

Celebrating Culture Night an Abridged Rehearsed Reading of  
**The True Story of the Horrid Popish Plot**

**The Trial of Oliver Plunkett**

by Desmond Forristal

Produced by Niall O'Brien & Michael Holohan



St. Augustine's Church, Shop St. Drogheda  
**7.30pm Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Sep Free Admission**



**CULTURE  
NIGHT**



Comhairle Contae Lú  
Louth County Council



**DROGHEDA  
ON THE BOYNE  
TOURISM**



For the St Oliver Plunkett 400th Anniversary of his birth (1625-2025) and the 50th Anniversary of his canonisation in Rome (1975-2025), members of Drogheda's local drama groups and local musicians come together to give a rehearsed reading and performance of Desmond Forristal's celebrated 1972 play, **The True Story of the Horrid Popish Plot** dramatizing Plunkett's trial, execution, and the politics around them in an accessible way.



The production is co-produced and directed by Niall O'Brien, actor and Michael Holohan, composer and member of Aosdána.

Incidental music for string quartet will accompany the play.



This rehearsed reading takes place in the Augustinian Church in Shop St. at 7.30 pm on Culture Night 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025. The site of the church, house and its car parks in Bachelor's Lane was the home for St Oliver Plunkett's first integrated school for Catholic and Protestant boys 1670-1673. St Oliver also founded a small seminary for 50 student priests on the site. Both institutions were run by the Jesuit order at the request of St. Oliver.



**PLEASE NOTE EXTRA EVENT**

Friday 19th September at 12pm The Tholsel, Drogheda Tourist Office, West St. Admission Free.

**The Life And Times of St. Oliver Plunkett** by Tommy Burns, biographer, lecturer and co-chair of the Saint Oliver 400 Community Group. *With the support of Create Louth, Drogheda On The Boyne Tourism and the Augustinian Community.*