

The Sacred Heart Church was opened on June 27, 1934

and here we have an interesting foundation stone from 1933, hidden for too long.

**"D.O.M"** is a Latin abbreviation for "Deo Optimo Maximo"  
which means "to God, most good (or best), most great"

**"Thomas Epus Medioburg"**  
indicates Thomas Shine, Bishop of Middlesbrough from 1929—1955,  
"epus" being a shortened form of the Latin "episcopus" for Bishop,  
and "Medioburg" being the Latin for Middlesbrough

The coat of arms is that of Bishop Thomas Shine.

**"Briller Sans Bruler"**  
was Bishop Shine's episcopal motto, "to shine without burning"  
an alliteration in French, which plays on his own name.

**"Decembris 1933"** indicates the stone being laid in December 1933, in fact on the 18th.

**"Posuit"** (Latin), on the left, refers to the placing, setting or laying of the stone.