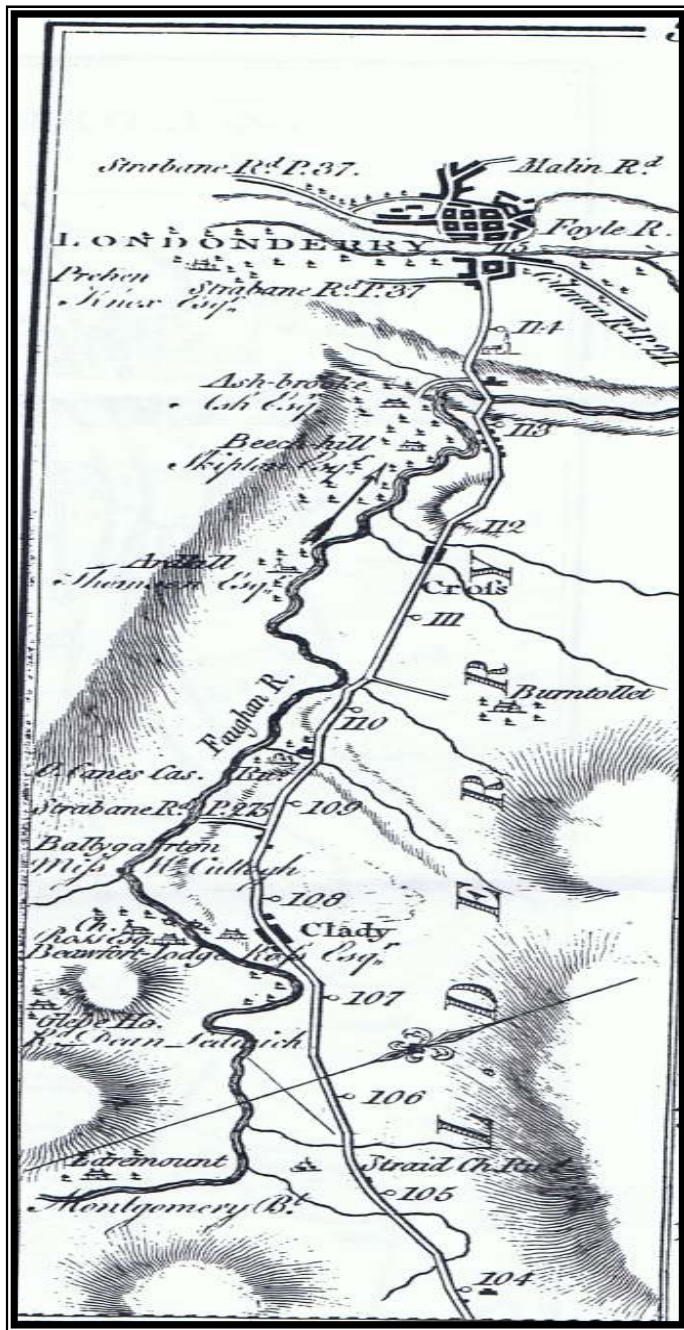


## Turas Domhnach Dari 30th March 2013 Pilgrim Walk from Ardkill to Ardmore with Flame from Slane



**Notice the Old Church Symbol at Ardkill Location**  
Source: *Skinner's Maps of Irish Roads 1776*



Sixty Parishioners from Ardmore, as well as Claudy, Faughanvale and Dunamanagh took part in the Turas Domnach Dari on Easter Saturday 30th March. Children carried the lantern lit at Slane several weeks earlier. Domnach Dari is acknowledged as one of the foundations by St Patrick. Fr McKeefry a renowned historian from the Derry Diocese asked in his historical writing in 1903, 'Is the Church at Ardkill an annexe of St John of the Cross Monastery at The Cross (on the other side of the Faughan) or is it a Church established by St Patrick?' Various historians place Domnach Dari in the Ardmore area, Dari meaning 'the Oaks' Ardkill meaning 'High Church', is a plausible location for this Patrician Foundation. According to Fr McKeefry a Monastery as well as a Round Tower was built here in the Ardkill location in 987. Built on the holy ground of a more ancient church building of Domnach Dari, perhaps. We can only surmise. The location of Domnach Dari may well have been at Ardkill. Nearby, is a narrow stretch of road leading downhill towards it known as 'The Toger' (Pilgrims Way).

**Our Next Turas** is Turas Cati near Claudy on the 12th May, beginning at 3pm. Bus collecting Pilgrims wishing to walk the two mile way from Kilcatten to Cumber Old Church should be at the Ardmore Church car park for embarking at 2.45pm.





*At Ardkill*



*Leaving Ardkill*



*At Berryburn*



*Lanterns lit for Faughanvale and Claudy*