



# NORTH UIST in HISTORY and LEGEND

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#### EARLY DAYS OF TRINITY TEMPLE

Was Trinity Temple built on the site of a much older Columban Cell?

Consider the link passage

C1203 Bethag, daughter of Somerled founded the Temple, she was the first Prioress of Iona. From the Book of the MacMhuirchs 17<sup>th</sup> Century

Christina MacRhuairi referred to in the 1389 Charter; may have received the first charter, brought under Inchaffray Abbey, Madderty, Perthshire

Ami MacRhuairi was married to John Lord of the Isles 1337-1350, credited with the foundation of the temple

1345 Raghnall Fionn, Christina's nephew, dies as clan chief, leaving Ami as heiress

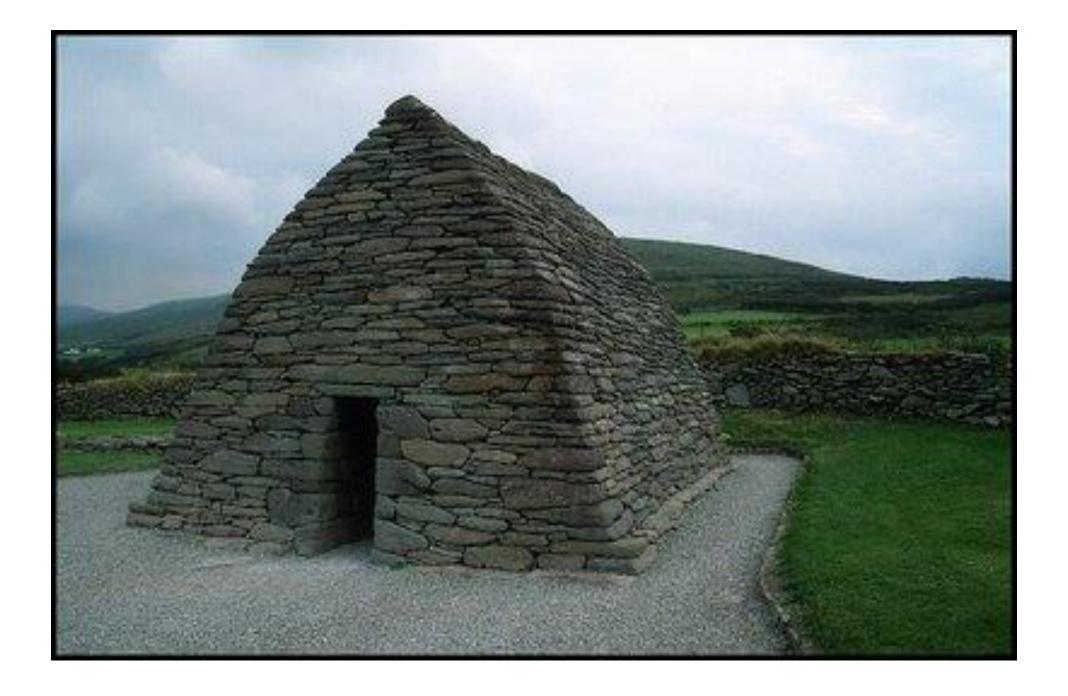
1389 Gofraidh, Raghnall brother confirms the Charter that was made to Christina. Confirmed also in 1410, Now under Iona

## How do we get a better understanding of Trinity Temple?

- 1. Established sources ClanDonald History Rev Norman MacDonald 'Trinity Temple Carinish North Uist - Its abiding influence in the realms of culture and romance (1972)'
- 2. Archeological evidence
- 3. Historical situation
- 4. Ecclesiastical evidence

### Topics of interest surrounding Trinity Temple

- 1.The association with John Duns Scotus 1266-1308
- 2. Charters, names of locations, Lords of the Isles
- 3. The Reformation and the demise of Trinity Temple and the callous murder of the MacVicars (1581)
- 4. The Battle of Carinish Trinity Temple used as a hiding place for a raiding party of the MacLeod's of Harris.
- 5. Donald Roy MacDonald last student to train at Trinity Temple (1745)



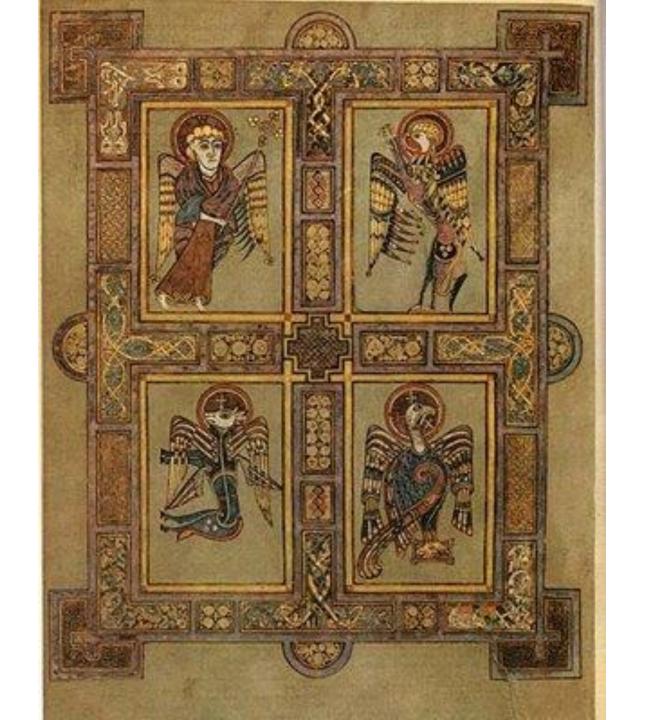














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