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National Museum of Ireland – Archaeology

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The following presentation is an image resource for Leaving Certificate Art History teachers and students, which will allow them to examine artefacts from the collection of the National Museum of Ireland – Archaeology.

For each artefact examined, this presentation will provide:

- Image of artefact
- Name of object
- Time period in which it was created
- Find location
- Location of artefact within the Museum

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For some artefacts, images of smaller details will be included. These detail images will be accompanied by the name of the artefact and time period it was produced.

As the NMI houses a vast collection spanning a significant period of time, only images that are most relevant to the Leaving Certificate Art History curriculum have been included.

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Time periods covered:

Neolithic Ireland	4000 - 2500 BC
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Bronze Age Ireland	2500 - 500 BC
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Iron Age Ireland	500 BC – 400 AD
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Early Medieval Ireland	400 – 1200 AD
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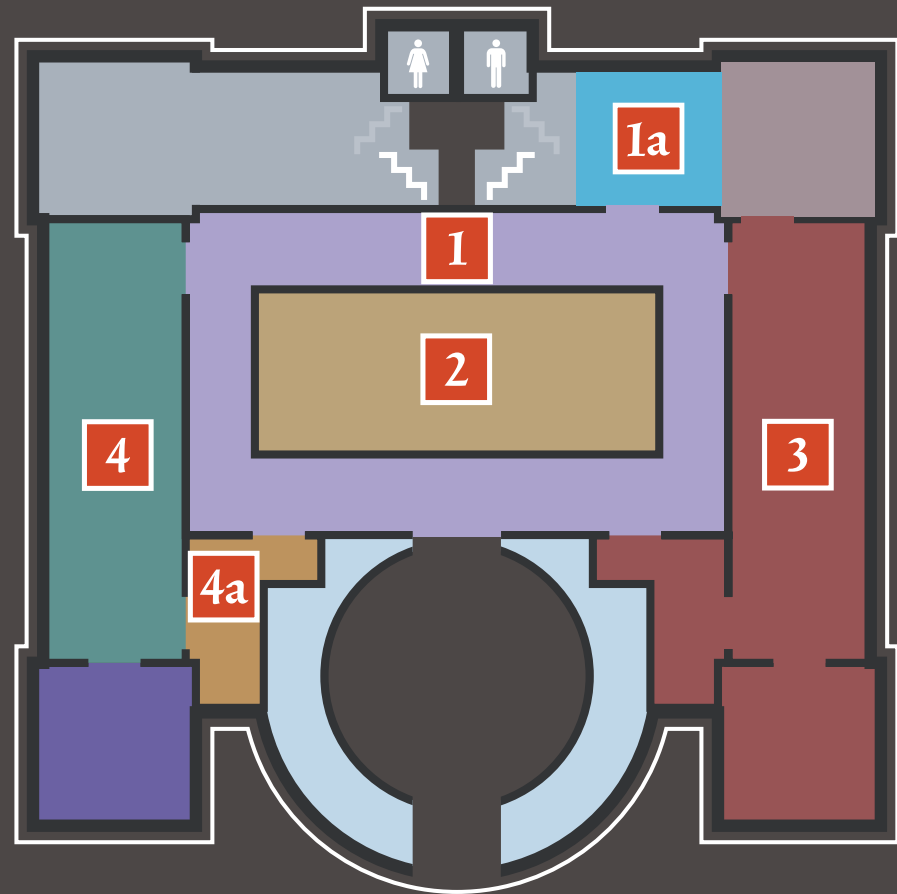
Viking Ireland	795 - 1100 AD
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Medieval Ireland	1100 – 1550 AD
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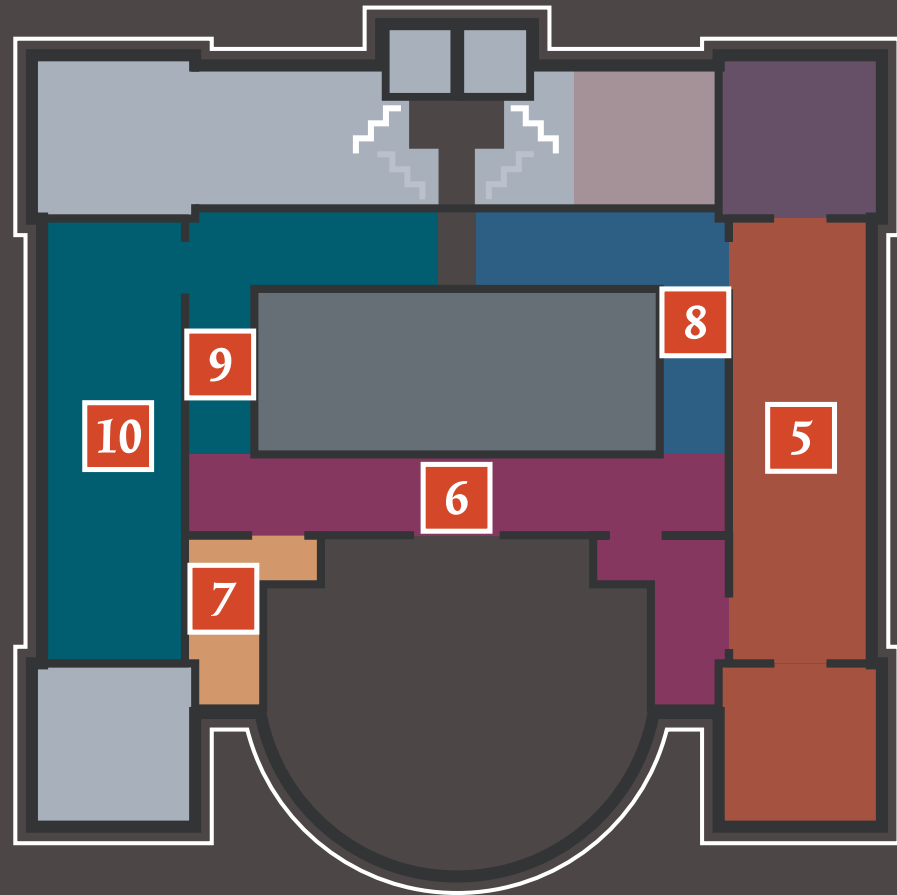
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Temporary Exhibition





