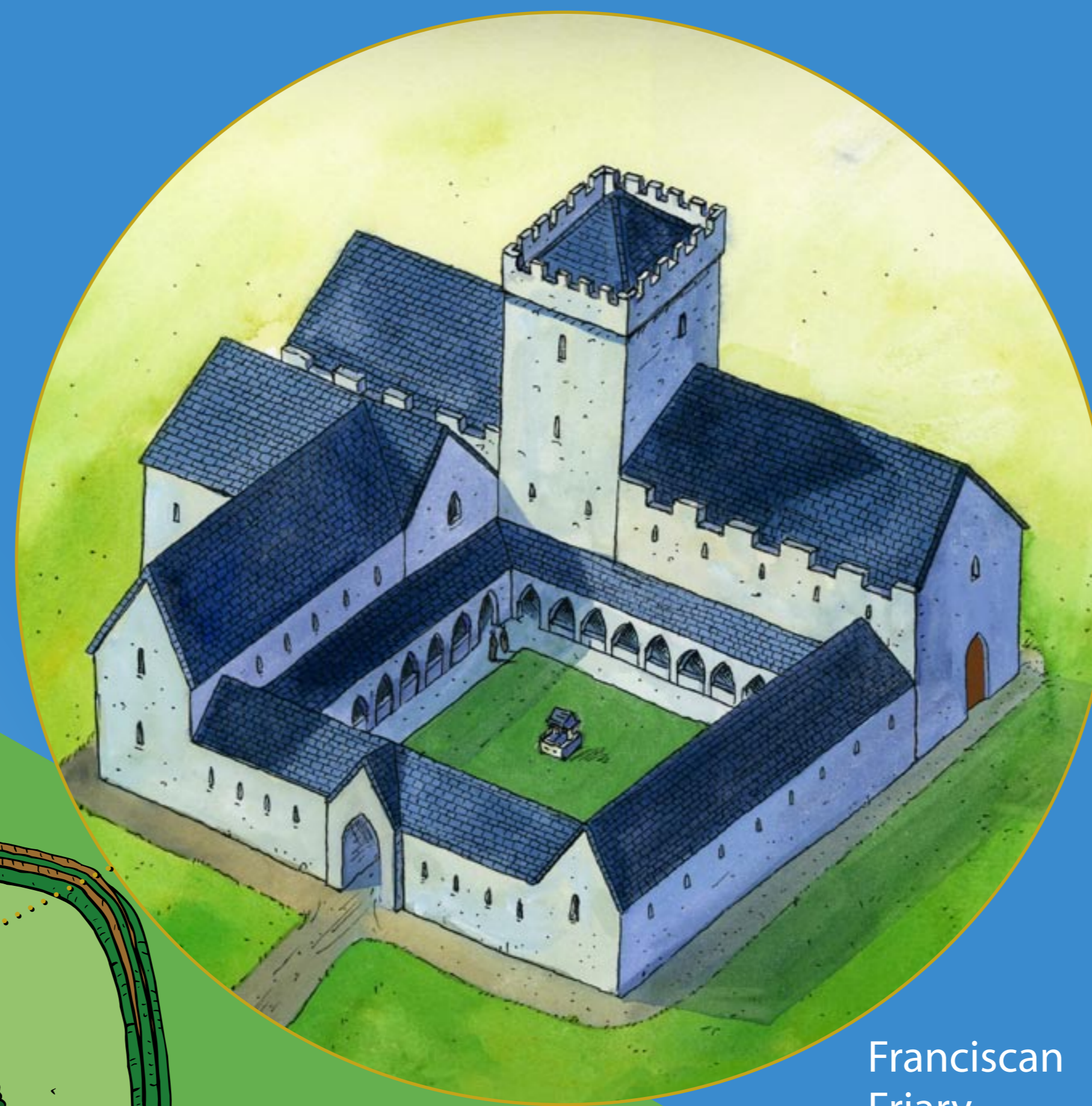


Killeigh Cill Aichidh

Artists
impression of the
Early Christian
monastery at
Killeigh.

The modern village
of Killeigh.



Franciscan
Friary
The Friary as
it looked in the
14th century.

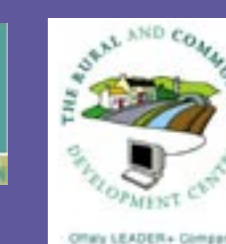
Sinchell the elder and Sinchell the younger established a monastery at ‘Cell-achaid-drommo-foto’ (the church of the field of the long ridge) here in the sixth century. By the twelfth century the Augustinians established a priory which was dependent on the monastery of Durrow. Originally it was dedicated to the Holy Cross but by the fifteenth century its dedication had been changed to St. Mary. A convent of Augustinian nuns was established at Killeigh in the late twelfth century and was possibly located where the modern post office is today.

Around 1293 O’Connor Fallighe (Offaly) founded a Franciscan friary in the monastic town of Killeigh and this was dissolved in the late sixteenth century. The Church of Ireland church in the centre of the village contains the remains of the Franciscan friary, while a short stretch of wall near the community hall is all that survives of the Augustinian priory. Enclosing the village of Killeigh are the impressive remains of a double banked monastic enclosure which acted as the town wall for the monastic Civitas of Killeigh. St Sinchell’s holy well and rag tree are located just outside the monastic enclosure to the northwest of the Church of Ireland church.

Bhunaigh Sean-Sinchell agus Sinchell-Óg mainistir ag “Cell-achaid-drommo-foto” (séipéal páirc an mhullaigh fhada) anseo sa séú haois. Roimh an dara haois déag bhunaigh na hAgaistínigh príóireacht a bhí i dtuilleamaí mainistir Darú. Ar dtús bhí sé coisricthe don Chros Naofa ach roimh an cúigiú haois déag bhí an coisreacan athruithe go Naomh Muire. Bunaíodh clochar de mhná rialta Agaistíneacha ag Cill Aichidh ag deireadh an dara haois déag agus de réir dealraimh bhí sé suite san áit a bhfuil Oifig an Phoist faoi láthair.

Thart ar 1293 bhunaigh Ó Conchubhar Fallighe (Uíbh Fhailí) mainistir Proinsiasach ins an mbaile manachúil Cill Aichidh agus dúnadh é déanach sa séú haois déag. Tá iarsmaí an mhainistir Phroinsiasach le fáil i séipéal Eaglais na hÉireann i lár an tsráid-bhaile agus níl fós ina seasamh den príóireacht Agaistíneach ach stiall ghearr de bhalla gár do halla an phobail. Mar fhál timpeall ar Chill Aichidh tá iarsmaí sonracha d’iamh mhanachúil décharnaithe, a bhí mar bhalla an bhaile do Civitas manachúil Chill Aichidh. Tá tobar naofa agus crann na gceirt Naomh Shinchell suite díreach taobh amuigh den iamh manachúil atá ó thuaidh den áit ina seasann an séipéal Phrotastúnach.

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