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Limerick, Ardfert & Killaloe Diocesan Records

1693-2008

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1. **Visitations**
1. 1693 (Limerick)
2. 1698 (Do.)
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96. 1867 (Ardfert & Aghadoe)
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128. 1909 (Do.)
129. 1911 (Do.)
130. 1913 (Do.)
131. 1915 (Do.)

2. Commissions For Triennial Visitations

1. 1826 (Ardfert & Aghadoe)
2. 1844 (Do.)
3. 1844 (Limerick)
4. 1850 (Ardfert & Aghadoe)
5. 1856 (Limerick)

3. Letters Dimmissory

1. John Treanor, 17 Mar 1834
2. Lewis Paige, 19 Nov 1834
3. Wm Daly, 31 Jan 1836

4. R.D. Jervois, 15 Dec 1838
5. W.H. Bradshaw, 29 May 1840
6. John Freke, 22 Sept 1840
7. W.E. Kingston, 22 Aug 1842
8. Thomas Anketell, 19 Dec 1849
9. James Pratt, 19 Dec 1849
10. A. McCreery, 20 Dec 1849

4. Letters and Papers of Bishops, as follows:

1. Rt Revd John Jebb (1775-1833), bishop 1823-33

1. Certificate of consecration, 12 Jan 1823
2. Commission for enthronement, 12 Jan 1823
3. Certificate appointing the Revd J.W. Foster as domestic chaplain, 1 June 1827
4. Letter to Archbishop Beresford, 9 Mar 1829, rel. to the Limerick Diocesan Tract Society
5. Letter to Archbishop of Armagh [Lord John George Beresford], 29 April 1829, rel. to the presentation of books

2. Rt Revd Hon. Edmond Knox (1773-1849), bishop 1834-49

1. Letter to [Archbishop Beresford], 26 Feb 1836, re. to diocesan arrears
2. Letter to [Archbishop Beresford], Feb 1836, rel. to diocesan arrears

3. Rt Revd Henry Griffin (1786-1866), bishop 1854-66

1. Memorial of Anthony, rector of Tralee, 25, Jan 1857 rel. to improvements to glebe house

4. Rt Revd Charles Graves (1812-1899), bishop 1866-99

1. Correspondence, papers, presscuttings & printed material rel. to relations between the Church of Ireland and the Episcopal Reformed Churches of Spain and Portugal, 1875-95 (1-21)
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 1. Correspondence, papers & presscuttings, rel. to the Church Discipline Act, 1888, & Clergy Discipline Act, 1892.
 2. Correspondence, papers & presscuttings, re. to the Clergy Superannuation Committee, 1878 – 1881, of which Bishop Graves was the chairperson
3. Misc. correspondence, 1876-1894, including letter letters re. the death of the Duke of Clarence & Avondale and correspondence from George Edmund Street relating to the restoration of St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick (1-3) – see also 10A.1.1 below.
4. Papers assumed to be attributed to and/or commissioned by Rt Revd Graves on aspects of local history, including "Townalnd names of the county of Clare" by James Frost MRIA and notes concerning the Rectory of Monasternenagh. Late 19th Century

5. **Rt Revd Harry Vere White (1853-1941), bishop 1921-33**
 1. Circular to clergy rel. to the 1921 Prayer Book, 25 July 1925
 - 1a. Letter from Henry C. Bower rel. to Patronage Committee, 18 May 1923
 2. Letter from H.J. Lawlor, 2 Jan 1926, rel. to the history of St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick
 3. Do., 21 Jan 1926
 4. Receipt for records from Canon P.B. Robertson, 26 Sept 1928
 5. Note from the Black Book of Limerick, [n.d.]
6. **Rt Revd Charles King Irwin (1874-1960), bishop 1934-42**
 Poster advertising his forthcoming enthronement in St Mary's Cathedral, 15 February 1934; and subsequent file detailing the fund for him at his translation to the see of Down, Connor and Dromore, 1942.

