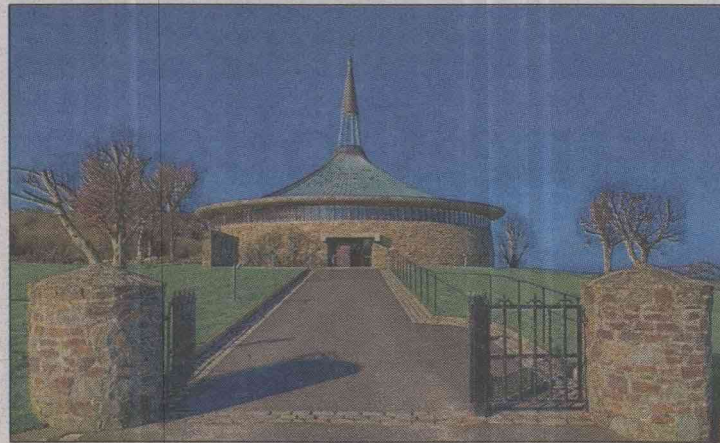




Fundraising appeal for Burt church repairs



St. Aengus Church in Burt has launched an appeal to raise funds to help preserve the award-winning building.

The church is in the final stage of refurbishment and Kathleen Grant, spokesperson for the fundraising group, is calling on the generosity of the parish for donations.

She said: "We again appeal to those from the parish of Burt, Inch and Fahan, and also those from anywhere who have an connection in this parish or just likes to visit this beautiful church, to think about giving us a wee phone call.

"We again must sincerely thank all of you that have been on board with us from near and far."

The church was designed by award-winning architects, Frank Corr and Liam McCormick, and was named "Building

of the Century' by the **Royal Institute of Architects** of Ireland.

It was built in a circular shape as a reference to the "circle of life" to give the congregation a feeling of inclusiveness and equality.

In June this year, the church will celebrate its golden jubilee and they hope by then the refurbishment will be well on its way to completion. There are ten bits of work to be finished with a required expenditure of €108,355.

In a bid to raise the money, the fundraising committee is running a monthly draw.

It is €10 to enter, with the top prize being €500 with a runners-up prize of €250 and €125 for third.

The first draw is at the end of this month.

To be in with a chance of winning, or to simply make a donation, contact Kathleen Grant on 00353749368373.