

# Stained glass artist book is up for award

A WEXFORD book on the work of Ireland's greatest stained glass artist has been nominated for a national award.

**Strangest Genius: The Stained Glass Of Harry Clarke** has been shortlisted in the Bord Gáis Energy Irish Book Awards, in the best Irish published book of the year category.

The hardback book, produced by Wexford writer Lucy Costigan and local photographer Michael Cullen, contains the entire stained glass collection of Mr Clarke, who created windows for churches, private dwellings and commercial venues in Ireland and the UK and as far afield as the US and Australia.

Michael Cullen travelled widely to take more than 50,000 photographs of Clarke's windows, and Lucy selected the top 1,000 images to use as a reference for her descriptions, as well as studying his correspondence in the National Library of Ireland and at Trinity College, Dublin.

The book, published by The History Press in Dublin last May, is part of an overall project undertaken by Lucy and Michael, that also includes a website and a film documentary **A Revel In Blue: The Life And Work Of Harry Clarke**, which will be premiered at NCAD in Dublin on Wednesday, November 24.

Most of Clarke's work can be viewed for free in churches and museums in towns and villages all over Ireland.



■ Some of Harry Clarke's stained glass.