

The School



Plan of front elevation of hall, 1894

The first Catholic school in Kirkintilloch had 75 pupils and was opened on 19th January 1874 with Miss Mary O'Neill in charge.

With the church project successfully achieved Father Beyaert's next venture was to secure the enlargement and modernisation of the adjacent school.

The building was closed for just over a year with classes held in the Oswald School near the corner of Glasgow Road and Campsie Road. The work was completed by July 1895.



School class, c1900 with teacher Miss Fleming and Father Green

During the early part of the 20th century the school was fortunate to have a talented and enthusiastic headmistress, Miss Clara Martens. A German national, Miss Martens resigned from her post in September 1918.

After a vacancy lasting a few months, Dr William Barry was appointed to the post in January 1919.

Later that year the school ceased to be a voluntary school and was transferred to the new management of the newly elected Dunbartonshire Education Authority.

DID YOU KNOW ?

In February 1923 the First Social Reunion of Post Qualifying Pupils of St Ninian's School was held in the Science & Art Rooms with a charge of one shilling per head.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Dr William Barry was the first male teacher in the school.

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Dr William Barry was a native of Middleton, County Cork. During his long teaching career he was destined to occupy various important posts and to be honoured by both the Church and the teaching profession.



Secretary of State Tom Johnston appointed him to the Advisory Council on Treatment and Rehabilitation of Offenders. Other accolades included a Papal decoration, in recognition of his service to education and the Church. His ultimate honour came in 1947, when he was appointed as the 101st President of the Educational Institute of Scotland - the first Catholic to fill the office.

He remained in Kirkintilloch as local headmaster (latterly of St Ninian's High School) for 32 years, until his retirement in January 1951.

Kirkintilloch (Town) RC School
From 1st May 1919

William Barry	£50
Annie McEwan	170
Miss Hughes	£150
James McFarlane	150
Miss McFarlane	150
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Arthur Renon	110
Louisa Toland	120
Miss McEwan	110
Miss McCabe	112
Miss Barry	100
Mary McEwan	150
James Irvine	115
Marjorie Harris	2 days 7/6 15/-
Janita aff'd at £130	
Stock 7/6	

A new scale of salaries for Head Teachers was introduced from 5 April 1919. The amount paid depended on the school roll and whether the incumbent was male or female.

DID YOU KNOW ?

By 1929 the school roll had risen to 1,011.



The school motto - *in necessariis, in dubiis libertas, in omnibus caritas* - is a Latin phrase commonly translated as "unity in necessary things; liberty in doubtful things; charity in all things".

It is often attributed to Saint Augustine of Hippo but seems to have been first used in the 17th century by a German Lutheran theologian Peter Meiderlin.

DID YOU KNOW ?

On 27th November 1931 1,060 pupils 540 of whom were in the Secondary Department moved in to the new premises at Westermains from Union Street.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Westermains House was purchased from Glasgow Parish Council for £2,000. From Easter 1925 the Infants department, Domestic Science and Woodwork Departments were transferred there.

Rev Father Martin Jansen arrived in June 1919 as Parish Priest. Along with Dr Barry, he strived to develop Catholic education locally, especially for secondary pupils.

Kirkintilloch was established as a centre for the secondary education of Catholic children from the villages of Croy and Twechar, parts of Stirlingshire, and from the town itself. By the mid

1920s accommodation was a major problem once again. Westermains House and surrounding grounds were purchased and the new school opened on the site on 27th November 1931.

The Scottish Education Department gave their official recognition to the new premises - the school's name was changed from "Kirkintilloch (Town) RC School" to "St Ninian's RC High School", on 1st January 1932.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DUNBARTON.
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Opening at
St. Ninian's R.C. Secondary School,
KIRKINTILLOCH,
BY
W. W. McKECHNIE, Esq., C.B.,
Secretary, Scottish Education Department.

On FRIDAY, 27th NOVEMBER, 1931, at 2.30 p.m.
Chairman, Capt. A. BURNS, Convener of the County.

PROGRAMME.

Choir—Two-Part Song, "Pan." - - - - - Bannock
Introductory Remarks. - - - - - CHAIRMAN
Address and Opening of School, W. W. McKECHNIE, Esq., C.B.
Vote of Thanks to Mr. McKechnie.
The Most Rev. DONALD MACKINTOSH, D.D.,
Bishop of Glasgow.

Presentation by Contractors to Mr. McKechnie.
W. ANDREW WENYART, Esq., F.F.S.
Choir—Two-Part Song, "Haymaker's Roundelay." - - - - - Glasgow
Remarks. - - - - - Right Rev. Mgr. HUGH CANON KELLY, Dunbarton
Remarks. - - - - - MRS. IYVONNE RUSSELL, Kirkintilloch
Vote of Thanks to Chairman, etc. - - - - - Very Rev. DONALD JAMES
Choir—Two-Part Song, "Night-time." - - - - - Bannock