

St Barnabas, C of I, Lower Sheriff Street , Dublin

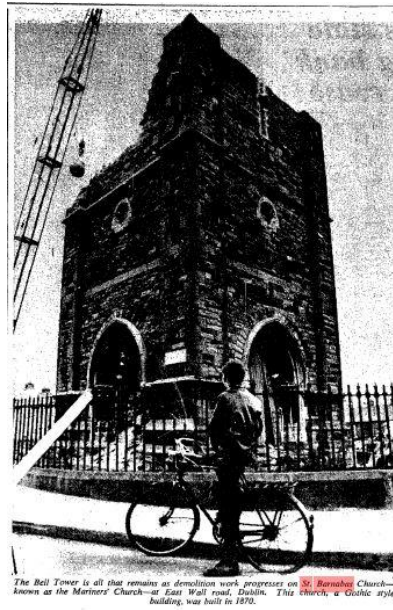


Photo from a collection in the Dublin city library, Pearse Street and Irish Times newspaper cutting 14/4/1969.

The parish of St Barnabas was established in 1866 and by 1869 the church was built. It was designed in the Gothic style by Alfred Gresham Jones who designed Tullow Church and Merrion Hall (www.dia.ie). The church was one of three that was built by a bequest from a Miss Shannon of Rathmines. A lot of the Protestant men in the district worked for the North Western railway which was based on the North Wall Quay and the area was also the temporary home to a large amount of dockers, so it became known as the Mariners Church.



It is thought that twenty seven of the parishioners were killed in WW1 but the memorial plaque shows just twelve.

It was made famous in Sean O'Casey's play – Red Roses for me. In the play the church is called Saint Burnopus and the rector is called Rev. Clinton, who is thought to have been modelled on the Rev. Griffin who was the rector here during the emergency. O'Casey also wrote the Biography of Rev Griffin and the National Library has in its O'Casey collection, a file called "The Rev. E.M. Griffin B.D. M.A., who kept the door of the Church wide open for all to enter by refusing to be either Orangemen or Freemason."

The Rev D H Hall, known as the Building Parson was incumbent for 10 years up until 1929.

The parish closed in 1965 and the church was demolished in 1969.

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Baptisms 1866 - 1900

Marriages 1874 - 1900

The RCB Library list the following:-

Baptisms 1866-1932

Marriages 1874-1930