

## Bearnán Conaill, the bell of St Conall of Inishkeel

This iron bell comes from the early-medieval ecclesiastical site at Inishkeel, Co. Donegal. A brass plaque was added to the bell at some point in the Viking Age, probably during the tenth century. The plaque features interlace derived from both the Irish and Scandinavian artistic repertoires. Thus, this artefact is an appropriate symbol of the interchange between Scandinavian and Insular culture during the early-medieval period.

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