

Stained Glass Windows St Patrick's Church Lahardane Co Mayo



The windows are appropriately placed either side of the existing marble memorial plaque, erected in St Patrick's Church in 2002. The emigration window is dedicated to all those who left Addergoole Parish over the years and their families, wherever they might be.



The Titanic window, depicting Boat 16 being lowered, is likely to be one of the very few church Titanic themed windows worldwide. It is based on what survivor, Annie Kate Kelly, who became Sister Patrick Joseph, an Adrian Dominican Sister in Michigan USA remembered.

Annie was standing in line waiting to enter Boat 16. A man accompanying two woman was refused entry. One said: "I'll not leave my husband", and the other "I'll not leave my brother". They were Catherine and Mary Bourke from Addergoole. Annie, next in line, was given a place. As the lifeboat was lowered she looked up and saw her cousin, Pat Canavan, and the others. Pat was holding his rosary beads and waving. Father Thomas Byles from St Helen's Parish in Ongar, Essex, UK was also with the group.

The lifeboat's capacity was 65, but was not full. Thirteen other Queenstown passengers were saved in this boat. Eight were from Co Longford, one from Co Kildare, one from Co Longford and three from Co Galway. Ellie Mockler from Galway also became a nun with the Sisters of Mercy, Sister Mary Patricia.

Only two more of the Addergoole Fourteen survived in other boats, Delia McDermott in Boat 13, and Annie McGowan who could not recall what boat she was saved in.

The official dedication and blessing takes place as part of our Cultural Week, on Sunday 15th April 2012 as a lasting memory of all our emigrants.