

# Old Mellifont Abbey

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Welcome to the ruins of Mellifont Abbey, near Drogheda in County Louth. This place has a special story that starts back in 1142 when it was founded by St. Malachy, a very important church leader. Mellifont was the first abbey built by the Cistercian monks in Ireland, who came from France to live and pray here.

Mellifont Abbey was so grand that it inspired other abbeys in Ireland. It had lots of monks and brothers who followed strict rules and spent their days in prayer. The abbey even hosted a big meeting in 1152 called the Synod of Kells-Mellifont, where important church and royal leaders came together.

After many years, the abbey was closed in 1539 and turned into a big house. It even became a special spot during battles and peacemaking.

Today, all remains of Mellifont Abbey are its beautiful ruins. It is a peaceful place now, where you can walk around and imagine the bustling life of monks long ago.

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