

Galway windows celebrated in new book

A new book features stained glass windows from two Galway churches by renowned stained glass artist Harry Clarke.

The windows at the Catholic Church at Tullycross, Renvyle and St Michael's Catholic Church, Ballinasloe are featured in 'Strangest Genius: The Stained Glass' by Lucy Costigan and photographer Michael Cullen.

The book is part of a trilogy of projects based on the life and work of Harry Clarke (1889 -1931), and includes the website www.harryclarke.net, which will be launched on RTE's 'Nationwide' programme in October.

The Galway windows are also included in a new film documentary 'A Revel In Blue' by Anthony Costigan, Theresa Cullen and Raymond J. McGovern, which will be available later this year.

The three-light window at Tullycross was



One of the stained glass windows from the book

commissioned in 1927 as a commemoration of the parents-in-law of Oliver St John Gogarty, while the two-light window at Ballinasloe was completed by Clarke in 1925.

During his short life, the artist created over 160 windows for churches and private establishments in Ireland, England, the United States and Australia.