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**Records of the Dioceses of
Elphin & Ardagh**

1724-1975

**The Rt Revd Kenneth Clarke, Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, 2003; the Rt
Revd Ferran Glenfield, Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, 2017; St John's
Cathedral, Sligo, 2021**

Introduction

The bulk of the material in this collection was transferred from the diocesan registry by the Revd Canon J.M.G. Sirr, the Diocesan Registrar, in 1983. Some 20 years later a small quantity of miscellaneous items was collected from the See House in Kilmore, when the Rt Revd Kenneth Clarke, Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, transferred materials from the See House to the Library in 2003. Additionally, his successor, the Rt Revd Ferran Glenfield, deposited more recent materials from the Diocesan Office, in 2017. This represents all of the surviving historical material for the united dioceses of Elphin and Ardagh, most of which was destroyed in the tragic fire at the Public Records Office of Ireland in 1922. Herbert Wood records in his *Guide to the Public Records of Ireland* (Dublin, 1919), pp. 237-9 that diocesan registry material for Elphin and Ardagh between 1638 and 1874 was lost.

The collection reflects the original ordering of material, into which the more recently-acquired materials from the See House and Diocesan Officer have been interleaved thereafter.

The collection also reveals the complex administrative arrangements that have existed between the dioceses of Elphin and Ardagh and the diocese of Kilmore. In 1834, Elphin was united with Kilmore under the one bishop, and in 1839 Ardagh was united with Kilmore and Elphin. Although under the spiritual guidance of one bishop, both Elphin and Ardagh dioceses have, from an administrative point of view, maintained their own working structures. These comprised separate diocesan councils (much of the paperwork for which was managed by a diocesan registrar) and diocesan synods until 1927. Each had its own archdeacons, rural deans and other officers too. In 1927, Elphin and Ardagh were joined together to form one united administrative structure, under one council, and with a joint archdeacon and rural deans, but again these positions have remained separate from the diocesan structure for Kilmore.

The arrangement of the collection adheres to these structures – the Elphin records are listed separately as D4A/; followed by a separate list for Ardagh D4A/. Only where there is obvious joint administration of Elphin and Ardagh, post-1927, are the records listed under the third section in the catalogue as D4B/. Given the close relationship that existed between Elphin and Ardagh with the diocese of Kilmore the list of papers from Kilmore should also be consulted for additional material of relevance (see D3/ preceding this list).

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2/ Visitations

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8. 1859
9. 1861-62
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14. 1873 [rural dean's report]
15. 1892 [rural dean's report]

3/ Subscription rolls

1. 1870-1930
2. 1930-32

4/ Account books

1. Registrar's cash account book
1851-72
2. Registry ledger
1865-70

5/ Register of curates' licences

1. 1868-72

6/ Certificates of reading the declaration of assent, 1871-80

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| 1. | 17 Dec. 1871 | Julius Henry Griffith, Drumcliffe |
| 2. | 29 Sept. 1872 | Frederick Foster, Ardcarne |
| 3. | 19 Jan. 1873 | Robert MacWalter, Sligo |
| 4. | 26 Jan. 1873 | James Hunt, Castleblakeny |

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| 6/ | 5. | 23 Feb. 1873 | Edward George Campbell, Kiltoom |
| | 6. | 23 Feb. 1873 | Charles Ellis, Toomna |
| | 7. | 9 Mar. 1873 | Francis Irwin, Donamon |
| | 8. | 8 Nov. 1874 | Isaac Mitchell, Kiltoom |
| | 9. | 29 Aug. 1875 | Robert Frierson, Taunagh |
| | 10. | 16 Jan. 1876 | George A.P. Arbuthnot, Roscommon |
| | 11. | 18 June 1876 | Francis Burke, Ardcarne |
| | 12. | 24 Dec. 1876 | Alexander Major Kearney, Sligo |
| | 13. | 7 Jan. 1877 | William C. McCausland, Kilkeevan |
| | 14. | 29 Apr. 1877 | Isaac Coulter, Knocknarea |
| | 15. | 1 July 1877 | John J. F. Guthrie, Drumcliffe |
| | 16. | 12 Aug. 1877 | Thomas Heany, Calry |
| | 17. | 24 Mar. 1878 | Edward Leathly Shea, Killenvoy |
| | 18. | 22 Apr. 1878 | John Black, Taunagh |
| | 19. | 22 Feb. 1880 | Thomas F. Eastwood, Boyle |

