

Parish Number: P.0246

Records of the Parish of: Donnybrook (Dublin)

County of: Dublin

Period: 1712 - 2005

From: parish custody 1987, 1995, 2010; 2017

Notes: The history of the parish was published as 'The Parish of St Mary, Donnybrook: a brief sketch of the History of the Parish Church' (1946; reprinted with some additional matter, 1968)

The history of the graveyard was published as Danny Parkinson, 'Donnybrook Graveyard, c.800-1993' (Dublin, 1993)

P.0246.01 Combined Register

- 1 . Register of baptisms 1712-68, marriages 1712-68 & burials 1712-1800
- 2 . Register of baptisms 1800-25, marriages 1800-25 & burials 1775-1800 & 1877-80, ands confirmations 1836-56
- 3 . Register of baptisms 1825-36, marriages 1825-37 & burials 1825-48
- 4 . Register of baptisms 1836-58, marriages 1837-52 & burials 1872-77

P.0246.02 Register of Baptisms

- 1 . 1857 - 1896 (including those in St John's Sandymount, District Church, 1850-88)
- 2 . 1896 - 1957

P.0246.03 Register of Marriages

- 1 . 1845 - 1850
- 2 . 1850 - 1853
- 3 . 1853 - 1862
- 4 . 1862 - 1869
- 5 . 1869 - 1873
- 6 . 1873 - 1884
- 7 . 1884 - 1902
- 8 . 1902 - 1910
- 9 . 1910 - 1929
10. 1929 - 1942
11. 1942 - 1956
12. 1957 - 2005

P.0246.04 Register of Burials

- 1 . 1848 - 1860
- 2 . 1861 - 1916

P.0246.05 Vestry Book

- 1 . 1825 - 1853
- 2 . 1854 - 1896
- 3 . 1896 - 1933
- 4 . 1933 - 1965
- 5 . 1965 - 1987

P.0246.06 Register of Vestrymen

- 1 . 1890 - 1911

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- 2 . 1912 - 1956
- 3 . 1956 - 1985

P.0246.07 Account Book

- 1 . 1934 - 1939

P.0246.08 Preachers Book

- 1 . 1854 - 1867
- 2 . 1867 - 1868
- 3 . 1869 - 1876
- 4 . 1876 - 1881
- 5 . 1881 - 1884
- 6 . 1884 - 1889
- 7 . 1889 - 1896
- 8 . 1897 - 1906
- 9 . 1907 - 1916
10. 1917 - 1927
11. 1927 - 1935
12. 1936 - 1942
13. 1942 - 1950
14. 1950 - 1957
15. 1958 - 1964
16. 1964 - 1970
17. 1970 - 1980

P.0246.11 Confirmation Register

- 1 . 1836 - 1856 (in combined register P246.1.2)
- 2 . 1890 - 1971

P.0246.12 Deeds

- 1 . Two copies of Privy Council Order dis-appropriating the parish of Donnybrook from the archdeaconry of Dublin, and its perpetual curacy status to create it as an independent parish. The order refers to the earlier tithe composition document (see 27.1) below and various emoluments belonging to the parish, 11 April 1864.
- 2 . Various legal documents relating to the parish's relationship with the neighbouring parish of St Bartholomew, including copy deed erecting the church of St Bartholomew, in Pembroke District, as a perpetual cure in its own right, 13 October 1864; Description of the boundary of St Bartholomew's as copied from the Boundary Commissioners Report, 15 August 1866, together with later correspondence concerning the Commissioners of Valuation assessment of, the layout of the latter parish as delineated in a map dated 1864 [not present] in 1906. 1864; 1866; 1906

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- 3 . Legal documents relating to clergy as follows: original deed of mandate appointing the Revd Arthur Gore Ryder to the possession of the rectory and parish church (signed and sealed by Archbishop Chenevix Trench) 1 May 1807; copy institution documents for the Revd Robert Walsh, 23 April 1889; the Revd David Francis Ruddell Wilson, 21 April 1917; Canon John Powell, 1 July 1935; the Revd Alexander Camier, 2 December 1953; and the Revd Richard H. Bertram, 5 September 1974., 1867-1974

