

Irish Catholic Registers Online

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Timeline

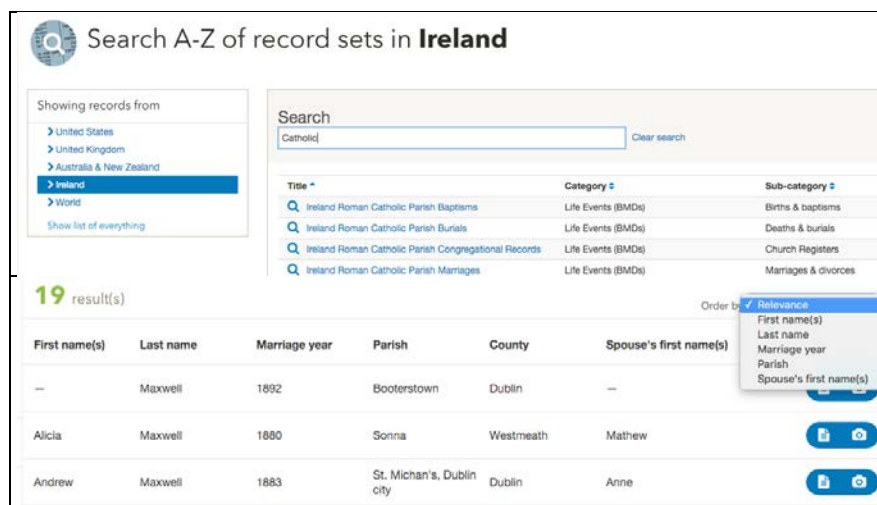
- 1950 - 1970 Registers for parishes in existence prior to 1880 are microfilmed.
- 2010 Microfilms digitized.
- October 2014 National Library of Ireland board approves project to make images available online.
- July 2015 NLI releases unindexed images of Catholic Parish registers.
- February 2016 findmypast announces release of Indexed Catholic Parish registers from NLI.

Collection Details

- 373,000 digital images from 3,500 registers from 1,086 parishes: 10,638,310 records.
- Content covers all 32 counties - both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.
- 56 parishes are *not* included in the collection. See <http://registers.nli.ie/help> for details.
- Extensive records of births and marriages. Very few records for deaths/burials.

Understanding Irish Place Names

- **Civil parishes** are based on Church of Ireland parishes. **Catholic parishes** are larger, came later.
- Online parish boundary maps:
 - Civil: <http://www.irishtimes.com/ancestor/browse/counties/civilmaps/>
 - Catholic: <http://registers.nli.ie/> and <http://www.irishtimes.com/ancestor/browse/counties/rcmaps/>
- Before this index, researchers had to know both parish and timeframe, then search every page.



Search A-Z of record sets in Ireland

Showing records from: United States, United Kingdom, Australia & New Zealand, Ireland, World

Search: Catholic

19 result(s)

First name(s)	Last name	Marriage year	Parish	County	Spouse's first name(s)
—	Maxwell	1892	Booterstown	Dublin	—
Alicia	Maxwell	1880	Sonna	Westmeath	Mathew
Andrew	Maxwell	1883	St. Michan's, Dublin city	Dublin	Anne

Order by: Relevance, First name(s), Last name, Marriage year, Parish, Spouse's first name(s)

findmypast.com

Navigate directly to the collection:

1. Click [Search] then [A-Z Record Sets].
2. Type "Catholic" in Search box.

Organize search results

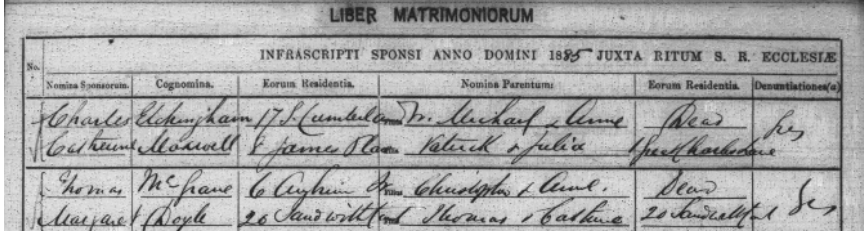

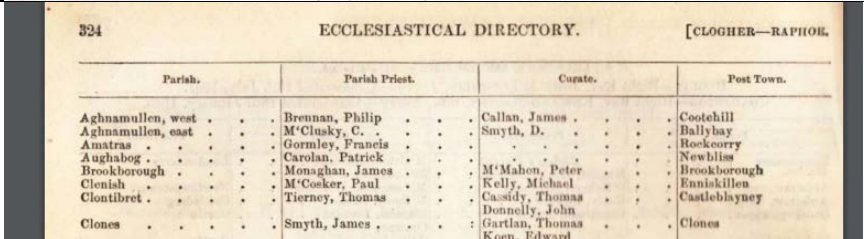
Default is "Relevance."