7/ Diocesan Court papers

File of papers relating to the case of Col. Wood-Martin concerning memorials in St. Anne's Church, Knocknarea.
1916

8/ Miscellaneous loose papers

1/ Bundle of documents deposited with the registrar in 1925 by Rev. G. Ingram [Mohill], 1709-1903, undated

1. Copy of inquisition held at Sligo 7 Mar. 1584 in the presence of John Crofton, auditor general, [undated, ?18th century].
2. Commission of the peace, Co. Roscommon, 26 June 1709.
3. Writ of convocation, 3 Nov. 1713
4. Inhibition on Rev. George Sweeny from officiating in the diocese, 4 Oct. 1792
5. Misc. correspondence : 2 letters (1893, 1898) to Francis Burke, (Dean of Elphin, 1894); 2 letters (1898, 1903) to William Henry Stone (Dean of Elphin, 1886-1912) from Alfred George Elliot, Bishop of Kilmore, 1897-1915)
6. Architect's drawing for [?] bow window, [undated]

2/ Miscellaneous diocesan queries and returns 1724-1878, [undated]

1. Instructions and queries for the clergy of the diocese of Elphin, 3 July 1724

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2. Return of certificates of composition registered in 1834; applotments registered & applotments not registered of parishes in Elphin, 5 Jan. 1835
3. Account of visitation fees, 1853
4. Account of parochial incomes, Nov. 1878
5. Account of incumbents' rent charges [undated]
6. Parishes liable for diocesan school tax, Clonfert and Kilmacduagh [undated]
7. Account of diocesan school fees, Clonfert and Kilmacduagh [undated]
8. Account of diocesan school masters' tax, Clonfert [undated]

3/ **Bundle of documents transferred from Tuam in 1962 by the Tuam diocesan registrar, 1731-1818**

1. Grant of deanery of Elphin to Rev. Francis Browne, 5 Mar. 1794
2. Institution of Rev. Francis Browne as dean, 28 Mar. 1794
3. Receipt for fees from Francis Browne relating to the deanery, 10 Mar. 1794
4. Certificate of installation of the Very Rev. Francis Browne as dean, 30 Mar. 1794
5. Account of fees due to registrar from the Very Rev. Francis Browne [undated]
6. List of preachers in Elphin Cathedral, 1731
7. Receipt for visitation fees and school salary from Francis Browne, 28 & 29 Aug. 1794
8. Receipt for visitation fees from Francis Browne, 9 Aug. 1794
9. do., 9 Aug. 1796
10. Extracts from Tuam subscription rolls, 1783-1818 [made in 1962]
11. Covering letter from the Very Rev. J. Jackson, 4 Sept. 1962

4/ **Bundle of miscellaneous licences, nominations, writs, resignations and recommendations, 1855-1956:**

1. Letter from the Council Office, Dublin, to the Rev. F. Hunt, Boyle, concerning the change of site of Ahanagh church, 2 Oct. 1855
2. Collation and institution of Rev. Arthur Hyde to the prebend of Artaugh, and rectory of Tibohine (Frenchpark), 17 Apr. 1867
3. Petition from parish of Boyle to bishop to consecrate burial ground, 1 Feb. 1867
4. Writ of sequestration on Rev. Peter Browne, 30 June 1869
5. Nomination of Rev. J.H. Griffith to Drumcliffe, 11 Oct. 1871
6. Nomination of Rev. Charles Ellis to Toomna, 27 Sept 1872
7. Nomination of Rev. Robert McWalter to Calry, 16 Dec. 1872

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8. Curate's licence, for the Rev. J.R. Porte, Kilkeeran & Oran, 5 Aug. 1875
9. Nomination of Rev. W.C. McCausland to Kilkeeran & Oran, 12 Oct. 1876
10. Curate's licence, Rev. Edward Irwin, Elphin, 30 June 1876
11. Nomination of Rev. John Black to Taunagh, 10 Apr. 1878
12. Curate's licence, Rev. J.W. Forde, Boyle, 1 July 1881
13. Letters testimonial for Rev. Isaac Mayes, Athlone, 5 Mar. 1932
14. Si quis certificate, Rev. Isaac Mayes, 6 Mar. 1932
15. Si quis certificate, Rev. I.R. Kirkpatrick 6 Mar. 1932
16. Letters testimonial for Rev. I.R. Kirkpatrick, Sligo, 8 Mar. 1932
17. Resignation of Revd Robert Desmond Holtby, curate of Ballysumaghan and Killery, 14 June 1956.