Decorated Macehead

**Knowth Passage Tomb,
Co. Meath**

Neolithic, c. 3300-2800 BC.
Exhibition: *Prehistoric
Ireland, Ground Floor*



Gold Lunula

Drumbanagher, Co. Monaghan



Early Bronze
Age, c. 2000 BC.
Exhibition:
*Ór - Ireland's
Gold, Ground
Floor*

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Gold Lunula

**Drumbanagher,
Co. Monaghan**

Early Bronze Age, c. 2000 BC.
Exhibition: *Ór - Ireland's Gold*,
Ground Floor

Image:
Highlighting decoration by incision
on right tapered side

Gold Lunula and pair of gold discs



**Coggalbeg,
Co. Roscommon**

Early Bronze Age, c. 2200-
1800 BC. Exhibition: *Ór -
Ireland's Gold*, Ground Floor



Gold Lunula

**Coggalbeg,
Co. Roscommon**

Early Bronze Age,
c. 2200-1800 BC.
Exhibition: *Ór - Ireland's Gold*,
Ground Floor





Pair of Gold Discs

**Tedavnet,
Co. Monaghan**

Early Bronze Age,
c. 2200-1800 BC.

Exhibition: *Ór - Ireland's Gold*,
Ground Floor





Pair of Gold Discs

Tedavnet, Co. Monaghan

Early Bronze Age,

c. 2200-2000 BC.

Exhibition: *Ór - Ireland's Gold*,
Ground Floor

Image:
reverse of gold discs





The Derrinboy Hoard

Derrinboy, Co. Offaly

Middle Bronze Age,
c. 1740-1450 BC.