Sort by other criteria:

- Name (first, last, spouse)
- Year
- Parish

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	<p>View and use images</p> <p>Names, column headings may be in Latin. ("Patricius" = "Patrick") See FamilySearch Wiki–England Latin Given Names</p>
<div> <div>Latin</div> <div>English</div> <div>nomina parentum</div> <div>names of parents</div> </div>	<p>Google Translate</p> <p>Translate Latin Column headings. Select language; type text into left box.</p>
<p>Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, 1655-1915</p> <div> <div> <p>SEARCH <input type="checkbox"/> Match all terms exactly</p> <p>First & Middle Name(s) Charles</p> <p>Last Name Maxwell</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Exact... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exact</p> <p>Birth: Day, Month, Year</p> <p>Death: Day, Month, Year</p> <p>Lived In: City, County, State, Count</p> </div> <div> <p>Location City, County, State, Count</p> <p>City, County, State, Count</p> <p>City, County, State, Count</p> </div> <div> <p>Published under the National Library of Ireland's Terms of Use of Material made available on registers.nli.ie.</p> <p>Browse this collection</p> <p>To browse this image set, select from the options below.</p> <p>Diocese Choose...</p> </div> </div>	<p>Ancestry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same records. • Same or different index? • Different search engine. • Different collection grouping. (All register types together.) • Use both sites, even if you plan to save to Ancestry.
	<p>National Library of Ireland registers.nli.ie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owns rights to collection. • "Drill down" from county to Diocese to parish. • Link to digital images (unindexed). • Gives date range for records for each parish. • Links to other sources for parishes not included.
<p>Catholic Parishes and Civil Parish Links - c1837</p> <div> <div> <p>Home</p> <p>▼ Featured</p> <p>Surname Distribution (c1850)</p> <p>Dublin 1916 - Before & After the Rising</p> <p>Maps of Ireland - 1837 (Lewis)</p> <p>Railways in Ireland 1904</p> <p>BMD Gerts and Ordering</p> <p>Taylor & Skinner's Index & Subscribers</p> <p>Taylor & Skinner's Maps - 1777</p> <p>Town > RC Parish Search</p> <p>RC Parish <- Townland Db</p> <p>RC Chapel & Parish Map Search</p> <p>Townland Database</p> <p>1838 SDUK Map of Ireland</p> </div> <div> <p>Search Type: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Civil Parish <input type="radio"/> RC Parish <input type="radio"/> Extended Parish Search</p> <p>County: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Barony (optional): <input type="text"/></p> <p>Diocese: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Parish: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Name, Location or Film No.: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Search</p> </div> <div> <p>The Catholic Parish / Civil Parish / Church Mapping cross-reference data was compiled using Lewis Topographical Directory of 1837 and the Catholic Directory of 1838 as primary reference sources and matching Catholic Parishes listed in these to Civil Parishes on the 1851 Townland Database, along with the 1848 Catholic Parish directory listing (see here) and 1st Edition OSI Maps c1837-1842. Four options are available for searching this data on this page and in addition see the new search for RC parishes near selected towns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search by Civil Parish. This option allows selection of a County, Barony (optional) and Civil parish, and uses this data to check if this Civil Parish has been cross-linked to one or more Catholic Parishes. A link provides further details of the Catholic Parish (see next option). Unlinked Civil parishes include a list of nearby R.C. chapels and parishes based on map coordinates, and a link to the maps search option. • Search by RC parish. This option allow selection of a Catholic Diocese and Parish, and shows linked </div> </div>	<p>www.swilson.info</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digitized maps. • Townland database. • Scans and extracts from directories. • Catholic parishes c1830. • Catholic and civil parish links for > 1,000 parishes. • Map coordinates to >2,000 churches.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RC Parish/Townland Db • Catholic Directory, 1848 • RC Church/Parish Search • 1848 Surname Distribution • Ecclesiastical Directory