

Parish trip to Cultra 2006

On Sunday 25th June 2006 members of the parish community travelled to the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum at Cultra, Co. Down. Led by Father Oâ€™Dwyer, parishioners young and old gathered in the Church of St. John the Baptist which had stood in Drumcree for almost two centuries having been built in 1783 to serve the Catholic faithful.

The Church was filled with parishioners many of whom could recall when the building was the focal point for worship in Drumcree. Indeed, for some couples present the Church rekindled memories of their wedding day. On this occasion Mass was celebrated by Father Oâ€™Dwyer. The participation of the parish choir enhanced the liturgy.

After Mass parishioners had an opportunity to explore the interior of the building which â€” with the exception of the bell tower â€” has been faithfully restored. The warm weather afforded the group an opportunity to lunch outside and then spend some time visiting the other buildings that make up Ballycultra Town.

The excursion concluded with parishioners returning to the Church for the Rite of Benediction. It was a most enjoyable day for all. The parish wishes to thank the Bishop of Down and Connor Dr. Patrick Walsh for permission to say Mass in the Church. Gratitude is also due to the management of the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum who facilitated the visit.

You can read more about the Church on the Museumâ€™s website .

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