5/ Letters and circulars relating to diocesan and parochial records from the Church Temporalities Commission, General Register Office

11 items
1871-79

6/ Miscellaneous papers relating to burial grounds

1. Draft copy of petition to consecrate and act of consecration of burial ground at Boyle, 1875
2. Deed of consecration of Toomna burial ground, 13 Sept. 1877
3. Draft conveyance of land for Ardcarne burial ground, [1833]
4. Petition to consecrate burial ground at Ardcarne, 13 Sept 1883
5. Deed of consecration of Ardcarne burial ground, 13 Sept 1883
6. Petition to consecrate addition to Bumlin (Strokestown) graveyard, 13 Aug. 1885
7. Deed of consecration of addition to Bumlin graveyard, 17 Aug. 1885
8. Account of fees for consecration of addition to Bumlin graveyard, 4 May 1896
9. Act of consecration of burial place of C.J. Henry, Ardtarmon, Co. Sligo, 9 Oct. 1920
10. Deed of dedication of plot in Sligo Public Cemetery, 26 Nov. 1927
11. Copy act of consecration of an addition to Loughglynn churchyard, 5 June 1957

7/ Correspondence relating to the raising of the Episcopal Endowment Fund in Elphin, 1894-95

112 items
1894-95, undated

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8/8 Parochial returns relating to local trusts and endowments 1903-13

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| 1. Ahamplish, 1913 | 13. Killeroran ,1903 |
| 2. Ardcarne, 1913 | 14. Killinor, 1903 |
| 3. Athlone, St. Peter 1913 | 15. Kilmore & Aughrim, 1904 |
| 4. Athleague, 1903 | 16. Kiltoom, 1903 |
| 5. Ballysumaghan, 1903 | 17. Knocknarea, 1903 |
| 6. Boyle, 1903 | 18. Lissadell, [undated] |
| 7. Bumlin, 1913 | 19. Roscommon, 1903 |
| 8. Calry, 1904 | 20. Sligo, 1913 |
| 9. Croghan, 1913 | 21. Taunagh, 1903 |
| 10. Donamon, 1903 | 22. Toomna, [undated] |
| 11. Drumcliffe, 1903 | 23. Tybohine, 1903 |
| 12. Elphin, 1913 | |

9/ Diocesan Council Minute Books

1. 1870-71 [incomplete, rough copy]
2. 1870-84
3. 1884-1902
4. 1902-1919
5. 1920-1953

10/ Diocesan Synod Minute Books

1. 1869-96
2. 1897-1913

11/ Rules and Regulations of the Diocese

Being a draft of the code of rules and regulations for the diocese of Elphin, codified by the Diocesan Council and adopted by the Diocesan Synod.
1914

12/ Diocesan Reports

Bound volumes of reports as follows:

1. 1870-75
2. 1876-85
3. 1886-94
4. 1895-1903
5. 1904-10
6. 1911-18
7. 1919-26

13/ Maps

1. Map of the diocese of Elphin, showing parish unions, rectories, vicarages, perpetual curacies, parishes without churches and suspended parishes. Parishes are coloured.
Drawn by Hodges, Foster and Co. Dublin, based on printed Ordnance Survey.
Undated [late 19th century]

14/ Miscellaneous material:

1. Minute book with accounts of the Committee of Elphin Diocesan School Association [later the Elphin Diocesan Church Education Society], 1843-66; together with much later accounts being the Diocesan Registrar's accounts with the diocese, 1956-73.
[For more on the diocesan accounts of the united dioceses of Elphin and Ardagh, see D4B/3 below]
1843-66; 1956-73
2. Diocesan Glebes Committee Minute Book, for the diocese of Elphin between 1913 and 1927, with one minute for the new united diocesan committee appointed in 1927, after which the book ceased to be used.
1913-27
3. Letter to Bishop Tyndall from the parishioners of Croghan parish, concerning the situation that may arise for the parish under the scheme devised by the Sparsely Populated Areas Commission, which includes the abolition of Elphin union and closure of Bishop Hodson's Grammar School.
3 April 1958
4. Minute of meeting held at Joppa Lodge, Sligo, with Bishop Tyndall in the chair, along with other prominent clergy including the Dean of Elphin and 'some ladies assisting the committee' to draw up arrangements for tenants of Joppa Lodge [a retreat house for retired clergy and others].
11 April 1958

