AN ARDEAGLAIS

Is í seo an eaglais is mó i nGleann dá Loch agus tá sí ar cheann de na heaglaisí is mó ó luathré na Críostaíochta in Éirinn. Is faoi chomhrce Phéadar agus Phóil a bhí sí i dtosach. ach éiríodh as a húsáid mar ardeaglais 1214. Is í an longlann an chuid is sine den eaglais; tabhar faoi deara na hantae le hadhmad an dín a rompál agus an doras barrchothrománach lena áirse chúnta. D'théadfadh na clocha móra dronuilleogacha in íochtar na mballaí dul siar go dtí an 10ú haois agus na clocha uachtar go dtí an 11ú haois. Sa 12ú haois a cuireadh an saingeal, lena áirse bhrea ornáideach (fiú má tá droch-chaoi urthi), leis an eaglais. maraon leis an sacraistí, agus a cuireadh doras nua sa bhalla thuaidh. Sa saingeal tá leac amháin ó na meánaoiseanna agus roinnt ó luathré na Críostaíochta, ceann le scríbhinn dhúbailte ag iarraidh paidreacha do Dhiarmaid agus do Mhac Cois. In aice láithreach tá Cros Chaoimhín. i gearrtha as cloch mhór amháin, níl fhios cén dáta lena mbaineann sí.

THE CATHEDRAL

This is the largest church in Glendalough, and one of the largest known Early Christian churches in Ireland. The church was originally dedicated to SS Peter and Paul, but ceased to be a cathedral in 1214. The earliest part of the church is the nave, with its projecting antae to support roof-trusses, and its flat-headed west doorway with relieving arch. The large rectangular stones of the bottom courses may be 10th century in date, and the upper stones 11th century. In the 12th century the chancel with its finely decorated, though ruined chancel-arch, was added, together with the sacristy, and a new doorway was inserted in the north wall. In the chancel are a mediaeval and some Early Christian gravestones, one with a double inscription asking for a prayer for Diarmuit and for Macoois. Nearby is the large monolithic St Kevin's Cross of uncertain date.

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