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altar' indicate another Mass station in this parish. In the same townland a bohog, or roughly constructed hut, was erected as a covering for an altar in land belonging to James Burns. Similar bohogs were erected in the townlands of Cross and near to the present school-house in Tullyree. All these places were used for the celebration of Mass in this parish until the erection of the first post-Reformation church by the Rev. Hugh Smith, in 1802, in the townland of Ballymoney, within view of the ancient church of Kilcoo associated with the burial of St. Patrick.

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Up till 1720, both Catholics and Protestants were accustomed to worship in the middle of the three churches at the lake in Loughinisland parish, the Catholics in the morning and the Protestants about noon. In that year, on account of a heavy storm and rain, the Catholics remained inside the church after Mass and the Protestants could not enter. This led to the erection, in 1728, of the present Protestant Church of Seaforde, for which the roof of the old church of Loughinisland was removed, and a subsequent prohibition on the Catholics to attend Mass in the roofless church. Father McCartan, parish priest and later bishop, erected a new Catholic church in 1740, in Tievnadarragh, near to the present church.

In the townland of Seavaghan, in a field known as Paranahalter, and at Cloughely (Savage's rocks), in Tievnadarragh, two additional Mass stations are recorded by tradition.

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