Exhibition: *Ór - Ireland's
Gold, Ground Floor*

Image:

Hoard containing a gold and leather
necklet, two gold armlets, two gold hair
rings, and a copper wire



Two Gold Armlets, part of hoard



**Derrinboy,
Co. Offaly**

Middle Bronze
Age, c. 1740-
1450 BC.

Exhibition: *Ór -
Ireland's Gold,*
Ground Floor



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Hoard containing two gold torcs



Tara, Co. Meath

Middle Bronze Age,
c. 1200-1000 BC.

Exhibition: *Ór - Ireland's
Gold*, Ground Floor

Four gold rings

Tullydonnell, Co. Donegal



Middle to Late
Bronze Age,
c. 1300-800 BC.
Exhibition:
*Ór - Ireland's
Gold, Ground
Floor*

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Gold Collar (Gorget)

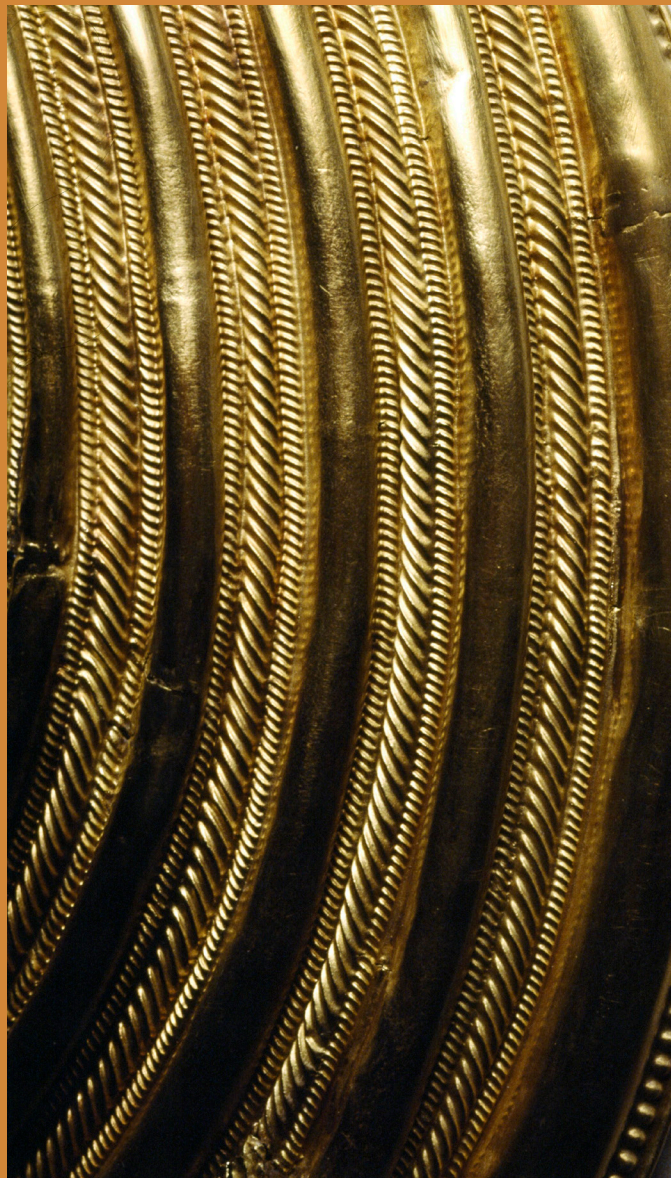
Gleninsheen, Co. Clare



Late Bronze Age,
c. 800-700 BC.
Exhibition: *Ór -
Ireland's Gold*,
Ground Floor

Gold Collar (Gorget)

Gleninsheen, Co. Clare



Late Bronze Age,
c. 800-700 BC.

