

On this Day ...

One hundred years ago today – on 19th October 1918 - **Michael McCarthy, aged 25, was the last young man of ten from our parish to die fighting in World War 1.**

Five died from Churchtown and an equal number from Liscarroll from 1914 to 1918.

Michael McCarthy died as a result of wounds he suffered at the Battle of the River Salle on 10th October 1918 and he is buried in Roisel Communal Cemetery in France.

Michael's mother Kate was sacristan of St Nicholas' Church for many years and she lived at 11 Kerry Lane and later she lived at 5 Kerry Lane (Booney House). After Michael's death Kate was presented with three war medals granted posthumously and these medals - picture here - are now on display in the Booney House in Churchtown which is the home of Churchtown Heritage Society.

Michael was one of at least 25 young men from the parish of Churchtown and Liscarroll who volunteered to fight in WW1. In total 40,000 Irish men died in WW1. These men were largely forgotten until more recent years but they will all now be remembered in a People's Remembrance that will take place on 11th November 2018 at the National War Memorial in Dublin in front of the President of Ireland and other government and international dignitaries.

Churchtown Heritage Society will also remember the ten men from Churchtown and Liscarroll who died in the Great War with the publication of a commemorative 42 page booklet called 'In Memoriam' and a short ceremony at noon on Sunday 25th November 2018. The booklet is the result of considerable research by Colette Collins, Gerry Murphy, Denis Hickey and Noel Linehan. The booklet will be distributed at the remembrance event on 25th November and more details will be announced closer to the event and as always ...

ALL ARE WELCOME ...

The 42 Page Booklet will also be available to download online as a PDF file from www.churchtown.net from 26th November 2018.