5. Correspondence

1. File of papers relating to the claim that excessive fees had been taken to secure ordination in the diocese, 1836-37
2. File of misc. correspondence rel. to Diocesan Council Business c. 1878-1961

6. Miscellaneous Materials

1. Letters of appointment of Robert Leslie as registrar, 5 Nov 1763
2. Letters of presentation of the Revd James Graves to the vicarages of Kilfinnane & Darragh, from Edmund Boyle, earl of Cork & Orrery, 16 Feb 1781
3. Resignation of the Revd William Maunsell of the chantership of Limerick Cathedral, 25 Mar 1791
4. Commission from the bishop of Limerick to the bishop of Killaloe to consecrate St Michael's church, Limerick, 4 Dec 1844
5. Conveyance of a plot of ground in English Town, city of Limerick, by Frederick Purefoy Hoare to Frederick Hobart, 25 July 1852
6. Commission from the vicar general of Limerick to James McMahon, diocesan registrar, authorizing him to administer oaths and take affidavits in the consistorial office, 7 Oct 1855
7. Specification for Kilgobbin glebe from Henry Hill Cork, Jan 1862
- 7a. Schedules of Clergy who Compounded, with Return of Composition Balance, organised by parish, 1872-1878
- 7b. File of papers relating to Corcomohide Glebe, including architectural drawings of cottages on the glebe property (initially by Arthur and Henry Hill, 1877, and later by Robert Fogerty, diocesan architect, 1880; with details of the appointment of a temporary curate, c. 1880 and arrangements for Mahoonagh Iron church and burial ground, 1873-71, with later minute of sub-committee appointed to consider claims about endowments concerning Corcomohide and Ballingarry parishes, c. 1896.
8. Copy mandate to the Bishop of Limerick to convene diocesan synods, 6 April 1894

9. Subscription roll of the clergy of Limerick, Ardfert & Aghadoe, 1 Dec 1896
 10. Letter appointing the Ven. F.C. Hamilton as commissary during the vacancy in the see, 26 July 1899
 11. Summons from the archbishop of Dublin to the joint synods to meet for the election of a bishop, 5 Sept 1889
 12. Printed summons rel. to no. 10 above with instructions on the proceedings
 13. Order of proceedings for the election of a bishop on 22 Sept 1899
 14. Bene decessit of the Revd Robert Gordon Stowell Greer, 5 Feb 1905
 - 14a. House Committee Minute Book, being the *ad hoc* diocesan committee set up to oversee and administer activities in the Diocesan Hall, incorporating the Protestant Orphan Home, 1909-1957
 15. Subscription of the Revd William Skuse, 27 Sept 1911
 16. Subscription of the Revd George Browne, 29 Sept 1911
 17. Do., 14 Feb 1914
 18. Bene decessit of the Revd David William Matthew Albert Elliott, 23 April 1915
 19. File of correspondence relating to burial grounds in the diocese of Limerick, including the work of the Special Graveyard Committee, 1939-1948, mostly concerning the former military cemetery at King's Island, 1926-1962, but also St Mary's graveyard, and the transfer of Chapel Russell graveyard to the local authority, 1959, 1926-1969.
 20. Clerical Service Record Book, created by JL Enright, Diocesan Secretary, 1944
 21. Diocesan Engagement Books (x 4) detailing various activities and events in the diocesan calendar, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1953
7. **Declarations & Oaths of Deacons, Priests and Stipendiary Curates**
1. 1866-70
8. **Diocesan Synod Minute Books**
1. 1870-1953
 2. 1955-1990
9. **Diocesan Council Records**
1. Minute Books
 1. 1874-1884
 2. 1909-1937
 2. Miscellaneous papers of the Council
 1. Various sub-committee reports on the following issues:
Church music; Financial condition and the Financial Scheme;
Long-Service Grants; Parochial Boundaries, Stipends; Surplus
Income
1892; 1922; 1944 & undated
10. **Glebes & Finance Committee Records**
1. Minute Books

