

Strandtown National School 1880-1931



Left: Early photo of pupils from the collection of Rev. A W Barton

Below: Rear of the building in the 1970s before it was obscured



On 4th October, 1880, the former Dundela Church, built in 1863, became Strandtown School. On 11th January, 1881, the school was taken over by the National Education Board.

The school opened, under the headmastership of Mr. William Slator, with 50 pupils. The number later increased to 300. Mr. Slator's house was beside the school. He was deeply respected by his fellow-workers and loved by the children. He took a very active part in any parochial work which had to do with the children. He was Superintendent of the Sunday School for many years.

St Mark's also used the building as a parish hall until the Heyn Memorial Hall was built in 1929. When the new Strandtown School was built on the North Road in 1931, the building was sold by the parish and became Buckley Brothers hardware shop and later Tesco.