

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

Bathurst, New Brunswick (1997)

Celtic Cross

Bathurst Chapter, Irish Canadian Cultural Association of New Brunswick

Middle Island, New Brunswick (1984/1993/1997)

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

St-Andrews-by-the-Sea / Hospital Island, New Brunswick (1995)

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-Linère, Québec (2007)

Celtic Cross

La Societe historique de Saint-Côme de Kennebec et de Linère

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

Celtic Cross

Ste-Agathe de Lotbinière, Québec (1997/2000)

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

Douglas, Co. Cork (1958/additional markers added in 1997)
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

Drimoleague, Co. Cork (1995)
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 – Carrignagrogber Graveyard
Fermoy Field Club

Kilmichael, Co. Cork (2000)
Famine memorial - Gurranreigh Cross
Kilmichael Historical Society

Kilshinahan, 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 – Abbeystreet 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)

Annaghdown, Co. Galway (1997)
Famine memorial
Annaghdown 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

Athy, Co. Kildare (2000)
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

Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny (2010)
Famine Memorial Garden (MacDonagh Junction)
MacDonagh Junction Development Company

Newmarket, Co. Kilkenny (1999)
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: Clodna Cussen

Famine Cemetery Committee

Longford, Co. Longford (1995-6)

Famine Garden of Remembrance

Sister Calasancius, with cooperation of Longford County Council and the Midland Health Board

Ballina, Co. Mayo (1995)

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

Moylagh, Co. Meath (2012)

Famine memorial

Moylagh 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

Edenderry, Co. Offaly (1958 / renovated 1997, 2009)
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

Roscrea, Co. Tipperary (2004)
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 Joynt
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 Fewes

Kilrush, Co. Waterford (1995)
Famine memorial, Kilrush Cemetery
Waterford County Museum

Pulla, Ring, Co. Waterford (1996)
Famine memorial, Reilig an tSléibe 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)

Armagh, Co. Armagh (2001/2002)
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, Rebill Park housing estate
Irvinestown Famine Committee

England

Liverpool, England (1998)
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

Albany, New York (2005)
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

New York City, New York (2000)
Arrival

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

New York City, New York (2002)

Irish Hunger Memorial

Artist: Brian Tolle

Battery Park City Authority

Olean, New York (2000)

Southern Tier Irish Famine Memorial

Ancient Order of Hibernians, Cattaraugus County Division 2, Olean

Rochester, New York (1997)

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, Pennsylvania (2003)

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.