


Property:	Number:	No 57 Cancellation Book
Property Modern	Number: 102	No 102; not displayed on shop front Sally Breen Lived Here – Now the EBS Building Society
Property Modern:	Modern Shop Name EBS Building Society	Shop (2018) 

			
Property Previous:	Previous Shop Names	<p>Previously: Residence for Byrnes</p> <p>Previously: Residence for Breens</p> <p>Previously: Commercial Premises</p>	
Landlord	Time Period from the	Occupier	Further Details

	Cancellation Book		
1 st Occupier <i>LL= William B Goodison</i>	1853 – 1860	Edward Webb	
2 nd Occupier <i>LL= William B Goodison</i>	1868	Edward Webb	
<i>3rd Occupier</i> <i>LL= Agnes Goodison</i>	1869-1873	Edward Webb, then Laurence Byrne 1873	
4 th Occupier <i>LL = Agnes Goodison</i>	1874-1881	Laurence Byrne	
5 th Occupier <i>LL = Richard S Goodison</i>	1882 – 1891	Laurence Byrne	

6 th Occupier <i>LL= Richard S Goodison</i>	1892-1898	Laurence Byrne	
7 th Occupier <i>LL= Richard S Goodison</i>	1899-1904	Laurence Byrne	
8 th Occupier <i>LL= Richard S Goodison</i>	1905-1915	Laurence Byrne, then changes in 1908 to Eliza. Then to Dennis Byrne in 1912	
9 th Occupier <i>LL = Richard S Goodison</i>	1916-1930	Denis Byrne	
10 th Occupier <i>LL = Richard S Goodison</i>	1931-1941	Denis Byrne	Goodison lived in Carnew.
11th Occupier	1942-1983	Denis Byrne then John	Fr James Breen 1917-1970 Lived here with his sister Sally before going overseas

<i>LL=</i> <i>Esmonde</i> <i>Estate</i>		Breen, then Sally Breen	with the missions, See notes below Sally Breen last resident.
<i>12th</i> <i>Occupier</i>	1984-2019	EBS	Building society

The Byrne Family

The Byrne Family are recorded in the property for 1901 and 1911.

CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1901.

(Two Examples of the mode of filling up this Table are given on the other side.)

FORM A.

No. on Form B. 96

RETURN of the MEMBERS of this FAMILY and their VISITORS, BOARDERS, SERVANTS, &c., who slept or abode in this House on the night of SUNDAY, the 31st of MARCH, 1901.

Number.	NAME and SURNAME.		RELATION to Head of Family.	RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.	EDUCATION.	AGE.		SEX.	RANK, PROFESSION, OR OCCUPATION.	MARRIAGE.	WHERE BORN.	IRISH LANGUAGE.	If Deaf and Dumb; Blind; Imbecile or Idiot; or Lunatic.
	Christian Name.	Surname.				Years on last Birthday.	Months for Infants under one Year.						
1	Lawrence	Keane	Head	Catholic	Can only write Name	65		M.	Car Dealer	Married	Gorey	English	
2	Eliza	Keane	Wife	Catholic	Can	66		F.	Housewife	Married	Gorey	English	
3	Ellen	Keane	Daughter	Catholic	Can & write	28		F.	Housewife	Single	Gorey	English	
4	Thomas	Keane	Son	Catholic	Can & write	23		M.	Car Driver	Single	Gorey	English	
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I hereby certify, as required by the Act 63 Vic, cap. 6, s. 6 (1), that the foregoing Return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Anthony Keane (Signature of Enumerator.)

I believe the foregoing to be a true Return.

Lawrence Keane (Signature of Head of Family).

CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1911.
Two Examples of the mode of filling up this Table are given on the other side.

FORM A.

No. on Form B. 75

RETURN of the MEMBERS of this FAMILY and their VISITORS, BOARDERS, SERVANTS, &c., who slept or abode in this House on the night of SUNDAY, the 2nd of APRIL, 1911.

