

New book features 'stained glass' art

CLARKE'S CHURCH WINDOW INCLUDED

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A NEW BOOK celebrating stained glass artist Harry Clarke features his 'Resurrection' window and the small abstract window over the transept at the Church of Ireland in Eneriley/Kilbride.

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

Now a new book entitled 'Strangest Genius: The Stained Glass of Harry Clarke' documents many of his finest creations. Written by Irish author Lucy Costigan, and published by The History Press Ireland, the book features the full catalogue of windows created by Harry and is part of a trilogy based on his life.

A website named www.harryclarke.net features all of the artist's windows and

will be launched on RTE's Nationwide programme in October.

A new documentary called 'A Rebel in Blue' from producers Anthony Costigan, Theresa Cullen and Raymond J. McGovern will be released later in the year and includes a special feature on the Kilbride windows. The main panels of the 'Resurrection' window depict the Risen Lord resplendent in crimson robes. The top panel depicts Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead while the lower panel depicts a crippled man who Jesus commands to rise and walk. One of the onlookers to the far right is a self-portrait of Clarke. The abstract window comprises of coloured slab glass that shimmers in the sunlight.

Both of the windows were completed in 1924 and are considered some of Harry's most spectacular works.

