

# PUNCH

consulting engineers

## PROJECT OF THE YEAR FINALIST 2015

### RESTORATION OF ST MEL'S CATHEDRAL

Stabilise the existing structure and, when safe to do so, restore the building.

Significant structural works included:

- Stabilisation of existing arch structures
- Replacement of 28 stone columns
- Replacement of floors throughout
- Design and replacement of roof structure and ceiling structure
- Design of sacristy, altar and organ structure

## CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY

- Massive boost for community spirit and engagement
- True conservation and retention of historic building fabric
- Cathedral restored to its former glory
- To survive a third millennium



## CONTRIBUTION TO THE ECONOMY

Investment in training for  
regeneration of traditional skills

Local employment was given priority

Increased tourism for Longford

## ANY OTHER FACTS?

For **5** years  
the local economy was focused  
on supporting the recovery of St Mel's

*Regionally and nationally,*  
reinvestment in training in traditional skills  
like detailed carpentry, ornate plastering  
from master plasterer George O'Malley,  
and the exceptional artistry involved in  
the works, was significant