

KILMEEDY PARISH.

SITUATION. This Parish is situated in the Barony of Connello Upper, and is bounded on the south by the County

of Cork and Clooncree Parish; on the west by Drumcullagher and Mahoona Parishes; on the north by the latter and Clooncagh and Ballingarry Parishes and on the east by the latter and Castletown Parish.

NAME. The Irish name of this Parish is Cill Mide, which signifies the Church of Mide, who was the celebrated Patroness of Hua Conaill and was called Mida, i.e., Mo Ide, signifying My Ide, the Mo being a term of endearment, respect or reverence when prefixed to the name of a Saint. See Colgan on the prefixes Mo, Do etc., in his notes to AA. SS. passim (See note at Ita's Life). This Saint was called Ita also. See Killeedy Parish.

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There are no ecclesiastical ruins in this Parish, the Protestant Church of which is said in the Name Book, p.42, to stand in the Townland of Pallas. The graveyard at it appears to be old and is now much in use. We have no historical notice of this Kilmide.

The "Liber Regalis Visitationis" placing it in the Deanery of Rachele (Rathkeale) says:- Kilmeely (Kilmeedy) als. Kilmurcely. Rector precentor Ecclesia nullius valoris.

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