

St Colmcille founded Durrow in the 6th century. Despite numerous raids and famines, Durrow retained many important historic relics. The 7th century Book of Durrow, remains one of the great treasures of Trinity College Library. Durrow itself features a marvellous High Cross with panels showing figures from the Book of Genesis.

The blessed well is in the land of Joe Derham. It is known as St.Columcille's well. Long ago many people took daily visits to the well. The people used to light candles at the well and throw coins into it.

The Celts also left behind them some magnificent stone crosses. These High Crosses are along with the Book of Kells and the Book of Durrow are Irelands biggest contribution to Western European Art of the middle ages. Some were probably used as meeting points for religious ceremonies and others were used to mark boundaries. The earliest crosses in Ireland were made of wood and metal and probably much smaller than the great stone monuments we see today.