No.	NAME AND SURNAME.		RELATION to Head of Family.	RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.	EDUCATION.	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX.		RANK, PROFESSION, OR OCCUPATION.	PARTICULARS AS TO MARRIAGE.				WHERE BORN.	IRISH LANGUAGE.	If Deaf and Dumb; Blind only; Imbecile or Idiot; or Lunatic.
	Christian Name.	Surname.	State whether "Head of Family," "Wife," "Son," "Daughter," or other Relative; "Visitor," "Boarder," "Servant," &c.	State here the particular Religion, or Religious Denomination, to which each person belongs. [Members of Protestant Denominations are requested not to describe themselves by the vague term "Protestant," but to enter the name of the Particular Church, Denomination, or Body to which they belong.]	State here whether he or she can "Read and Write," "Read" only, or "Cannot Read."	Insert Age opposite each name:—the Ages of Males in column 6, and the Ages of Females in column 7.		State the particular Rank, Profession, Trade, or other Employment of each person. Children or young persons attending a School, or receiving regular instruction at home, should be returned as Scholars. [No entry should be made in the case of wives, daughters, or other female relatives solely engaged in domestic duties at home.]	Whether "Married," "Widowed," "Single," or "Servant."	State for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule the number of—		If in Ireland, state in what County or City; if elsewhere, state the name of the Country.	Write the word "Irish" in this column opposite the name of each person who speaks Irish, and the words "English & Irish" opposite the names of those who can speak both languages. In other cases no entry should be made in this column.		
						Completed years the present Marriage has lasted. If less than one year, write "under one."	Children born alive to present Marriage. If no children born alive, write "None" in column 11.			Total Children born alive.	Children still living.				
1	Eliza	Byrne	Head of Family	Roman Catholic	Cannot Read	48	Old Age Pensioner	Widow				Do. Wexford			
2	Ellen	Byrne	Daughter	Do	Reads & Writes	38		Single				Do			
3	Denis	Byrne	Son	Do	Do	32	Car Owner	Single				Do			
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I hereby certify, as required by the Act 10 Edw. VII., and 1 Geo. V., cap. 11, that the foregoing Return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I believe the foregoing to be a true Return.

John Kelly Const Signature of Enumerator.

Eliza Byrne Signature of Head of Family.
William V. Kelly Const

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The Breen Family

The Breen Family occupied the property in the mid-20th century.

A son James; born in 1917 became a priest and worked on the missions in Nigeria.

In 1958 Fr Breen was gifted the town bell of Gorey which had occupied the Market House.

The bell itself was cast around 1767 in a foundry in Wigan, Lancashire, United Kingdom by Luke Ashton.

It first was hung in Bishop Ram's Church in Market Square Gorey. It was then moved to the Market House on main street Gorey; and was hung there until the roof was redone when it was removed due to remodelling. The bell was donated to Fr Breen in Nigeria.

The bell is still in use today. See further information below (courtesy Liz Millar).

BREEN, Fr James 1917-1970



Born 23 September 1917 in Gorey, Co. Wexford, Jim entered the juniorate at Rockwell in 1933 but had to abandon his course after two years due to what was diagnosed as tuberculosis of the spine. He did one year of office work but never gave up hope of being ordained in the Congregation, and he attributed his rather miraculous recovery to Our Lady of Knock. He was received into the novitiate at Kilshane in 1941 and, being already 25 years of age at his profession, he was allowed to get by with the required five years study before being ordained in 1947. He was noted during his years in the scholasticate for his single-minded devotion to his preparation for the priesthood, and for his promoting of the received popular devotions. Any parish where he did ministry was given the benefit of his dedication to these exercises of devotion. Appointed to Nigeria he was to work for 17 years in the vicariate of Onitsha. He taught at the diocesan junior seminary of Enugu and the Spiritan junior seminary of Ihiala. He also did parish work and served as procurator of the mission which became an archdiocese in 1950. He was a familiar figure as he travelled around on his motor cycle, rather diminutive in stature and sporting what seemed an outsized sun-helmet - he rarely stopped for a chat, just a wave and his familiar greeting: 'Bless you, Father'. It was as if he was still trying to make up for those lost early years. In

1966 he was assigned to Canada where he was chaplain of St Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton, did promotional work at Scarborough and served as an assistant in St John's parish in Toronto. His health, which had never been robust, began to fail again and he died 11 June 1970 in Toronto aged 52 years. *SpWW* 868.

