

Name of memorial: Mallow 1798 Memorial

Inventory No. 542

Place: St. James's Church

Address and map reference: St. James's Church, Mallow, Co. Cork. Map reference: W 558 984.

Position: On the outside of the perimeter wall.

Description and dimensions: Height: 50cms, width: 40cms.

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Text:

COMÓRADH 1798

Tree of Liberty

On 5th May, 1799
the United Irishmen of Mallow
and sympathizers in the Royal Meath Militia
proposed to take over the town by razing
St. Anne's Church while the militia officers and
congregation were attending divine service therein.
The event was aborted when
Fr. Thomas Barry P.P.
and others discovered the plans and
acquainted the local
military authorities of them.
For their parts in the affair Fr. Barry was
given a government pension for life,
Corporal Peter Reily
of the militia was hanged at the Gallows Green, Cork
on 16th May, 1799 and the United Irish leader
Walter Baker (an anglican)
was hanged near here on 17th May, 1799.

Bicentenary of 1798

An adjoining plaque has the same text in Irish: see photographs.