

Waterford West Catholic Cemetery – now shops

Between 1870 and approximately 1876 the Catholic school/church was located on Portion 40 at 254 Logan Reserve Road. It is possible there are burials at this site, but the land was never formally transferred to the church.

From 1876, or possibly earlier the chapel was located on Portion 20 near Leo's Morning Star Hotel. (954-956 Kingston Beenleigh Road)

The land for the church was formally donated by the Leo Family in 1892. The rebuilt chapel was dedicated by Archbishop Dunne on 10 December 1892. The Leo family sold up and left the district in 1899. There are no cemetery records, so educated guesses need to be made to purchase the death certificates to prove burials on this site. Richard and Catherine Leo lost their child Richard Junior aged 7 days in 1874 and he is likely buried on this site. His sister Mary died in 1880 aged 2 Years 10 months and is definitely buried here. Family evidence suggests that there are graves belonging to Richard Leo's nephews, from the O'Donnell family who lived on the eastern bank of the river at Waterford.

When the property was sold by the Catholic Church in 1983 those graves with headstones were exhumed and re-interred at Gleneagle. They included baby Margaret Egan, who died on 26 November 1893, Alice Winter, presumably the wife of the local blacksmith, who died on 24 March 1932. The other illegible headstone appears to be Patrick and Eleanor Leo, most likely the parents of Richard.

(Bold items are confirmed by death certificate or by headstone relocated to Gleneagle.)

Name	Date	age	occupation	C o Death	Father	Mother
Leo, Richard	20/04/1874	7days		convulsions	Richard Leo	Catherine O'Donnell
Leo, Catherine	31/5/1878				Patrick Leo	Ellen
Leo, Mary	9/2/1880	2yrs 10 mths		convulsions	Richard Leo	Catherine O'Donnell
Moloney, James	5/6/1882	69	farmer	old age	John Moloney	Bridget Cassidy
Moloney, James	26/9/1883	24	clerk	Phthisis (TB)	James Moloney	Bridget Egan
Egan, Margaret	26/11/1893				Patrick Egan	Mary Anne Hayes
Patrick Leo (buried with Ellen)	11/12/1890	80			Richard	Mary
Leo, Ellen	4/3/1888	75		Broken blood vessel near heart	John Caine	Katherine Kayley
*O'Donnell,	1/1/1897	7			Thomas	Ellen

Thomas David		months			O'Donnell	O'Keefe
*O'Donnell, Arthur Vincent	3/10/1897	2 months			Thomas O'Donnell	Ellen O'Keefe
*O'Donnell, Thomas Arthur	8/4/1899	2 months			Thomas O'Donnell	Ellen O'Keefe
Winter, Alice	24/3/1932		Wife of blacksmith			

* Thomas O'Donnell was the brother of Catherine Leo. Infants buried on this site are according to family information supplied by Olga Leo.