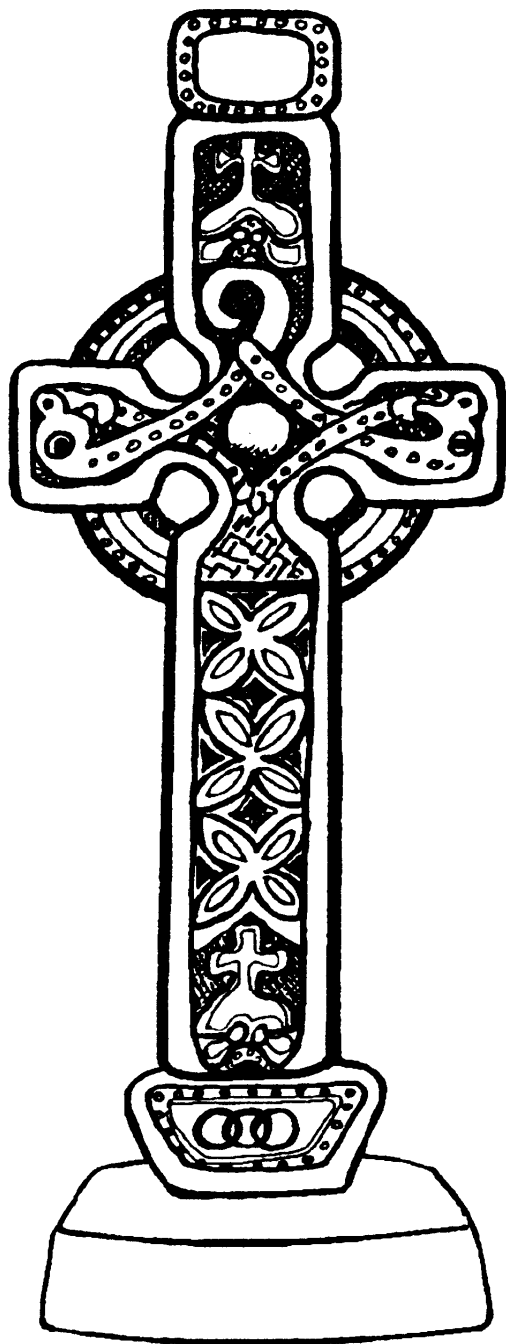


New Ballysheen Altar



The new altar was erected at a point in the graveyard which draws together the three phases of the development. The Old Church ruins surrounded by the original place of burial, the first extension developed some seventy years ago and finally the modern place of rest developed at the beginning of the 21st century.

Most of the stone for the altar was sourced locally.

The design on the front stone on the Altar is the Easter Message. As the sun rises in the distance Jesus rises to the new life of the First Easter to be shared with all humanity.

As we view the scene from inside the empty tomb, our attention is focused on the words of Jesus himself when He raised Lazarus to life "I am the resurrection and the Life"

The description on this stone was designed by Fr. Dan Spaight.

BALLYSHEEN

You may sing of fair Killarney
Of the green of Kerry hills
You may rave about Glenanor
With its steeples and its thrills
There is one small wee corner
In that little Isle of Green
The fairest spot amongst the lot
Is Dear Old Ballysheen.

There are many beauty spots
In Dear Old Ireland
Bunratty has its castle and
Quin its Abbey Grand
Redcastle and Ringmoylan
They are lovely too I agree
The fairest spot amongst the lot
Is Dear Old Ballysheen.

There we have hurlers
Whose hearts are stout and true
It's there the girls are winsome
With their Irish eyes of blue
It's the road I'd like to ravel
When life on earth I've seen
For the road that leads to Heaven
Is the road by Ballysheen.



**May the road rise up to meet
you. may the wind always be
at your back. may the sun
shine warm upon your face
and the rain fall soft upon
your fields. until we meet
again, may you be held in the
hollow of god's hand.**