Exhibition:
*Ór - Ireland's
Gold, Ground
Floor*

Image left: close-up
of circular disc

Image right: close-up
of central band

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Gold Collar (Gorget)

Gleninsheen, Co. Clare



Late Bronze Age,
c. 800-700 BC.
Exhibition: *Ór -
Ireland's Gold*,
Ground Floor

Image left: reverse
of gold disc at the
terminal

Image right: detail
of stitching of disc to
central band

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Pair of gold Ear-Spools

Near Mullingar, Co. Westmeath



Late Bronze Age,
c. 800-700 BC.
Exhibition: *Ór -
Ireland's Gold*,
Ground Floor



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The Gorteenreagh Hoard

Gorteenreagh, Co. Clare



Late Bronze Age,
c. 800-700 BC.
Exhibition: *Ór -
Ireland's Gold*,
Ground Floor

Image:
Hoard contains gold
collar (gorget), two gold
lock rings (right), two
gold bracelets (left), and
a sleeve fastener

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Gold Lock Rings

Gorteenreagh, Co. Clare



Late Bronze Age,
c. 800-700 BC.
Exhibition: *Ór -
Ireland's Gold*,
Ground Floor



Gold Dress-Fastener

Near Clones,
Co. Monaghan

Late Bronze Age, c.800-700 BC.
Exhibition: *Ór - Ireland's Gold*,
Ground Floor

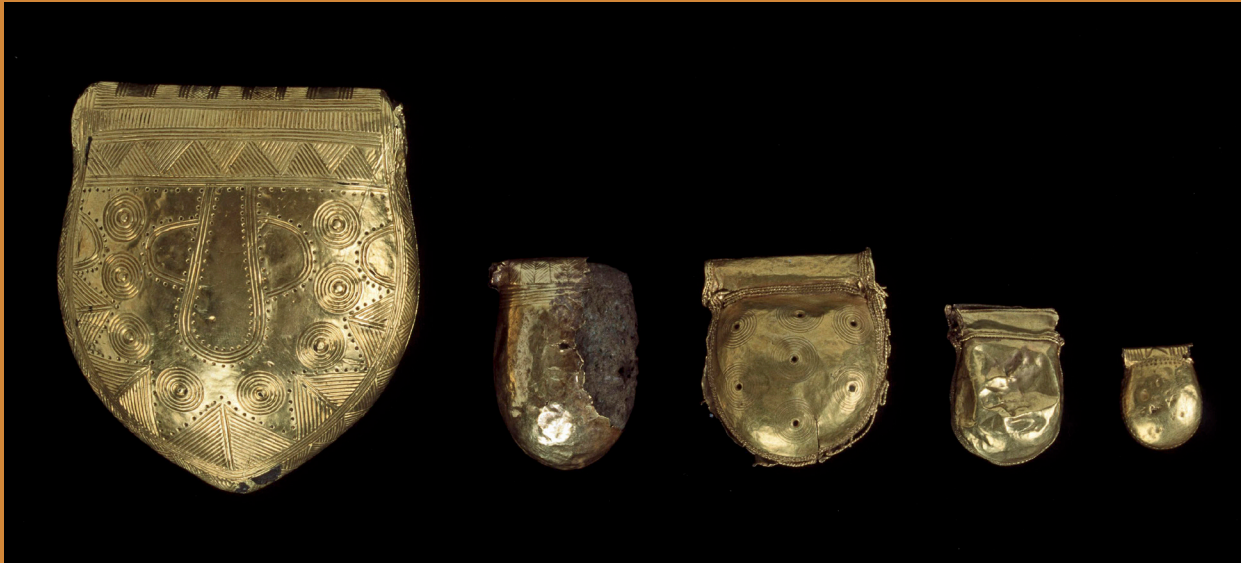
Top image: top of dress-fastener

Bottom image: underside of dress-fastener



Gold foil-covered lead Bullae

front and reverse



Late Bronze Age,
c.800-700 BC.

Exhibition:

Ór - Ireland's Gold,
Ground Floor

From left (front and reverse):
Bog of Allen, Co. Kildare;
Arboe Killycolpy, Co. Tyrone;
River Bann, Co. Antrim;
Kinnegoe, Co. Armagh;
unknown locality, Ireland.



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Carved Stone Head

Corleck Hill, Co. Cavan

Early Iron Age,
1st - 2nd century AD.
Exhibition: *The Treasury*,
Ground Floor

Bronze Horn

Loughnashade, Co. Armagh



Early Iron Age,
1st century BC.

Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor



Bronze Horn

Loughnashade, Co. Armagh



Early Iron Age,
1st century BC.

Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

Image left: detail of rivets

Image right: detail of
decoration on discs

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Bronze horned head-dress known as the Petrie Crown



**Find location
unknown**

Early Iron Age,
2nd century AD.
Exhibition:
*Kingship &
Sacrifice*,
Ground Floor

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Bronze horned head-dress known as the Petrie Crown



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Sacrifice*,
Ground Floor

Image:
detail on discs

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The Broighter Hoard

Broighter, Co. Derry



Early Iron Age,
1st century BC.
Exhibition: *The
Treasury*,
Ground Floor

Hoard contains:
gold boat, gold
cauldron, two gold neck
ornaments, two gold
chains, and a gold collar

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Gold Collar

**Brighter,
Co. Derry**

Early Iron Age,
1st century BC.

Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor



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Gold Collar

Broighter, Co. Derry



Early Iron Age,
1st century BC.

Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

Image:
detail of La Tène
decoration



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Gold Collar

**Broighter,
Co. Derry**

Early Iron Age, 1st century BC.
Exhibition: *The Treasury*,
Ground Floor

Images showing the 't-shaped' locking device



Penannular brooch known as the 'Tara' Brooch



**Bettystown,
Co. Meath**

Early Medieval
Ireland,
8th century AD.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

Penannular brooch known as the 'Tara' Brooch



**Bettystown,
Co. Meath**

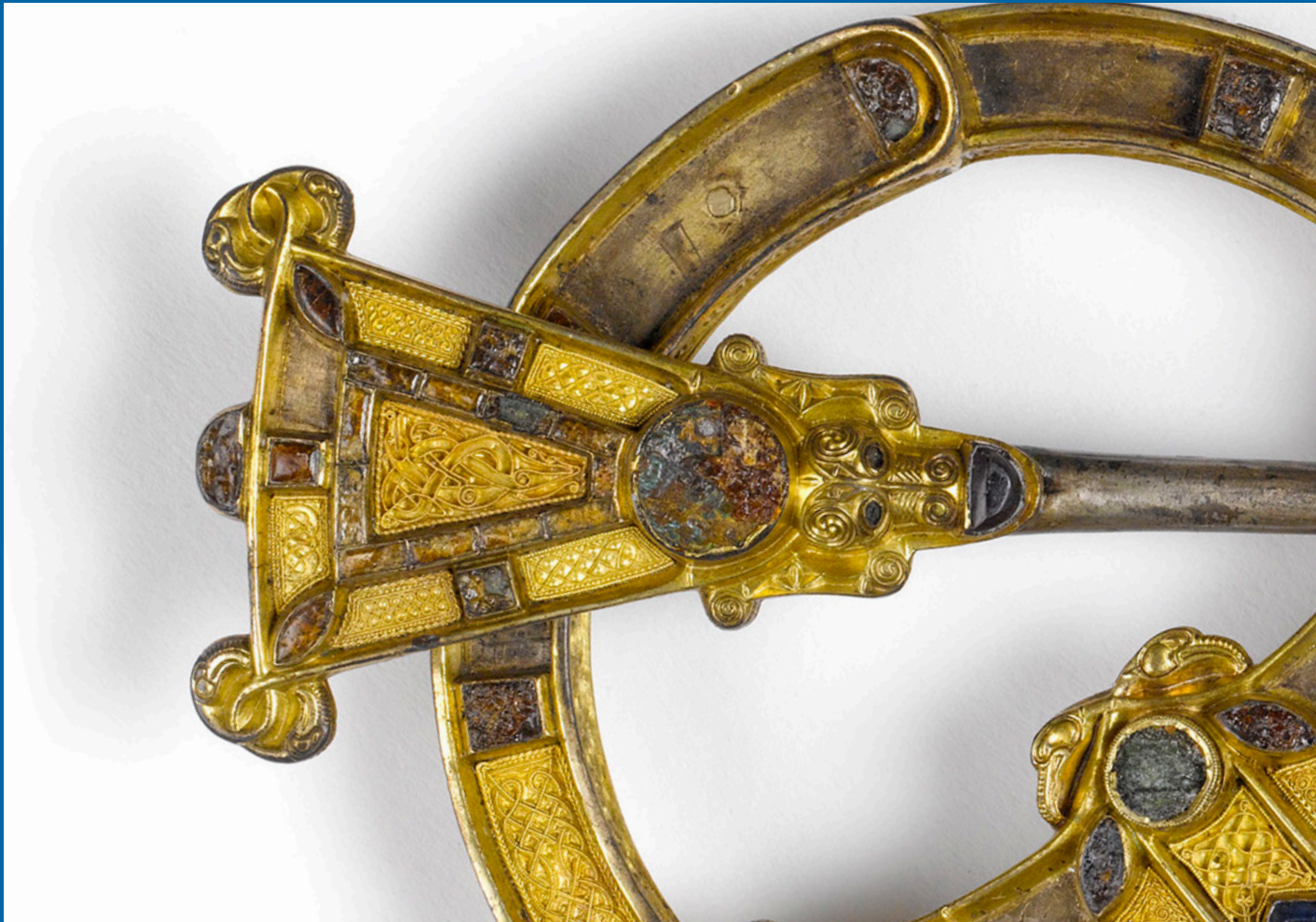
Early Medieval
Ireland,
8th century AD.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