1. 1941-1950
2. 1971-1982
2. Attendance Book
 1. 1926-1976
3. Loose materials, as follows:
 1. Extensive file of returns, lists of glebes and their values with observations, taxation tables and general tabular returns 1861-79
 2. Printed Glebe Rules for the Diocese of Limerick 1916

10A. Glebes and Property Files

Being working files reflecting diocesan oversight of specific glebe properties, either associated with specific parish unions or other diocesan properties, as follows:

1. St Mary's Cathedral

1. File of detailed correspondence and specifications of the late-19th century restoration of the cathedral including original handwritten specification by George Edmund Street (this document was later printed, and a printed copy is also in the file) for Bishop Charles Graves being his "general suggestions for the improvement of the internal arrangements and effect of your cathedral", 1876 (see also 4.3. above); together with later extensive run on improvements and repairs to the deanery and St Patrick's Glebe, 1914-29 (see also below); and schedule of the cathedral's endowments, 1932. 1869-1932; undated
2. Extensive file concerning the oversight of cathedral and glebe property matters, including summary document of all resolutions concerning the cathedral (at council and diocesan synod), 1870-74; Summary of works required by the Merchant's Quay Improvement Committee, 1969-72; Miscellaneous receipts for works, 1872-74; Documents concerning the purchase of the Jebb land at the cathedral entrance, 1875-76; correspondence concerning the cathedral glebe land, 1888; and finally the correspondence of the Very Revd Lucius O'Brien, dean, about the installation of a new reredos, 1906-07; and finally the following printed items: "Make Full Proof Thy Ministry", sermon preached at ordination service by Revd R.P. Graves, 1869; Printed notices on cathedral management, c. 1871; "Sustentation Economy for Choir Funds", 1884; "Cathedral Restoration Fund, Subscriptions Received, 1891-92"; "Praise with understanding", annotated sermon preached by Canon JA Haydn, presented with profound respect to the bishop; Typescript of chapter membership, 1862 and 1865, undated. 1870-1907; 1932

2. **The See and See House**
 1. File of papers relating to the sale of 'Henry Street' property, c. 1878, and purchase of '4 Pery Square', Limerick, 1924, with internal plans for installation of a food lift, c. 1924
 2. File of papers relating to the sale of 'The See Glebe' 1918-40
 3. File of papers relating to the purchase of 'Bishopbourne' (formerly called 'Lota', North Circular Road, Limerick, and concurrent sale of Pery Square. 1936-49
 4. File of minutes, correspondence and other papers of the 'See House Sub-Committee' to purchase a permanent episcopal residence. 1954-56
 5. File of papers concerning the property 'Portland' purchased in 1954 1954-60
3. **The Deanery & St Patrick's Glebe**
(see also item 10A.1.1 above)
File concerning the deanery and associated St Patrick's Glebe lands, including sale of the former 'Deanery House', 1879; plan of glebe land, 1945; copy of roof plan and specification for repairs of Ennis Road Deanery, 1964.
1879; 1945; 1964
4. **The Diocesan Hall**
File including drawings and specifications for the conversion of the former Protestant Orphan Home to the diocesan hall, 1909-10; and later routine administrative oversight of new property and events therein
1909-10; 1933-66
5. **General**
 1. Detailed schedules giving the "particular and conditions" of specific glebe houses and lands on sale, for the following: Killeely, November 1877; Bruee, May 1879; Tullybrackey, March 1887; with additional sale notices advertising the sales of the glebes at Moys, November 1879; Athlacca, April 1886, and Cloghadourlarty North, undated.
 2. Two Glebe Loan Schedules detailing loans for the glebe properties of all parish unions and the properties listed above 1940-1951

Note that in addition to the above specific parish union files (arranged alphabetically by parish) are in storage – further enquiries from the Librarian & Archivist.

Note there is a single box of currently unsorted miscellaneous correspondence and related papers relating to Glebes and property matters, c. 1871-1940s.

