

St Alexander's Church MEMORIALS

(SMR1467)

The memorials in St Alexander's Church take the form of an altar and three stained glass windows. The altar was designed by Mr J. Menart, Glasgow, using Belgian, Serbian, and Italian marble. From the base to the highest point it measures 17 feet, while the maximum breadth is 10 feet. The marble was brought in sections from Belgium and fitting into position under Charles Stirling, assisted by several willing helpers from the congregation. At the altar rails, on the gospel side, is a marble slab containing the names, thirty-five in all, of the young men of the congregation who were killed or died on service in the war.

The names are as follows:-

Arthur Grant,	Patrick McNeil,	Lawrence Hannan,	Patrick Murphy,
Frank Mitchell,	John Coyle,	Joseph Coyle,	Charles A. Hamill,
Joseph McNeil,	Thomas Conroy,	Edward O'Hanlon,	John McCulloch,
John McGeachie,	Patrick Sweeney,	John McCann,	Patrick Collins,
Owen Boyle,	James Boyle,	Michael Murray,	Dennis Curran,
Wm. Brophy,	John Mullen,	Henry Madden,	Michael McVicar,
Jas. Kelly,	Patrick McGrorty,	James Coyle,	James Dunnigan,
John Higgins,	Felix MCLAughlan,	Edward Sinclair,	John McGlade,
Patrick McAteer,	Christopher Scally,	William Cannon.	

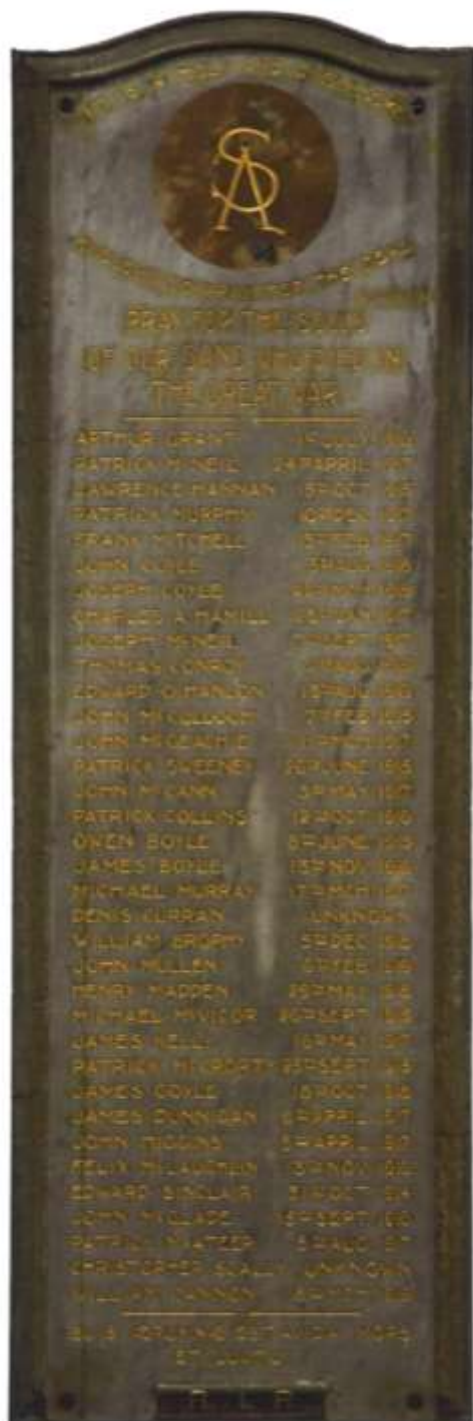
At the top and foot of the slab are suitable inscriptions, the whole being cut out in gold lettering. At the opposite side of the altar rails is another marble slab, similar in design, on which is given the deceased pastors of the congregation of the parish, as follows:-

Rev. John McDonald, died 29th January 1866, age 52;
Right Rev. Mgr. Robert Clapperton, died 26th September, 1906, age 75;
Rev. Peter Ward;
Very Rev. Wm. Canon O'Neill. died 8th September 1908, age 57;
Very Rev. Jos. Canon Hannan, died 27th May 1903, aged 52;
Very Rev. Ptk. Canon Shivers, died 12th October 1916, age 59.

The three new stained glass windows are a tribute from the children of the congregation. Two of these windows are Gothic, one on each side of the altar, showing St Alexander and St Patrick respectively. The third is circular, depicting the crucifixion, and it has been artistically worked into the design of the altar. It is understood that the total cost of the memorials exceeds £1000.

The altar was unveiled in August 1921 and dedicated by Father Giles. The choir gave a rendering of the Mass of St Cecilia.

IT IS A HOLY AND WHOLESOME/ SA/ THOUGHT TO PRAY FOR THE DEAD/ (2 MACCAB.XII.46)



PRAY FOR THE SOULS/ OF OUR SONS WHO DIED IN/ THE GREAT WAR/

Arthur Grant	1 st July 1916
Patrick McNeil	24 th April 1917
Lawrence Hannan	15 th Oct 1915
Patrick Murphy	10 th Dec 1917
Frank Mitchell	13 th Feb 1917
John Coyle	3 rd Aug 1918
Joseph Coyle	22 nd Mch 1918
Charles A Hamill	23 rd Jan 1917
Jospeh McNeil	7 th Sept 1917
Thomas Conroy	2 nd Aug 1915
Edward O'Hanlon	13 th Aug 1916
John McCulloch	7 th Feb 1915
John McGeachie	11 th Mch 1917
Patrick Sweeney	26 th June 1915
John McCann	3 rd May 1917
Patrick Collins	12 th Oct 1916
Owen Boyle	8 th June 1915
James Boyle	13 th Nov 1916
Michael Murray	17 th Mch 1917
Denis Curran	unknown
William Brophy	5 th Dec 1918
John Mullen	6 th Feb 1919
Henry Madden	29 th May 1918
Michael McVicar	26 th Sept 1915
James Kelly	16 th May 1917
Patrick McCrorty	25 th Sept 1915
James Coyle	18 th Oct 1918
James Dunnigan	9 th April 1917
John Higgins	15 th April 1917
Felix McLaughlin	13 th Nov. 1916
Edward Sinclair	31 st Oct. 1914
John McGlade	15 th Sept 1916
Patrick McAteer	5 th Aug 1917
Christopher Scally	Unknown
William Cannon	8 th Mch 1919

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And because he considered that they who had fallen asleep with godliness, had great grace laid up for them. It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed of their sins. (2 Maccabees 12:42-46)