Image left:
detail of terminal

Image right:
detail of stylised snake

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Penannular brooch known as the 'Tara' Brooch



**Bettystown,
Co. Meath**

Early Medieval
Ireland,
8th century AD.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

Image:
detail of decoration
on head of the pin

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Penannular brooch known as the 'Tara' Brooch



**Bettystown,
Co. Meath**

Early Medieval
Ireland,
8th century AD.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

Image left:
back of brooch

Image right:
detail of terminal on
the back of the brooch

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The Ardagh Hoard

Ardagh, Co. Limerick



Early Medieval
Ireland, 8th and
9th century AD.

Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

Image: Hoard contains a
silver chalice, a bronze
chalice, and four gilt
silver brooches

Silver Chalice

Ardagh, Co. Limerick



Early Medieval
Ireland,
8th century AD.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

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Silver Chalice

Ardagh, Co. Limerick



Early Medieval
Ireland,
8th century AD.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

Image: detail on handles

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Silver Chalice

Ardagh, Co. Limerick



Early Medieval
Ireland,
8th century AD.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

Image:
detail of stem

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Silver Chalice

Ardagh, Co. Limerick

Early Medieval Ireland,
8th century AD. Exhibition:
The Treasury, Ground Floor



Top image:
detail of stem

Bottom image:
detail of underside of chalice



Silver Chalice

Ardagh, Co. Limerick



Early Medieval
Ireland,
8th century AD.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

Image: detail of front of
chalice including cross,
gold filigree, and enamel
bosses

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The Derrynaflan Hoard

Derrynaflan, Co. Tipperary



Early Medieval
Ireland
8th and 9th
century AD.
Exhibition: *The
Treasury*,
Ground Floor

Image: hoard containing
a silver chalice, a silver
paten with stand, a
bronze strainer-ladle,
and bronze basin

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Silver Paten

Derrynaflan, Co. Tipperary



Early Medieval
Ireland,
8th century AD.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

Silver Paten and Bronze Stand



**Derrynaflan,
Co. Tipperary**

Early Medieval
Ireland,
8th century AD.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor



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Silver Paten



**Derrynaflan,
Co. Tipperary**

Early Medieval
Ireland,
8th century AD.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

Both images showing
details of gold filigree
and enamel studs on top
of paten

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Silver Paten



**Derrynaflan,
Co. Tipperary**

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Ireland,
8th century AD.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

Both images showing
details of enamel and
gold foil stamping on
edge of paten



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Silver Chalice

Derrynaflan, Co. Tipperary



Early Medieval
Ireland,
9th century AD.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

