

Athlumney Graveyard



Activity 1

As you enter the main gates use a copybook page and write a brief account of what you see.

The church in this graveyard was built by the Normans in the 1200's. The graveyard soon followed around the church as people passed away. The church had three bells- one to call people to mass, the second to tell when the host was being raised during mass and the third to warn of danger. From 1756 until the start of the 1900's this was the main graveyard for Navan.

Activity 2

Go towards the church ruins.
Look carefully.

1. What kind of stone was used ?

2. Estimate & measure wall thickness

3. Count how many strides it takes to walk the length & width of the ruins.
Length = ___ strides Width = ___ strides

4. What do you think the room at the end of the church was for ?

Activity 3



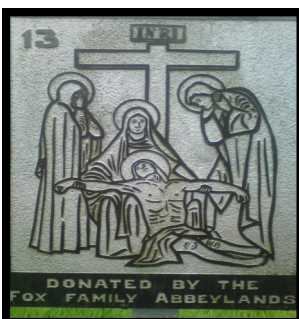
This is the tombstone of Cheevers-Goff. It has a skull and crossbones at the top of it. All coffins that come into the graveyard are laid on this tombstone before they are buried in their plot.

Activity 4

Find and record the year of the three oldest headstones in the graveyard.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Activity 5



This is one of the Stations of the Cross in the graveyard. Start at No.1 on the right of the entrance and count them. How many are there altogether ?

Back in Class

1. Write a report on the trip for your school website or local newspaper.
2. Google the titles of each of the Stations of the Cross.
3. Research the Norman invasion of Ireland.

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