Monasterboice High Crosses

Monasterboice, Co. Louth, Ireland

Welcome to Monasterboice, a special place with old ruins that tell stories from long ago. Monasterboice was once a bustling early Christian monastic settlement founded by St. Buithe in the late 5th century.

Monasterboice is famous for its amazing high crosses. The biggest and most beautiful one is called St. Muiredach's High Cross, standing at about 5.5 meters tall. It's named after Abbot Muiredach who led the monastery a long time ago. This cross is covered in carvings that show different stories from the Bible, like the story of Adam and Eve. There is also a really tall round tower which is 28 meters high! It was built to be a lookout and a safe place for the monks if there was ever any danger.

Although the old monastery isn't active anymore you can still feel the history all around you. Walking around, you can imagine what life was like here over a thousand years ago. It's a special place where you can explore, learn about history, and enjoy some quiet moments in prayer just like the monks did!

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