

**NEW BOOK ON STAINED GLASS ARTIST**

# Window on life of Harry Clarke

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A FASCINATING book on the renowned stained glass artist Harry Clarke whose work can be seen in Bride Street Church, has just been published by a Wexford duo.

'Strangest Genius: the stained glass windows of Harry Clarke' is the creation of Wexford writer Lucy Costigan and photographer Michael Cullen.

The book which has received favourable reviews in the Irish Times and other newspapers, was published by History Press Ireland and is currently available in Wexford book shops.

It was launched by Harry Clarke's granddaughter Sunniva Clarke Sheridan at a reception in Beyley's Cafe in Grafton Street, Dublin which features one of his windows.

Lucy who has previously written a guide to complimentary Irish therapies and a book on bullying and harassment in the workplace, is interested in art and has long been fascinated by Clarke's stained glass creations.

She researched and wrote the book and teamed up with Michael who photographed many of the 160 stained glass windows that are featured in the new publication.

The back cover shows Wexford's Madonna and Child with Saints Aidan and Adrian (1919), a memorial to Lieutenant O' Keeffe that can be seen on the right hand side of Bride Street Church.

'Strangest Genius' is part of a trilogy of projects based on the life and work of Harry Clarke.

Michael has created a website on [www.harryclarke.net](http://www.harryclarke.net) featuring all of



■ The Madonna and Child from Bride Street Church in Wexford.

the artist's windows in Ireland, England, the United States and Australia, which will be online later this month.

Lucy and Michael have also teamed up with Anthony Costigan, Theresa Cullen and Raymond J. McGovern to produce a film documentary on Harry Clarke entitled 'A Revel in Blut'.

The documentary will have its premiere this autumn in Harry Clarke House at the National College of Art and Design in Thomas Street, Dublin which is the successor to Dublin Metropolitan School of Art where Harry was a student from 1910 to 1913.

RTE's Nationwide programme will feature Lucy, Michael and the other project members in a special edition on Harry Clarke to be broadcast later in the year.

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