

Killaloe Diocesan Appointments 2023

Appointments to take effect from Friday 28th of July, except where otherwise stated

Glossary of Terms

VG	Vicar General (2 nd in command)
CC	Catholic Curate
PP	Parish Priest
Co-PP	Co-Parish Priest
VF	Vicar Forane (Head of the Pastoral Area)
AP	Assistant Pastor (Semi-Retired)
PE	Pastor Emeritus (Retired)
Propaedeutic Year	Pre-seminary year of study

One student for the priesthood having complete pre-seminary year to commence formation in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.






Two students have applied to Killaloe Diocese to commence their propaedeutic year of pre-seminary formation.








Ministers of Pastoral Care, Catechesis and Adult Faith Formation to continue to work in the pastoral areas, parishes and at diocesan level, entering their second full year of ministry.

Every good wish and blessing in retirement to Ms. Maureen Kelly who has completed her work in Pastoral Planning. Sincere thanks to Maureen for all her dedication and good work in West Clare and at diocesan level in recent years.

We now have 27 of the 58 parishes in the diocese with no resident priest under 75. During the year past we had meetings at diocesan and pastoral area level to look at and discern the way forward in terms of structure. It is intended to work on the fruits of that synodal journey this Autumn and in the coming years.

Sincere thanks to all, clergy, religious, lay ministers and many parishioners for the dedicated service to ministry and celebration of the faith in the diocese.

	<p>Fr. Peter O'Loughlin, AP to retire, to become PE.</p>
	<p>Fr. Des Hillery, VG, Co-PP, Inis Cathaigh Pastoral Area, resident in Kiltrush to be PP, Imeall Bóirne Pastoral area, residing in Corofin.</p>
	<p>Fr. Damien Nolan, PP, Imeall Bóirne Pastoral Area to be Co-PP, Tradaree Pastoral Area, residing in Sixmilebridge.</p>
	<p>Fr. Harry Bohan, Sixmilebridge, residing in Shannon be AP, Tradaree Pastoral Area.</p>
	<p>Fr. Willie McCormack, Co-PP, Odhrán Pastoral Area, resident in Puckane, to be AP.</p>
	<p>Fr. Martin Shanahan, Co-PP, Críocha Callan Pastoral Area, resident in Inagh, to be AP.</p>
	<p>Fr. Lorcán Kenny, chaplain, Coláiste Phobal, Roscrea to be Co-PP Odhrán Pastoral Area, residing in Portroe. (Finishing in school in early October and starting ministry in Odhrán Pastoral Area on December 1st.)</p>

	<p>Fr. Michael Geraghty, Co-PP, Odhrán Pastoral Area, resident in Nenagh to be Co-PP, Tradaree Pastoral Area, residing in Shannon, St. John and Paul Presbytery.</p>
	<p>Fr. Arnold Rosney, Co-PP, Tradaree Pastoral Area, resident in Shannon to go on Emigrant Chaplaincy Mission, Atlanta, USA for three years. Appointment takes effect from 1st of January, 2024. Fr. Arnold to provide assistance to the Odhrán Pastoral Area until 1st of December, 2023.</p>
	<p>Fr. Michael Collins, Co-PP, VF, Tradaree Pastoral Area, resident in Newmarket on Fergus to be Vicar for Mission and Ministry, while continuing to minister in Tradaree with cover from the Pastoral Area as required.</p>
	<p>Fr. Dariusz Plasek, Co-PP, Inis Cealtra Pastoral Area, resident in Bodyke to return to his native diocese of Radom in Poland.</p>
	<p>Fr. Kieran Blake, Co-PP, Brendan Pastoral Area, resident in Kilcolman to be Co-PP, Inis Cealtra Pastoral Area, residing in Bodyke. Parish of Kilcolman to be administered by the Brendan Pastoral Area.</p>
	<p>Fr. Tom Whelan, Co-PP, Scáth na Sionnaine, resident in Castleconnell to be Co-PP in Tradaree, resident in Shannon, The Presbytery, Drumgeely.</p>
	<p>Fr. James Michael, CC, Shannon to be Co-PP, Scáth na Sionnaine, residing in Castleconnell.</p>



Co-PP's of Ollatrim Pastoral Area, Fr. Pat Greed and Fr. Francis Xavier, to provide pastoral assistance to Nenagh, being on call and celebrating funeral Masses each for one week in five.



Fr. Ignatius McCormack, Principal, St. Flannan's College, Vocations Director to visit parishes to promote Vocations during this designated year of promotion of Vocations to Diocesan Priesthood.



Fr. Michael Harding finishing sabbatical and taking leave for a further period of time.



Fr. Pat Treacy finishing sabbatical and taking leave for a further period of time.