15/ Nomination Records

3. Board of Nomination Minute Book
1871-2008
4. Nominations Declaration Book
1871-1986

D4A/ Records of the Diocese of Ardagh

1/ Visitations

1. 1825
2. 1877
3. 1878
4. 1893

2/ Rolls of clergy

- 1.. 1870-97
2. 1870-1908
3. Ardagh roll of clergy, according to the visitation of 1878, being a handwritten list of clergy in 35 parishes
12 September 1878

[for additional subscription rolls, see also D4B/1 below]

3/ Diocesan Council Minute Books

1. 1870-72
2. 1872-93
3. 1893-1903
4. 1903-12
5. 1913-25
6. 1925-27

3A/ Diocesan Glebes Committee Minute Book 1913-1924

4/ Diocesan Synod Minute Book

1. 1869-1926

5/ Diocesan Resolutions

Resolutions adopted by the Diocesan Synod including the names of members,
printed 20 June 1871.
1871

6/ Annual Reports

1. 1877 [unbound]
2. 1878 [unbound]
3. 1878 [marked revised report, unbound]
4. 1881-90
6. 1881-1900
7. 1901-10

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7/ Maps

1. Map of the diocese of Ardagh, showing parish unions, rectories, vicarages, perpetual curacies, parishes without churches and suspended parishes. Parishes are coloured.
Drawn by Hodges, Foster and Co, Dublin, based on printed Ordnance Survey.
Undated [late 19th century]
2. Ecclesiastical map of the diocese of Ardagh, showing churches and its location in relation to the bishoprics of Meath and Elphin.
Undated [19th century]

8/ Architectural papers

1. Schedules of churches which have been repaired or enlarged; are undergoing repair or enlargement; or on which work has been postponed on the recommendation of the provincial architect, with details of the nature and progress of the principal works and repairs.
3 items
[1830s]
2. Architect's report on Ardagh and Tashinny glebe houses, their condition, potential for modernisation, and general suitability as residences.
Typescript, 4pp, unsigned
15 July 1958

9/ Printed notices

1. Outsize notice entitled: "Rules for the Management of Burial Grounds", for the diocese of Ardagh.
1908.

10/ Legal papers

1. Lease from John Cooke, Ballyneal House, co. Kilkenny to the Diocesan Trust, of land for house for incumbent of Ballymacormick.
8 September 1873
2. Papers including copies of will extracts and correspondence concerning the terms of the bequest of Lady Hutchinson, making provision for the use of clergymen's widows in the diocese of Ardagh, and annual payments of same. Includes some correspondence from the Rt Revd Alfred George Elliott, Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh 1897-1915, with comments on arrangements.
1898-1901

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11/ Diocesan stamp

Letter stamp impress, bearing the arms of the diocese of Ardagh, for marking correspondence and other papers.

[Undated]

12/ Miscellaneous diocesan registry files, 1870-1960

1/ Appointments & commissions 1870-1925

1. Ven. J.R. Darley, archdeacon of Ardagh, as bishop's commissary, 11 Feb. 1870
- la. Ven. J.R. Darley, as bishop's commissary, 30 Nov. 1870
- lb. Ven. J.R. Darley, to institute to livings etc., 28 June 1872
2. Very Rev. Alexander Ormer, dean of Ardagh, as bishop's commissary, 4 Apr. 1883
3. Rev. R.W. Boyd, Longford, as diocesan registrar, 28 Nov. 1891
4. Ven. Frederic Potterton, archdeacon of Ardagh, as dean of Ardagh, 21 Dec. 1896
5. Very Rev. Frederic Potterton, dean of Ardagh, as bishop's commissary, 21 Dec. 1896
6. Rev. W.R. Moore, rector of Kiltoghart, as archdeacon of Ardagh, 23 Dec. 1896
7. Rev. Henry Justice, rector of Mohill, as rural dean, 4 Feb. 1908
8. Rev. Thomas Reilly, rector of Rathaspeck, as dean of Ardagh, 1 Apr. 1913
9. Rev. W.J. Lindsay. Rathowen as diocesan registrar, 17 Nov. 1921
10. Wm. R[ichard] Moore, Bishop of Kilmore to [W.J.] Lindsay, registrarship of the diocese and sustentation of Rathaspeck, 25 Jan. 1922
11. Bishop Moore licencing of Byrd to Mohill, 25 Dec. 1922
12. Rev. George Tugham, rector of Mohill, as marriage licencer for the diocese, 3 Feb. 1925
13. Rev. Robert Desmond Holtby, as bishop's curate, Drumshambo, Kiltubride and Kilronan [act of induction], 14 June 1956