Silver Chalice

Derrynaflan, Co. Tipperary



Early Medieval
Ireland,
9th century AD.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

Image: side view of
chalice showing detail of
handle



Silver Chalice

**Derrynaflan,
Co. Tipperary**

Early Medieval Ireland,
9th century AD. Exhibition:
The Treasury, Ground Floor



Top image: detail of underside of chalice



Bottom image: detail of stem

Silver Chalice

Derrynaflan, Co. Tipperary



Early Medieval
Ireland,
9th century AD.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

Image: detail of rim
on foot of the chalice

Bronze and Silver Belt Shrine



**Moylough,
Co. Sligo**

Early Medieval
Ireland,
8th century AD.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor



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Bronze Crucifixion Plaque



**St. John's
Rinnagan,
Co. Roscommon**

Early Medieval
Ireland,
9th century AD.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

Image left:
front of plaque

Image right:
back of plaque

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Crosier

Clonmacnoise, Co. Offaly



Medieval
Ireland,
11th century
AD, with
15th century
additions.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

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Crosier

Clonmacnoise, Co. Offaly



Medieval
Ireland,
11th century
AD, with
15th century
additions.
Exhibition:
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Image left: side view

Image middle: details
of drop

Image right: detail
of figure on drop

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St. Patrick's Bell and Bell Shrine



**Armagh,
Co. Armagh**

Medieval
Ireland, 6-8th
century and
c.1100 AD.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

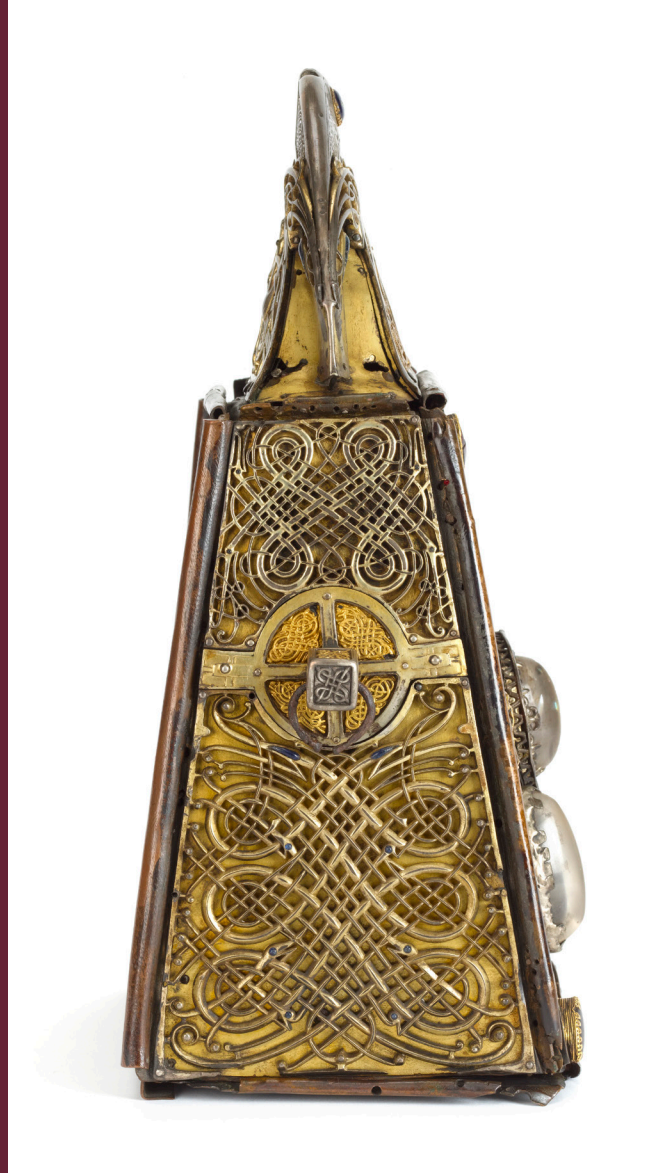
Image left: St. Patrick's
Bell, 6th-8th century

