

## THE PARISH OF CLUGGIN.

**SITUATION.** This Parish is situated in the Barony of Coonagh and in two separate parts, of which the first is bounded on the north, south and east by the Parish of Doon and on the west by the Parish of Oola; the second, which is about half a mile south of the first, is bounded on the north by the Parish of Doon; on the east by that of Oola; on the west by Pallisgrean and on the south by Templebredin.

**NAME.** The name of this Parish is in Irish Tuath an Chluigin, which is also the form of the name adopted on Beaufort's

Ecclesiastical Map. It signifies the Country or District of the Little Bell, but no tradition is extant to throw any light upon the origin of the name.

No part of the old Church of this Parish is now to be seen but its grave yard remains, which is a large one enclosed by a stone wall. 430

A short distance to the east of this grave yard there is a Holy Well dedicated to the Holy Cross and called Tobar na Croiche Naomhtha, Fons Sanctae Crucis, to which also the Church seems to have been dedicated.

The site of a Castle said to have belonged first to Mac Brian O'gCuanach and afterwards to the Earl of Thomond, is shewn in the Townland of Castle Cluggin. It is not noticed in the Field Name Books, but it should be shewn on the Ordnance Map. It is mentioned in the MS. Pedigree of the O'Briens, Trin. Col. H.1,7.

Examined by me.

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