There has been a Franciscan presence in Multyfarnham, Co Westmeath since at least 1206. Through years of persecution, expulsion from the friary and indeed destruction of the friary they continued to serve the local people from their hiding places in the nearby woods and bogland. They continue to be a treasured presence in the Irish Midlands where numerous people come for spiritual renewal and counselling. The Stations of the Cross come from the Abbey church which was beautifully renovated in the second half of the 1970s. The Stations are the work of artist David King, son of Richard King (see page 15). The style is repoussé, a method of decorating metals in which parts of the design are raised in relief from the back.

Website: www.franciscans.ie/friaries/multyfarnham-medieval-friary/

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1. Jesus is condemned  
2. Jesus receives his cross  
3. Jesus falls the first time  
4. Jesus meets his mother  
5. Simon helps Jesus  
6. Veronica wipes Jesus’ face  
7. Jesus falls the second time  
8. Jesus meets the women  
9. Jesus falls the third time  
10. Jesus is stripped of his garments  
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross  
12. Jesus dies on the cross  
13. Jesus is taken from the cross  
14. Jesus is laid in the tomb  

The Resurrection