

THE PARISH OF RATHJORDAN.

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SITUATION. This Parish is bounded on the east by the Parishes of Kiltteely and Aglishcormick; north by Ballybrood; west by Caherally and on the south by the Parishes of Ballinard and Kilkillau.

NAME. The name of this Parish is called by the Irish Ráth Siúrdáin, which signifies the Rath or Earthen Fort of Jordan, a man's name of English origin. The Rath from which the Townland took its name has been destroyed.

Of the old Church of this Parish, which was situated on level ground in the Glebe of Rathjordan, scarcely a stone of the foundation can now be traced. The small grave yard in which it stood is now not much used as a burial place. The Church bears no other name but that of Rathjordan.

Tobar Eoin Baiste, or St. John the Baptist's Well, is situated in the west of the Townland of Rathjordan and a short distance west of Rathjordan Glebe Church. It is still visited by pilgrims, but no Pattern is now held at it.

The antiquities of this Parish were examined by Mr. A. Curry; notes arranged by Mr. O'Keefe.

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