Image right: St. Patrick's
Bell Shrine, c. 1100 AD



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St. Patrick's Bell Shrine



**Armagh,
Co. Armagh**

Medieval
Ireland, 6-8th
century and
c.1100 AD.
Exhibition:
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Image left: right-hand
side of bell shrine

Image right: left-hand
side of bell shrine

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St. Patrick's Bell Shrine



Armagh,
Co. Armagh

Medieval
Ireland, 6-8th
century and
c.1100 AD.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

Image left:
back of bell shrine

Image top right:
front of handle

Image bottom right:
back of handle

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Shrine of St. Lachtin's Arm



**Donaghmore,
Co. Cork**

Medieval
Ireland, c. 1120
AD. Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

Image left: front of shrine

Image middle: back of
shrine

Image right: detail of
lower section of shrine

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The Cross of Cong

Cong, Co. Mayo

Medieval Ireland, Early 12th century AD. Exhibition:
The Treasury, Ground Floor



The Cross of Cong

Cong, Co. Mayo

Medieval Ireland, Early 12th century AD. Exhibition:
The Treasury, Ground Floor

Image: detail of centre of cross

The Cross of Cong



**Cong,
Co. Mayo**

Medieval
Ireland, Early
12th century AD.
Exhibition:
The Treasury,
Ground Floor

Image left: detail of arm
of cross on the front

Image right: edge of
the cross

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The Cross of Cong



**Cong,
Co. Mayo**

Medieval
Ireland, Early
12th century AD.
Exhibition:
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Ground Floor

Image left: arm of
cross on the reverse

Image right: detail of
'gripping beast' at the
bottom of the cross

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Domhnach Airgid Shrine



**Clones,
Co. Monaghan**

Medieval
Ireland, 8th
century AD,
remodelled
c. 1350 AD.
Exhibition:
*Medieval
Ireland,*
First Floor.

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Domhnach Airgid Shrine



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Ireland, 8th
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Domhnach Airgid Shrine



**Clones,
Co. Monaghan**

Medieval Ireland,
8th century AD,
remodelled c. 1350
AD. Exhibition:
Medieval Ireland,
First Floor.

Image left: detail of panels on front
of shrine

Image right: detail of side panels
on shrine

Breac Maodhóg Shrine and Satchel



**Drumlane,
Co. Cavan**

Medieval
Ireland, 11th/
12th century
AD. Exhibition:
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Ireland,*
First Floor.

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Breac Maodhóg Shrine



**Drumlane,
Co. Cavan**

Medieval
Ireland, 11th/
12th century
AD. Exhibition:
*Medieval
Ireland,
First Floor.*

Images: details of panels
on front of shrine

Satchel found with the Breac Maodhóg Shrine



**Drumlane,
Co. Cavan**

Medieval
Ireland, 11th/
12th century
AD. Exhibition:
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First Floor.

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Shrine of the Cathach



**Ballymagroarty,
Co. Donegal**

Medieval Ireland,
Late 11th century
and 14th century
AD. Exhibition:
Medieval Ireland,
First Floor.

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Shrine of the Cathach



**Ballymagroarty,
Co. Donegal**

Medieval Ireland,
Late 11th century
and 14th century
AD. Exhibition:
Medieval Ireland,
First Floor.

Top image: detail of front
side panel of shrine



Bottom image: side panel
of shrine showing late 11th
century detail

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Shrine of the Stowe Missal



**Lorrha,
Co. Tipperary**

Medieval
Ireland, Early
11th century
AD, remodelled
in the 1370s
AD. Exhibition:
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Ireland,
First Floor.*

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Shrine of the Stowe Missal



**Lorrha,
Co. Tipperary**

Medieval
Ireland, Early
11th century
AD, remodelled
in the 1370s
AD. Exhibition:
*Medieval
Ireland,
First Floor.*



Top image: detail of side
panel

Bottom left image: detail
of side panel

Bottom right image:
detail of front of shrine

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