

Name of memorial: Laurentic Memorial

Inventory No. 1352

Place: Fort Dunree.

Address and map reference: Dunree, Linsfort, Buncrana, Co. Donegal

Map reference: C 286 390 (Sheet 3)

Co-ordinates: N 55.1981°; W 7.5509°.

Access: at all times. **Parking:** adjacent. **Disabled access:** yes.

Position: on the hillside, just NW of the Fort car park.

Description: see below.

Dimensions: Height: appx. 300cms. Width: appx. 300cms. Depth: appx, 300cms.

Recorded by: Edward Bourke 9 June 2021.

Text:

On a separate black marble plaque:

THE LAURENTIC MEMORIAL

The Laurentic memorial was unveiled to the public on October 6th 2019 by Councillor Nicholas Crossan, Cathaoirleach (Mayor) Donegal County Council in a dedication ceremony led by Reverend Judi McGaffin and Father Francis Bradley.

“The sculpture comprises several elements that work within the landscape. On the top of a mast is a boat moving freely with the wind casting its shadow, moon and sunlight, across a compass rose.

The boat is a skeletal frame of a rowing boat of a type familiar to the sailors and fishermen of the North Atlantic. From the sculpture there is a clear view across the bay where the Laurentic lies.

At the base of the mast a low circular stone wall a compass rose in sandblasted granite divided into 360 degrees each carrying the name of one of the men who lost their lives. In the centre is a ceramic pattern referencing the position of the planets and the stars at the moment the ship went down. The low stone wall and base are built to encourage visitors to sit and enjoy the massive views. Boats in the air are a peculiar Irish phenomenon mentioned in Joyce’s ‘Ulysses’, Heaney’s ‘the Annals’ and on the Kilnaruan Pillar Stone in Bantry. They reveal of a world of many levels.”

Mark Hill.

On a storyboard on a wall nearby:

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The development of the monument has been carried out by The Ulster Canada Initiative and has been made possible in large part by the ongoing support of the descendants of the men who were lost when The Laurentic sank here on January 25th 1917. The Ulster Canada Initiative also acknowledges the support and contributions of local businesses, individuals and groups in bringing this project into existence. While efforts to contact family members of the men continue, in order to more fully develop the story of the sinking, the Ulster Canada Initiative would wish to offer sincere thanks to all those who have helped to date:

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Don McNeill, THE ULSTER CANADA INITIATIVE

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On a circular plaque beneath the boat:

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