Dear Sir's /Madam's,

My name is Liz Millar and I am the Public Relations Officer for the North Wexford Historical Society, Gorey, County Wexford, Ireland. Our organisation is anxious to follow up on what became of the Gorey Bell that was brought to the Bigard Memorial Seminary Enugu in Nigeria by Father James Breen a Catholic priest who was a native of Gorey in 1958.

The Bell we believe was cast in 1767 by Luke Ashton foundry of Wigan Lancashire United Kingdom and was first commissioned for Bishop Ram's Church in the Market Square Gorey it was later hung in the Market House (Town Hall) and remained there until the building was re-roofed in the late 1950's when it was donated by Gorey Town Clerk Mr Tom O'Connor to Fr Breen to take back to Nigeria. What we would like to know, is the bell still in use today, is it still in the Seminary in Enugu, and if possible could you send me photographs by return email so as we can conclude this small piece of history from Gorey to Nigeria.

Respectfully yours,

Liz Millar,

PRO,

NWHS.



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October 25, 2018

**Liz Millar,
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Gorey – County Wexford,
Ireland.**

Dear Liz Millar,

RE: GOREY BELL

Your e-mail dated August 21, 2018, requesting for some pieces of information about a Gorey bell that was brought to our seminary, Bigard Memorial Seminary, Enugu by Father James Breen in 1958 when Rev. Fr. J O'Neil C.S.SP was the rector, reached us while the seminary was on vacation.

We are happy to establish contact with the donors of such a historic monument and honoured to be its custodians.

Bigard Memorial Seminary, Enugu started as St. Paul's Seminary, Onitsha in 1922, at the initiative of Rt. Rev. Joseph Shanahan, the then Vicar Apostolic of the Vicariate of Southern Nigeria and was, however, officially **opened in 1924**. In the course of its history, the seminary moved from place to place but finally settled at Enugu, as its permanent site **on March 4, 1951** when it was officially opened by the then Delegate to British East and West Africa, Archbishop David Matthews. The name became Bigard Memorial Seminary to perpetuate the memory of two French ladies: mother and daughter - Stephanie and Jeanne Bigard, foundresses of the *Opus Sancti Petri Apostoli* that supplied the fund for the building.

There **were 25 seminarians** and the eighth Rector was **Fr. James O'Neill**, the longest serving Rector (1951-1965).

The seminary community has continued to grow that today we have **843 senior seminarians**, 22 resident priests, 45 visiting lecturers and over 150 non-academic staff and their families.

In keeping with the promise to provide you the information you need about the Gorey Bell, kindly note the following:

- 1. The Gorey bell is still in use today in our seminary especially for the daily Angelus, time for prayers etc.**
- 2. Some Photographs of the Gorey Bell; (see attachment below).**

The Gorey Bell is to be found on top of St Paul's Block and the structure in front of the Gorey Bell is one of the on-going projects in the seminary; the **AVE MARIA GROTTO** to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the apparition of our **Lady of Fatima**. Behind St Paul's block is the site for a new hostel estimated to cost ₦150 Million.

We are very grateful to the entire Gorey Town for the donation of the bell to Fr. Breen to take back to Nigeria.

Trusting that this documentary will aid your conclusion of this piece of history from Gorey to Nigeria, I pray that the good Lord may continue to prosper your organization as you serve God and humanity.

Sincerely yours,



Very Rev. Fr. Dr. Albert Ikpenwa
Rector





Gorey Bell in use at Bigard Seminary
Nigeria Africa 2018

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