2/ Declarations of assent, letters testamentary, bene decessit, si quis, 1895-1953:

1. Assent, William Lea, Kilglass, 16 November 1895
2. Assent, R.W. Boyd, Kilronan, 17 Jan. 1897
3. Assent, Thomas Reilly. Rathaspeck, 4 Feb. 1900
4. Assent, William Pollard, Killashee, 8 Apr. 1900
5. Assent, F.J. Armstrong. Streete, 13 May 1900
6. Assent, C.E. Keane, Mostrim, 22 July 1900

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7. Assent, G.G. Wadsworth, Gowna, 8 Feb. 1903
 8. Bene decessit, Andrew Graham, St. Clement, Bristol, 10 Dec. 1907
 9. Letters recommendatory. Andrew Graham, 11 Dec. 1907
 10. Assent, J.T. Webster, Ballymachugh, 19 Apr. 1908
 11. Assent, W.J. Lindsay, 18 July 1909
 12. Letters testimonial, C.G. Metcalfe, Mohill, 26 May 1914
 13. Si quis, C.G. Metcalfe, 1 June 1914
 14. Assent, Henry Justice, Templemichael, 21 Jan. 1916
 15. Bene decessit, W.T. Stewart, Glenageary (Dublin), 22 Nov. 1922
 16. Act of induction, William McQuade, Clongish & Clooncumber, 5 July 1951
 17. Medical report, W.D. Norman, 13 Aug. 1951
 18. Nomination to curacy of Kilcommick, W.D. Norman, 21 Aug. 1951
 19. Copy birth certificate, W.D. Norman, 24 Aug. 1951
 20. Letters testimonial, W.D. Norman, 1 Sept. 1951
 21. Si quis, W.D. Norman, Malahide (Dublin), 9 Sept. 1951
 22. Copy confirmation certificate, W.D. Norman, St. Bartholomew (Dublin), 10 Sept. 1951
 23. Bene decessit, T.J. Bond, Bourney (Killaloe), 12 Feb. 1952
 24. Bene decessit, G.M. Kidd, Achill (Tuam), 24 Jan. 1953
 25. Si quis, R.H. Bertram, Billis, 6 Sept. 1953

3/ Acts of institution, 1891-1921

1. Henry Justice, Mohill, 19 Aug. 1891
2. William Lea, Kilglass, 16 Nov. 1895
3. R.W. Boyd, Kilronan, 26 Oct. 1896
4. Do.
5. William Welwood, Fenagh, 30 Jan. 1897
6. Edward Briscoe, Moydow, 15 Feb. 1897
7. P.K. Lyon, Kilcommack, 14 Mar. 1897
8. John Brown, Mostrim, 19 May 1897
9. Thomas Reilly, Rathaspick, 3 Feb. 1897
10. William Pollard, Killashee, 2 Apr. 1900
11. F.J.A. Beere, Streete, 9 May 1900
12. John Brown, Cashel & Rathcline, 9 May 1900
13. G.E. Keane, Mostrim, 16 July 1900
14. G.G. Wadsworth, Columbkille, 2 Feb. 1903

