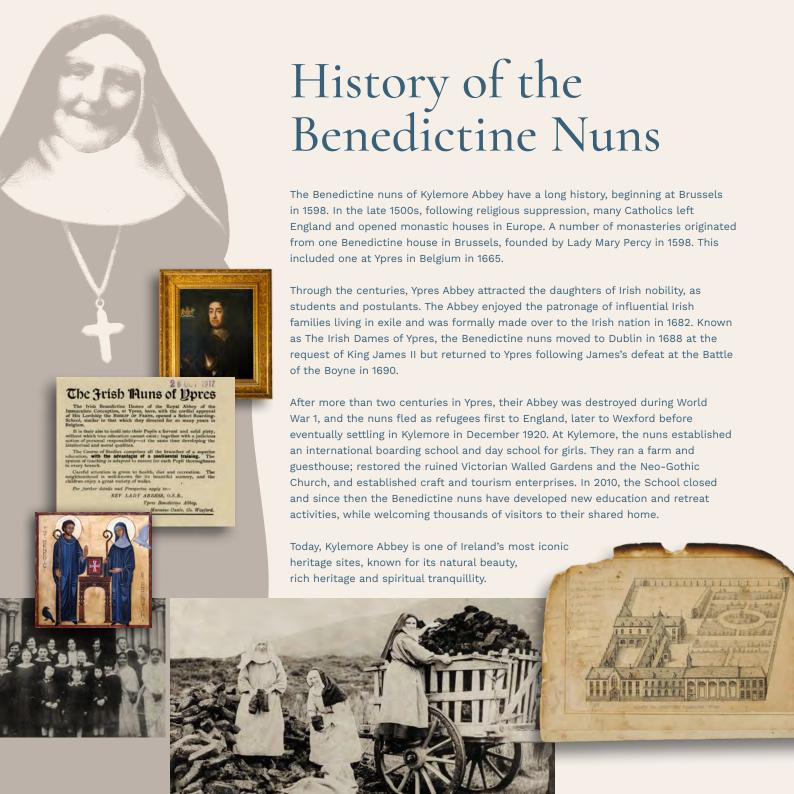


A New Beginning for an Ancient Order

Since 1920 a monastic community of Benedictine Nuns have prayed and worked at Kylemore Abbey, living according to the Rule of St. Benedict.

They have preserved the beauty and heritage of Kylemore, educated generations of young women, welcomed visitors and created employment. Now, after 100 years at Kylemore they embark on the most important and ambitious project in their 400-year history:

- a new monastery and purpose-built home for their growing community of Benedictine nuns
- residential accommodation for pilgrims and visitors to share the sacred space of their lives through short courses and retreats.







New Monastery

With the closure of the School and reconfiguration of the castle building in 2019, Kylemore's community of nuns now live, work and pray in several temporary locations across the estate – with no communal monastic home.

Now the nuns will create a new permanent monastery suitable for their mission of inviting others into their lives of prayer and work.

The new monastery places the Benedictine ethos at the heart of the estate, enabling visitors and pilgrims to see and experience the living tradition of faith and spirituality at Kylemore. In the spirit of Benedictine hospitality, it will welcome those seeking a place of reflection, solace and tranquillity, and offer spiritual retreats and courses.

The new monastery will be connected to the Monastic Church with gardens and cloister and will comprise:

- Spaces for prayer and meditation for nuns and visitors
- Chapter room a meeting space for the Benedictine community
- Living accommodation for the growing Benedictine community
- · Dedicated Novitiate space
- Library and archive accommodation
- · Residential retreat centre
- · Welcome area for guests and groups.





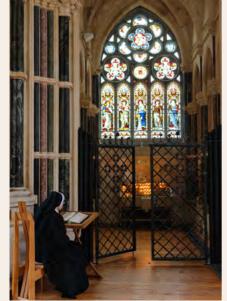


The new monastery will:

WELCOME pilgrims and visitors, offering a place of reflection and renewal

NURTURE new vocations, encouraging those with a calling to monastic life

BE HOME to the nuns whose lives of faith and spirituality inspire Kylemore visitors.









A monastery is the home of a community of women or men committed to living a life of witness to the presence and action of God in the world. It is a place of contemplation and prayer, of work and community living, and of hospitality. In Europe, from the 4th century to the present day, monasteries have been centres of spirituality, education, sustainability, culture, and art. Times of growth, influence and prosperity are often succeeded by decades of renewal and revival.

Today, in our increasingly complex world, the need for monasteries as places of tranquillity and reflection has never been greater. Kylemore provides a beautiful setting for monastic life. With its strong tradition of education and hospitality in a majestic natural environment, the Benedictine nuns invite all to share in their spiritual life.

Join for daily Mass and Vespers from the Monastic Church in person or online trust.kylemoreabbey.com

Divine Office

The daily life of the nuns mirrors the form of life laid down by St Benedict in his Rule, written in the 6th century. A timetable in which prayer, work and rest succeed each other in a regular way gives a healthy and peaceful structure to the day. The *Horarium*, or daily programme, allows time for the sacred scriptures and for personal and community prayer.

07:15 Morning Prayer (Vigils and Lauds)

12.15 Mass / Midday Prayer

18.00 Evening Prayer (Vespers)

20.00 Night Prayer (Compline)







With your help?

The Benedictine nuns of Kylemore have embarked on the most important project in their long history: the construction of a new, purpose-built Monastery. This will provide a home for their growing monastic community and a residential Retreat and Spiritual Education Centre for visitors to share the sacred space of their lives through short courses and retreats.



Monastery construction started in September 2019 and was due for completion in December 2020 in time for the centenary of the Benedictine nuns at Kylemore. Covid-19 and global uncertainty has delayed the project, but Kylemore remains committed to delivery of this historic project: the first monastery in Ireland built for a community of Benedictine women in over 400 years.

Your support can make a real difference and all gifts, regardless of amount, are a vital help to the Benedictine nuns.

How you can help

- Make a gift at www.irelandfunds.org/kylemore/
- · Donate by cheque or direct debit
- · Remember Kylemore in your Will

DOUBLE THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT

Kylemore Abbey (The Kylemore Trust) is a registered Irish charity. (RCN 20071394 CHY 18550).

US donors can make a donation in support of Kylemore's new monastery to The Ireland Funds America, a U.S. 501@3 registered charity irelandfunds.org

The Ireland Funds is a global philanthropic network established in 1976 with a mission to promote and support peace, culture, education and community development across the island of Ireland.

When made before the end of 2022, your gift to The Ireland Funds America in response to our Kylemore Abbey appeal will be matched in its entirety by a Matching Gift Challenge up to \$1,000,000. This extraordinary giving opportunity will potentially result in \$2,000,000 to support Kylemore Abbey and its work in Ireland.

Simply make your gift payable to The Ireland Funds America to receive a U.S. tax receipt. 100% of the proceeds, with no deductions, will support the work of Kylemore Abbey.

Donate online at www.irelandfunds.org/kylemore

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