11. **Rolls of Subscriptions**

1. 1872-1899
2. 1899-1920
- 2a 1916-1934
3. 1981-1999 (Limerick, Ardfert & Aghadoe)
4. 2001-2008 (Limerick & Killaloe)

11A. Register of Certificates of Nomination

1. 1954-1991

11B. Register of Certificates of Appointments

1. 1954-1991 (Limerick, Ardfert & Aghadoe)

12. Account Books

1. Miscellaneous account books
 1. 1872-1880
 2. 1875-1911
 3. 1915-1941
 4. 1931-1953
 5. 1935-1940
 6. 1952-1958
 7. 1963-1983
2. Stipends
 1. 1912-1930
 2. 1931-1945
 3. 1952-1964
3. Diocesan Secretary (Ardfert & Aghadoe)
 1. 1978-1991 (income)
 2. 1978-1991 (expenditure)
4. Board of Education (Ardfert & Aghadoe)
 1. 1954-1999

13. Diocesan Reports (printed)

1. Diocesan Council
 1. 1871-1882
 2. 1886-1893
 3. 1890-1898
 4. 1909-1911
 5. 1915-1919
 6. 1920-1924
 7. 1925-1929
 8. 1930-1934
 9. 1935-1939
 10. 1940-1944
 11. 1945-1949
 12. 1941-1974 (all loose, and some gaps)

2. Miscellaneous Financial Reports
 1. 1894-1899

14. Miscellaneous Other Printed Material

1. Correspondence rel. to the collection of tithes payable to the Revd Thomas Locke, Newcastle (Limerick). Printed by the House of Commons, April 1835 (34 pp)
2. William [Higgins], Bishop of Limerick, *The rights of a bishop in his cathedral being a charge delivered at his ordinary visitation of the Dean & Chapter of St Mary's, Limerick* (Limerick, 1852: 10 pp)
3. Revd James Walsh, *Mode of electing diocesan nominators. Limerick diocesan synod* (Dublin, 1871: 12 pp)
4. Revd J, Fitzgerald Gregg, *Mode of electing diocesan nominators. Limerick diocesan synod. A reply to the Rev. James Walsh's pamphlet* (Dublin, 1871: 10 pp)
5. Revd James Walsh, *A few more words on the mode of electing diocesan nominators. Limerick diocesan synod* (Dublin, 1871: 8 pp)
6. Clericus, *Diocesan nominators. Separate of conjoint voting?* (Limerick, 1871: 9 pp)
7. Notice of motions to the diocesan synod , 4 Nov 1878
8. Statement of Diocesan Council rel. to debit balance on the episcopal annuity, 1899
9. Two copies of the *Limerick Diocesan Financial Scheme passed by Synod, 18 December 1883 and amended in 1901* (1912) with later edition of same (1925) (Limerick, 1926).
10. *Prospectus of the City of Limerick Asylum for Blind Females with a Church of England Chapel attached...* [undated]
11. *Statues of the Church of Ireland with Diocesan Regulations for vestry use in the Diocese of Limerick* [undated].

15. Deeds and Letting Agreements

Box of miscellaneous deeds, including leases, mortgages, mandates and other legal documents.
1789-1941

16. Diocesan Endowments, Funds and Bequests

Files of correspondence and some legal papers relating to the following:

1. Episcopal Endowment Fund
1873-79, and 1961
2. J. Crone's Charity for the Poor of Ballingarry
1893
3. Lady Julia Fitzgerald Trust Fund
1895-1961
4. Earl of Iveagh Trust
1951-62
5. Ivers Bequest

- 1933-74
6. Nugent Trust (formerly the London Sustentation Committee)
1930-62
7. Revd Dr Sheppard Bequest
1941-61
8. Revd J. Sullivan Bequest
1915-44
9. Miss Jane Walsh Bequest
1953

xx. Materials Relating to Diocesan Population and Mileage

File containing single return detailing church population by parish comparing the 1891 and 1901 census returns, and later individual returns by parish of the Parochial Census, 1962, and returns by parish of annual motor mileage 1891, 1901, 1962