

# Belfast Castle Mortuary Chapel

Detached three-bay single-storey Gothic-style mortuary chapel with corner engaged octagonal bell tower and canted chancel. Pitched natural slate roof with masonry cross finial to gabled facade and metal cross finial to apse. Rock-faced masonry walls having cut-stone dressings including stringcourses and stepped buttresses. Pointed arch window openings to nave having tracery forming a bipartite arrangement. Rose window to gabled facade. Trefoil-arch openings to belfry. Pointed arch door opening set within a cusped and sprocketed gabled surround.

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Northern Ireland

## Architects

Lanyon, Lynn & Lanyon

## Year Built

1896

## Style

Gothic Revival

## Listing

Grade B\* (Northern Ireland)

## Condition

Poor state of repair and heavily vandalised.  
Listed on the NI Buildings at Risk Register.

## History

The mortuary chapel was built by the third Marquis of Donegal to designs by Lanyon, Lynn & Lanyon, as a memorial to his son Frederick Richard, the Earl of Belfast, who died in Naples, Italy in 1853. The Earl's body, along with four other family members which had been buried in the old family vault in St Nicholas' Parish Church in Carrickfergus where later transferred to the chapel upon its completion in 1869. Ownership of the chapel transferred to the Church of Ireland in 1938 renaming it the 'Chapel of Resurrection'. The structure remained in use as a place of worship until the early 1970s. The bell was refurbished at the end of the Second World War, in honour of the Allied Victory. Following decommissioning of the chapel in 1972 a white marble monument of the young Earl being mourned by his mother was moved to Belfast City Hall. The chapel has since passed into the hands of a private developer.

## Sources

## Photos



## Location

SatNav Co-ordinates: 54.63807693529967, -5.938536318420538