

The Daniel O'Connell Memorial Church of the Holy Cross is the the only church in Ireland to be called after a layman. This church was built, and named with special papal permission, after the great statesman Daniel O'Connell, a lay person, neither a saint, nor a deity, but a man who worked tirelessly for Catholic emancipation by way of mass movement of people, in Ireland in the 17th and 18th century.

The Church bears the name of Daniel O'Connell, the Liberator, who was born in the parish and who worked in his political career in the early 19th century to bring about Catholic Emancipation and is unique in being the only Church in the world, named for a layman with a extension of the Holy Cross added to the end of the name.

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