

Carna

The New Convent

In 1878, the building of the New convent began and the Sisters moved into it on 24th September, 1882. The Chapel was added later and a further extension was added in 1898. All the expenses were paid by Clifden Convent.

Primary School

The Sisters reconstructed the stables for a Primary School. Attendance was poor in the beginning. This school was in use until 1957 when a new school was built. Carna boys school was amalgamated with the Convent in 1948.

The Sisters were invited to begin a Secondary Top in 1950. In 1959, a Secondary School and Boarding School were needed and negotiations began for their erection. The building was completed in 1960. In 1972 the Secondary School was amalgamated with the local Vocational School to form the present Community School – *Scoil Phobail Mhic Dara*.

Like other areas a Lace School was opened in Carna. This was very welcome in such a poor area. Canon McHugh, was very energetic in the advancement of the Lace School which he handed over to the care of the Sisters of Mercy in 1918. About forty girls attended and many left after earning their fare to Boston. The Lace School closed in 1957.