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What Life
was like
in 1916

My story: **Sorrowful Sisters**

Who: Muriel and Grace Clifford, Thomas MacDonagh and Joseph Plunkett

Where: Kilmainham Gaol

What happened: Muriel and Grace Clifford were two sisters whose husbands, Thomas MacDonagh and Joseph Plunkett were executed in 1916. Thomas MacDonagh left two young children and a widow behind. Sadly, his wife Muriel was drowned the following year, leaving the children without a father or a mother.

Joseph Plunkett married Grace in the jail just hours before he was executed. They spent only 10 minutes together as husband and wife.

This is how Grace ~~in~~ the jail remembered her last evening with Joseph: He was not frightened-not at all, not the slightest.... He was quite calm. I was never left alone with him, even after the marriage ceremony. I was brought in and was put in front of the altar, and he was brought down the steps and the cuffs were taken off him; and the chaplain went on with the ceremony.

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