

Mayo World War Remembrance Mass

The Annual Remembrance Day Services to commemorate Mayo's World War dead began in 1999, when Castlebar man Michael Feeney organised an official remembrance mass in the church of the Holy Rosary, Castlebar, the celebrant for the occasion was the Rev, Patrick Curran C.C. the Church of the Holy Rosary was packed to capacity for the occasion, as relatives & interested people travelled from far and wide to attend, Mr Feeney organised the Mass of remembrance because of the research he had carried out, which showed that an enormous number Mayo men were killed in action in World War One, whilst serving with various Allied and Commonwealth Forces, and he was finding that huge numbers of other men and women were killed in World War 2 He was shocked that so many people could go out to war in such a noble way, be slaughtered on the battlefields of the world and be forgotten in our modern history.

That first Remembrance Day service lit a torch in county Mayo, that has continued to shine brightly and prosper, and each year since, the remembrance day service has travelled around the county to different locations and they are much appreciated and well supported everywhere. It has offered a great dignity to the families of all those who were killed in action, people who had to grieve in silence for their loved ones without any public sympathy or support and without even a body to bury.

The 2007 Remembrance Mass will take place in the Church of the Holy Family, Kiltimagh on Sunday the 11th of November 2008 at 12noon .

There has been a tremendous goodwill and support generated by the annual remembrance services as more and more people have become aware of the sacrifice made by so many of their own Mayo people. This year a huge number of emigrant families living all over Great Britain, have indicated that they will be travelling home to Mayo attend this years service .