

**Extract**

**Maria Luddy, “Prostitution and Irish Society 1800-1940”, Cambridge University Press, at 78-82.**

**Reproduction of Table 3.1: Magdalen asylums in Ireland, 1765-1993**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Denomination</b>	<b>Date founded</b>	<b>Other information</b>
Magdalen Asylum	Leeson Street, Dublin	CI	1767	11 inmates in 1911
Asylum for Penitent Females			1785	
Lock Penitentiary	Dorset Street, Dublin	CI	1794	Founded by John Walker to employ and reform destitute women leaving the lock hospital
St Mary Magdalen Asylum for Female Penitents	Donnybrook	RC	1798	Originally established at 91 Townsend Street, Dublin; taken over by the Sisters of Charity in 1833 and moved to Donnybrook in 1827; 99 inmates in 1911
St Patrick's Refuge	Crofton Road, Dun Laoghaire	RC	1786 or 1798	Founded in Bow Street, moved to Dominick Street Dublin, Sisters of Mercy took the women from this asylum into a convent in Glasthule in 1856; moved to Dun Laoghaire in 1880; closed 1963; 44 inmates in 1901
Magdalen Asylum	Waterford City	?	1799	May have survived to 1810
Magdalen Asylum	Peacock Lane, Cork City	RC	1809	Founded by a Mr Terry; taken over by the Sister of Charity 1846; 97 inmates in 1911

Magdalen Asylum	Sawmill Street, Cork City	CI	1810	14 inmates in 1911
Dublin Female Penitentiary	Berkely Place, North Circular Road, Dublin	CI	1812	40 inmates in 1901
Richmond General Penitentiary	Grangegorman Lane, Dublin	CI	1812	
Ulster Female Penitentiary, later known as the Edgar Home (1892)	Belfast	Presbyterian	Opened in 1820/22	The original asylum closed and a new one was opened c.1831; originally in York Lane, new building erected on Brunswick St in 1839, when taken over by Rev. John Edgar; 47 inmates in 1911; closed 1926
St Mary's Penitents' Retreat	104 Lower Gloucester Street, Dublin	RC	1822	In 1873 the asylum was taken over by the Sisters of Mercy and in 1887 handed over to the Sisters of Charity of Refuge; 79 inmates in 1901
Magdalen asylum	Carlow		c.1824	No information
Magdalen asylum	Galway City	RC	1824	Sisters of Mercy assisted in the care of women from 1840 and took over the asylum between 1845 and 1847; 64 inmates in 1901; laundry closed in 1984
Magdalen asylum	Limerick city	RC	1826	Taken over by the Good Shepherd nuns in 1848; 95 inmates in 1911; closed 1984

Female Penitents' Retreat	Marlborough Street, Dublin	RC	1826	Originally founded in Chancery Lane, and then moved to James' St, in Marlborough St by 1850
Ulster Female Penitentiary	Derry city	?	1829	Originally known as the Londonderry Penitentiary; 17 inmates in 1901
Penitent asylum	Brown Street South, Dublin	CI	1830	
Asylum for Penitent Females	South Circular Road, Dublin	CI	1830	
St Mary's Asylum	Drumcondra, Dublin	RC	1833	Taken over by the Sisters of Charity of Refuge in 1853; moved to High Park, Druncondra in 1858; room for 200
Asylum for Penitent Females	Upper Baggot Street, Dublin	Episcopalian	1835	35 inmates in 1911
Magdalen asylum	82 Marlborough Street, Dublin	RC	1839	'Lapsed' soon after 1839
Ulster Magdalen asylum	Donegal Pass, Belfast	CI	1842/49?	Closed in 1916
Magdalen asylum	Waterford City	RC	1842	Originally established by two priests and handed over to the Good Shepherd sisters in 1858; 121 inmates in 1911; closed in 1994
Magdalen asylum	Blackmill Street, Kilkenny	RC	1843	Had closed by 1847

Olivemount Institution of the Good Samaritan	Dundrum, Co Dublin	RC	1843	Had closed by 1857
Magdalen asylum	Belfast	RC	c.1840s?	Originally managed by the Sisters of Mercy; taken over by the Good Shepherd nuns in 1867; 132 inmates in 1911; laundry closed 1977
Ulster Magdalen asylum	Donegal Pass, Belfast	CI	1849	Replaced an earlier asylum which had closed in the 1830s; 29 inmates 1911
Cork Midnight Mission and Temporary Refuge	Cork City	CI	c.1850s	
Dublin by Lamplight	Ballsbridge, Dublin	CI	1855	20 inmates 1911
Magdalen asylum	Tralee, County Kerry	RC	1858	Run by the Sisters of Mercy; asylum closed in 1910
The Rescue Home or the Home for Fallen Women	2 Northcote Avenue, Dun Laoghaire	CI	1860	15 inmates in 1898
Good Shepherd Magdalen asylum	New Ross, Co. Wexford	RC	1860	Closed 1967
Dublin Midnight Mission	31 Marlborough Street, Dublin	CI	1862	17 inmates in 1901

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Belfast Midnight Mission	Malone Place, Belfast		c.1862	
Derry Women's Penitentiary	Hawkins Street		1862	
Rosevale Home, Lisburn	Co Antrim	CI	1862	30 inmates in 1911; closed c.1917
House of Refuge	Ballynafeigh Road, Castlereagh, Co Down		1869	
Good Shepherd Magdalen Asylum	Cork City	RC	1872	167 inmates in 1911
The Rescue Mission Home	33 Lower Gardiner Street, Dublin	CI	1875	19 women admitted in the year 1899-1900
Magdalen Cottage Home	Roches Street, Cork		1890	Room for 24

## Notes:

This is not intended to be a definitive list of asylums. The information on some asylums is so sparse that it is difficult to know whether they survived or not, or even if they were Magdalen asylums. Some of these listed may be the same asylum under a different name

CI = Church of Ireland

RC = Roman Catholic