P.0246.15 Maps & Plans

- 1 . Plan of heating apparatus for the church, submitted by Maguire & Son, Dublin, for a new heating system, including ground floor plan showing old box pew layout, with location of equalising box with under- and over-ground pipes, 29 June 1872
- 2 . Plan of church showing exterior drainage system, 17 March 1897. (For related reports, see also P245/27/5 below)

P.0246.17 Visiting Book

- 1 . 1854 - 1857

P.0246.19 Orders of Service

- 1 . 1922 - 1987

P.0246.21 Annual Reports

- 1 . 1874 - 1927 1874; 1890-95; 1926-27

P.0246.25 Parish Magazine

- 1 . 1891 - 1948 These items are individually bound by year to 1930; with the following years missing: 1892-93; 1903; and 1931. They they continue bound together for the years 1932-36; 1937-41; 1942-46; while 1933, 1938 and 1947 and 1948 remain loose. 1891-94, 1896-1902, 1904-29, 1931, 1933-38)

P.0246.27 Miscellaneous Loose Papers

- 1 . Materials relative to the assessment of tithes and rent value of lands comprising Donnybrook parish, including 'Copy certificate of composition [of tithe values] for the parish of St Marys' Donnybrook, in the Archdiocese of Dublin', compiled by Joseph Wright and Thomas Abbott, Tithe Commissioners, assessing the value at £180 payable to the Venerable John Travers, Archdeacon of Dublin and incumbent, dated 27 October 1824; the 'Return of the Archdeaconry of Dublin' [comprising nine churches including St Mary's] detailing those churches, their rent value and their assessable rate, dated 25 January 1825; together with original Valuation document [comprising 5ff] of new houses in the parish of Donnybrook, that had not been valued before, detailing properties stretching from Cullenswood Terrace in Ranelagh to Sandymount Strand, dated 28 April 1851. 1824-1851
- 2 . Articles of agreement between Mountiford John Hay, of Molesworth Street, Dublin, builder, and John Travers, Archdeacon of Dublin and Incumbent of Donnybrook, to construct a new church in the parish, to be finished and completed in a workmanlike manner, by 1 June 1827, as certified and overseen by the architect, John Semple. This document refers to an estimate specification and plans which are no longer present. The full costs of the works amount to £4598.11.2. Dated 25 November 1825
- 3 . Correspondence, drafts of working arrangements and ultimate Memorandum of Agreement between the Revd Arthur G. Ryder, Rector of Donnybrook, and the Select Vestry of St Mathew's Ringsend, constituting Irishtown as a district church within the parish of Donnybrook, 1871. Includes correspondence with the RCB detailing Ryder's 'change of duty', agreements relating to charges of fees for marriages and other services, together with discussion on the resolutions of the Dublin Diocesan Council, 11 January 1871 – 24 October 1871 and undated.
- 4 . Printed materials and earlier copies of memoranda concerning dispute between the parishes of

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Donnybrook and St John's Sandymount, 1871-88, with printed legal opinion as delivered in March 1888 and earlier resolutions concerning licencing of St John's for marriages. In the dispute, the Revd Dr Arthur Ryder and churchwardens were plaintiffs, and the Revd B.C, Davidson-Houtston, incumbent of Sandymount the defendant. The plaintiffs were citing loss of income from the offertories and celebration of marriages provided in the latter church, but the legal opinion found favour for the defendant. 7 October 1871-17 March 1888

- 5 . Detailed report on damp problems in the basement of the church and necessary steps required to improve drainage, 13 September 1876, with related further plan and sections of drainage in and around the building, and specification for works, 25 September 1876.
- 6 . Original letter from the Deputy Keeper of the Public Record Office of Ireland, and attached order, 'permitting the parochial records of the parish of St Mary Donnybrook to remain in the care of the Incumbent', the Revd R. Walsh, DD, 12 & 13 December 1889
- 7 . Other miscellaneous documents relating to estimated valuation of parish lands, as part of the Pembroke Estate, 1915; the erection of the Archdeacon Walsh Memorial, a tablet to commemorate the late Ven. Robert Walsh DD, archdeacon of Dublin and for 28 years rector of the parish, including list of donors, 1921; invoice and details of building works on the rectory, carried out by G&T Crampton, 1945; RCB schedule of glebes profits, 1950; planning permission documents for an extension to the rectory, 1983. 1915-1983.