernian Memorial*
Artist: Kenneth M. Thompson
The Ancient Order of Hibernians, St. Patrick’s Division 1, City of Adrian, Michigan

Hackensack, New Jersey (1995)
*The Great Hunger Memorial 1845-1849*
Bergen County Council of Irish Associations

Jersey City, New Jersey (2011)
*Famine Memorial Monument*
Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Hudson County

Keansburg, New Jersey (1997)
*Great Hunger Memorial*
Artist: Brian Hanlon
Brian Boru Division of Monmouth County, New Jersey, Volunteer Patrick Torphy Division 2

*Irish Famine Memorial Garden*
Ancient Order of Hibernians, Albany County, Division 5 and Ladies' Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 1

Ardsley, New York (2001)
*Great Hunger Memorial*
Artist: Eamonn O'Doherty
Great Hunger Foundation and Memorial Committee

Buffalo, New York (1997)
*The Western New York Irish Famine Memorial*
Designer: Rob Ferguson
Western Irish New York Famine Commemoration Committee

Marlboro, New York (2009)
*An Gorta Mor Cross*
Father Con C. Woulfe Division 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians

*Arrival*
Artist: John Behan
Office of Public Works (a gift to the United Nations by the Irish Government)

Irish Hunger Memorial
Artist: Brian Tolle
Battery Park City Authority

Southern Tier Irish Famine Memorial
Ancient Order of Hibernians, Cattaraugus County Division 2, Olean

Rochester Irish Famine Memorial
Monroe County Ancient Order of Hibernians

Cleveland, Ohio (2000)
Memorial to the Great Hunger
Paula Blackman (sculptor), Eamon D'Arcy (carver)
Cleveland Famine Memorial Committee

Portland, Oregon (2008)
Oregon's Famine Memorial
Artist: Brendan McGloin
Portland Irish Famine Memorial Committee

Philadelphia Irish Memorial
Artist: Glenna Goodacre
Irish Memorial, Inc.

Providence, Rhode Island (2007)
Rhode Island Irish Famine Memorial
Artist: Robert Shure
Rhode Island Irish Famine Memorial Committee, Inc.