

18th May 2022

St. Patrick's Well, Killashee, Naas

To whom it may concern,

We write this letter to express similar concerns to those outlined by our colleague, William H. Gibson of Two Mile House Parish. In his letter, Bill outlines and gives context to the historical importance of the above Holy Well. In his submission he states the significance of this site and the deep attachment of the local community to this Holy Well as a place of pilgrimage. This is evidenced in the annual pilgrimage, a long held tradition still observed and dating back over many centuries. In many ways we are the custodians of these sacred sites and places of worship that connect us to the past and point us to a rich ancestry of faith and belief. A spiritual heritage gifted to us.

We too concur with the request made by Mr Gibson that this holy and ancient site be given prominence and recognition in the forthcoming development plan 2023-2029.

Its ongoing maintenance, care of same and access to this Holy Well is a concern of equal importance to us and our colleagues on the Two Mile House Parish Pastoral Council.

We should be most grateful of the opportunity to meet and engage with the relevant County Council Agency who oversees, or, whose remit is the care of such ancient and historical sites.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Vian Morgae

Fr. Liam Morgan P.P.

Mr Gerard Gallagher,

Chairperson, Parish Pastoral Council

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