

Saint Begnet's Church & Graveyard



The stone Church dedicated to St Begnet dates from the 10th Century. There was probably a wooden Church on the site prior to that. Begnet (Becnat) belonged to the people of Dál Messin Corb. She was part of 'the family of' St Kevin of Glendalough which suggests that the Dalkey Churches were under the rule of Glendalough. The Nave and the north-facing window belong to the 10th Century. The Nave was enlarged in the 13th Century when the bellcote, Chancel and Chancel Arch were added.

The east window in the Chancel is a later addition belonging to the 16th Century. St Begnet's served as the Catholic Parish Church until after the Reformation. It then served the Church of Ireland community. The Chancel was reported to have been in ruins by 1615. The parish was united with Monkstown in 1689 following the Restoration in 1660.

St Begnet's Graveyard is thought to have been used continuously from earliest times. The most recent burial was in 1930.

HEADSTONE TYPES

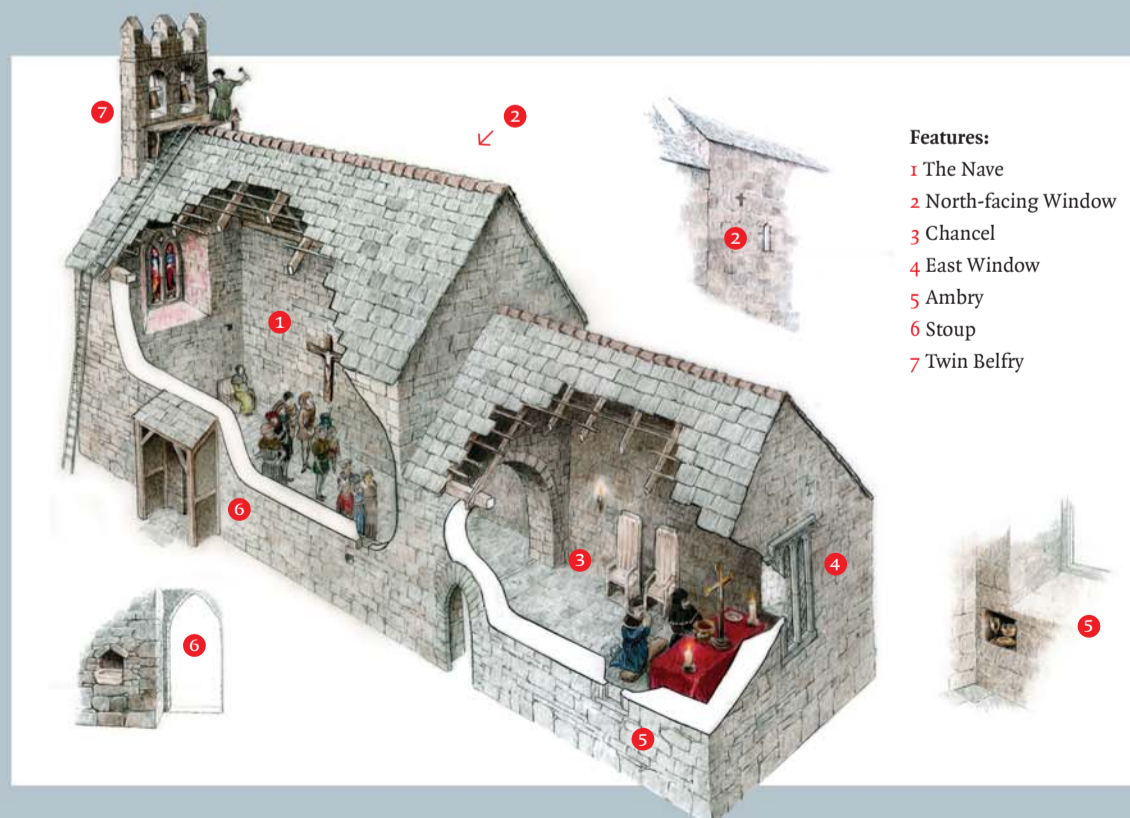
BM	Black Marble
BS	Black Stone
DG	Dalkey Granite
LS	Limestone
PS	Portland Stone
SL	Slate
SS	Sandstone
WG	Wicklow Granite
WG & M	Wicklow Granite & Marble
WSM	White Sicilian Marble

SURNAME	NO.	GRID	TYPE	SURNAME	NO.	GRID	TYPE	SURNAME	NO.	GRID	TYPE	SURNAME	NO.	GRID	TYPE
Anonymous	53	B1	DG	Dempsey	21	D5	BS	Grogan, P.	31	B4	BS	Molloy	60	E4	BM
Bassett	7	B7	LS	Dixon	71	G4	LS	Hammond	35	C3	BM	Mooney	32	A4	LS
Bergan	2	D7	BS	Donohue	56	D2	BM	Hanlon	61	F5	BM	Mooney, C.	57	D2	SL
Bourke	48	B2	DG	Donovan	13	C5	LS	Hayden	63	E2	SL	Murphy	38	B3	LS
Bryan, J.	22	C5	LS	Doyle	14	C6	LS	Hynes, J.	26	A5	LS	O'Neil	59	D4	DG
Bryan, T.	12	D6	BS	Doyle, D.	73	G5	BM	Hynes, M.	5	C7	LS	O'Neill, A.	51	D1	BM
BW	50	C1	DG	Doyle, N.	19	B5	WSM	JN	36	C2	DG	Reynolds	69	G2	LS
Byrne & Kermode	9	C7	BS	Dunn, F.	16	A6	PS	Kavanagh	43	A3	LS	Rourke (base)	45	B2	LS
Byrne, J.	40	A3	SL	Dunn, J.	11	C7	LS	Keogh	47	A2	WG	Rourke (top)	37	B3	LS
Byrne, P.	41	A3	LS	Ffrench	1	E7	BS	Kinsela	49	C2	LS	Scott	28	A5	BS
Carr, M.	44	A3	LS	Fitzpatrick	66	F3	SL	Lamb	46	A2	SL	Sharkey	17	A5	LS
Carroll, Martin	8	B7	WG	Fitzpatrick, J.	25	C5	LS	Mahady	54	A1	DG	Tau Cross	65	E3	SS
Carroll, Mary	6	B7	LS	Fitzsimons	15	C6	BM	Martin	3	D7	LS	Unknown	64	E2	SL
Casey	24	C4	LS	Foley	68	F2	BM	McGinnis	39	B3	WG	Walsh	4	D7	SL
Cash	34	B3	SL	Foy	23	D4	LS	McGrath	62	E1	LS	Williams	42	A3	WG
Christy	20	D5	BS	Freeman	70	G3	BM	McGuire	27	A5	WG	1807 Memorial	67	F3	BS
Collins	72	G5	DG	Gaffney	58	E3	SL	McKenna	55	A1	LS				
Cornelius	52	B1	DG	Gorman	10	C7	SL	MM	29	B4	BS				
Cunningham	18	B6	WG	Grogan, J.	30	B4	WSM								

ST. BEGNET

St. Begnet (Becnat), the patron saint of Dalkey, is said to have lived in the 7th Century. Becnat was the daughter of Colman, son of Aed. The name itself could be a derivative of Beg or Bec, which means 'little personage'.

In Ireland her name was given to two early Christian Churches, one on Dalkey Island and the other here in Dalkey itself. She may have had these places of worship built or later missionaries may have dedicated them in her memory.



- Features:**
- 1 The Nave
 - 2 North-facing Window
 - 3 Chancel
 - 4 East Window
 - 5 Ambry
 - 6 Stoup
 - 7 Twin Belfry

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