

Listowel Parish

Listowel marked Kerry Earth Week by holding a mass in the famine graveyard, Teampall Bán. Mass was celebrated by Canon Declan O'Connor and the music was provided by John Kinsella, helped by some members of the Listowel Choir.

A good crowd attended and the weather held up well. John Pierce, a local historian, gave a talk on the history of the graveyard which dates from 1850. John's book on the famine in North Kerry, which will include the full history of Teampall Bán and the surrounding area, is due to be published in early 2012.

A circular "tree seat" created by Kerry Parent & Friends trainees was also unveiled on the day. This complements the two existing seats outside the Oratory, which were also created by Kerry Parent & Friends trainees.



The altar ready for Mass in the famine graveyard, Teampall Bán



Fr Declan O'Connor arriving for Mass at the Teampall Bán



The congregation in good spirits for the Mass at the Teampall Bán



John Kinsella providing the music for Teampall Bán Mass



The circular 'tree seat' outside the Teampall Bán Oratory