

Butler, Rudolph Maximilian 1872 - 1943

Rudolph Maximilian Butler [also known as Rudolf Maximilian Butler *] was born in Dublin City, Ireland on 30 September 1872 and trained as an architect with James Joseph Farrall (1856?-1911) in Dublin from 1889 to 1891. He was then articled to Walter Glynn Doolin (1850-1902) from 1891 to 1896, and remained as his assistant from 1896. He commenced independent practice as an architect in Bray, County Wickloe in 1897, and was a junior partner with Doolin from 1899. In 1899 he was appointed Architect to Rathdown District Council. In 1924 he was appointed Professor of Architecture at University College, Dublin, a position he held until his retirement in 1942. He designed numerous churches for the Roman Catholic Church, although he himself belonged to the Moravian Church.

Butler was elected a Member of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI) in 1896, a Fellow of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI) in 1915, and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1906. He was also a founder member of the Architectural Association of Ireland (AAI) in 1896 and its President in 1906-07. In 1919 he was elected a member of the Royal Irish Academy (RIA), and in 1927 he was elected an Associate of the Royal Hibernian Academy (ARHA)

His address was given as Dawson Chambers, 12 Dawson Street, Dublin in 1906 and 1911; 27 Dawson Street, Dublin in 1912 and 1913 34, Upper Leeson Street, Dublin in 1914; 23, Kildare Street, Dublin in 1914 and 1928; 82 Merrion Square South Dublin in 1929 and 1939; 73 Ailesbury Road, Dublin in 1920 and 1939. He died in Dublin on 3 February 1943.

* In the Kalendar of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and the three volumes of Who's Who in Architecture, 1914, 1923 and 1926, his first name is always given as Rudolph. The Ireland Census of 1911 gives his first name as Rudolph, however, the Ireland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1620-1911 and the Ireland, Civil Registration Births Index, 1864-1958 gives it as Rudolf.

Worked in

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Works

New churches at Castletownberehaven, Claremorris, Balla, Kilcar; Holy Cross Church, Ardoyne, Belfast, &c, &c.; libraries at Killybegs, Millstreet, Kenmare, &c,

&c, &c.; novitiate at Thurles; residences at Now Ross, Palace, &c.; Convent at Headford; Dominican Chapel, Dublin; new Franciscan Chapel, Dublin, &c; new schools, Cowper Street, Dublin, &c [Source: Who's Who in Architecture 1914]

Works:

University College, Dublin; Newport, Claremorris, Balla, Foxford, and Mullranny Churches in Co. Mayo; Kilcar Church, Co. Donegal; Castletownberehaven Church, Co. Cork; Holy Cross Church, Belfast; New Franciscan and Dominican Chapels, Dublin; public libraries: Killorglin, Cahirciveen, Millstreet, Kenmare, Glencullen, Dundrum, Sandyford, Cabinteely, etc; Novitiate, Thurles, Tipperary; new schools, Cowper Street, Dublin; convent, Headford, Galway; residences: New Ross, Palace, etc. [Source: Who's Who in Architecture 1923]

For additional lists of architectural work by Butler see the Dictionary of Irish Architects 1720-1940; and the entry on him in Wikipedia. In both cases his first name is given as Rudolf

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