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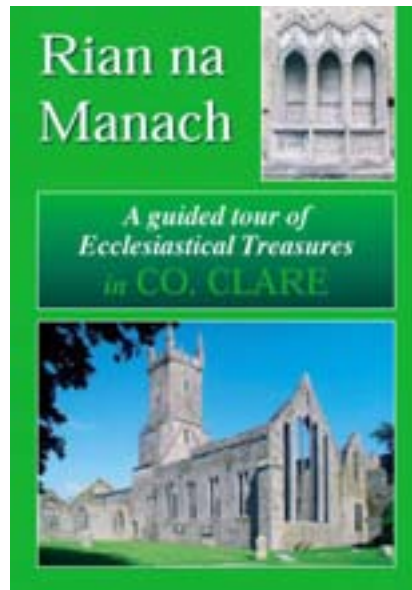
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## **LAUNCH OF RIAN NA MANACH, A GUIDED TOUR OF ECCLESIASTICAL TREASURES IN CO. CLARE**



**WHAT:**

*'Rian na Manach: A Guided Tour of Ecclesiastical Treasures in Co. Clare'* will be launched at Clare Museum, Ennis, County Clare on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2007. Photo opportunities will be provided. The project, which is supported by the Heritage Council and Clare County Council under the implementation of the Clare Heritage Plan 2003 – 2007, aims to increase awareness of Clare's rich ecclesiastical heritage and to add value to the Early Christian, Medieval and Celtic sites by conducting an audit of existing sites of ecclesiastical significance.

**WHO:**

*'Rian na Manach: A Guided Tour of Ecclesiastical Treasures in Co. Clare'* will be launched by Dr. Peter Harbison, the noted Irish archaeologist and antiquarian. Cllr. Flan Garvey, the Mayor of Clare will address the event on behalf of Clare County Council. Clodagh Lynch and Olive Carey from Clóbh Research will provide a brief illustrated talk on the project.

**WHEN:**

7.30pm, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2007

**WHERE:**

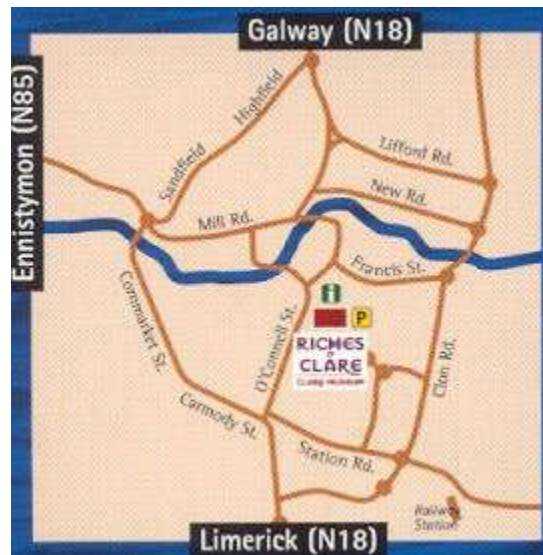
Clare Museum, Arthur's Row, Ennis, Co. Clare (see Notes to Editor for directions).

- **Directions to Clare Museum:**

Coming from Limerick - follow the N18 into Ennis towards Galway, turning right at the traffic lights (just beyond St Flannan's College) onto Clon Road Mor. Proceed along Clon Road Mor, and after passing through a minor roundabout, take the first left. Passing through a second roundabout will take you into a public car park at the back of the museum, which will be the blue/grey building facing you.

Coming from Galway - follow the N18 into Ennis towards Limerick, turning left at the traffic lights on the Clare Road (just before St Flannan's College) onto Clon Road Mor. Proceed along Clon Road Mor, and after passing through a minor roundabout, take the first left. Passing through a second roundabout will take you into a public car park at the back of the museum, which will be the blue/grey building facing you.

Car Parking - Available in the Public Car Park located at the rear of the museum, adjacent to the Temple Gate Hotel.



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