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15. John Brown, Clongish, 16 Mar. 1906
 16. R.J. Mitchell, Cashel & Rathcline, 30 Apr. 1906
 17. W.R. Moore, Templemichael, 12 Mar. 1907
 18. Do. [includes declaration of assent], 17 Mar. 1907
 19. J.C. Beresford, Kiltoghart, 1 May 1907
 20. Andrew Graham, Streete, 3 Jan. 1908
 21. H.J. Johnson, Clonbrony, 20 Jan. 1908
 22. J.T. Webster, Ballymachugh, 19 Apr. 1908
 23. M.W.G. Hammick, Ardagh, 8 Oct. 1908
 24. Andrew Graham, Cloone, 1 Apr. 1910
 25. Richard Hemphill Mostrim, 14 Feb. 1914
 26. A.R. Burriss, Granard, 8 Apr. 1915
 27. Henry Justice, Templemichael, 31 Jan. 1916
 28. T.J. Bayly, Mohill, 1 Apr. 1916
 29. H.P. Woodhouse, Drumshambo, 13 Oct. 1916
 30. H.F. Crampton, Cloone, 8 Mar. 1917
 31. John Armstrong, Kilcommick, 5 June 1917
 32. W.J. Lindsay, Rathaspick, 22 July 1920
 33. George Tugham, Mohill, 8 Dec. 1921

4/ **Resignations, 1892-1960**

1. A.J. Tilson, Kilglass, 19 May 1892
2. R.T. Bevan, Streete, 31 Mar. 1900
3. Edward Briscoe, Moydow, 7 Oct. 1909
4. Louis Cloak, Cloone, 31 Dec. 1909
5. G.E. Keane, Mostrim, 11 Oct. 1913
6. W.J. Lindsay, Granard, 28 Dec. 1914
7. T.F. Browne, Kiltubrid, 30 June 1915
8. P.K. Lyon, Kilcommick, 20 Apr. 1917
9. William Weiwood, Fenagh, 15 Nov. 1921
10. William Pollard, Killashee, 31 Oct. 1923
11. A.R. Burriss, Granard, 18 Sept. 1925
12. Robert Doherty, Kiltubride, 23 Sept. 1926
13. William Norman, curate-in-charge, Kilcommick and Moydow, 26 Sept. 1956
14. Samuel John Leighton, Clongish and Clooncumber, 23 Oct. 1956
15. A.M.B. Mills; Templemichael, 21 Jan. 1960

5/ **Nominations, 1897-1923**

1. William Welwood to Fenagh, 20 Jan. 1897
2. Edward Briscoe to Moydow, 27 Jan. 1897
3. P.K. Lyon to Kilcommick, 5 Mar. 1897

- 5/ 4. John Brown to Mostrim, 9 Apr. 1897
5. F.W.B. Jobson to curacy of Mohill, 24 Feb. 1899
6. S.F. Kellett to curacy of Clongish, 16 Sept. 1899
7. Charles Browne to Rathaspick, 12 Jan. 1900
8. William Pollard to Ballymacormack, 7 Feb. 1900
9. John Browne to Cashel & Rathcline, 21 Apr. 1900
10. F.J.A. Beere to Streete, 21 Apr. 1900
- 10a. G.E. Keane to Mostrim, 5 June 1900
11. G.G. Wadsworth to Columbkille & Gowna, 8 Jan. 1903
12. John Brown to Clongish, 18 Jan. 1908
13. W.R. Moore to Templemichael, 22 Feb. 1907
14. H.J. Johnson to Clonbrony, 9 Jan. 1908
15. R.W. Boyd to Ardagh, 4 Feb. 1908
16. J.T. Webster to Ballymachugh, 10 Mar. 1908
17. G.E. Keane to Abbeylara, 16 Apr. 1909
18. R. Hemphill to Mostrim, 2 Dec. 1913
19. C. C. Metcalfe to curacy of Mohill, 10 Mar. 1916
20. A.R. Burriss to Granard, 26 Mar. 1915
21. Henry Justice to Templemichae, 4 Jan. 1916
22. T.J. Bayly to Mohill, 10 Mar. 1916
23. Do.
24. Andrew Graham to Columbkille & Gowna, 7 Dec. 1916
25. Do.
26. H.F. Crampton to Cloone, 5 Feb. 1917
27. George Hamilton to curacy of Mohill, 8 May 1917
28. John Armstrong to Kilcommick, 21 May 1917
29. George Hamilton to curacy of Mohill, 20 May 1918
30. W.G. Coleman to curacy of Templemichael, 22 Dec. 1922
31. H.S. Burd to curacy of Mohill, 30 Dec. 1923

6/ Letters of priests' and deacons' orders, 1899-1917

1. F.W.B. Jobson, deacon for Mohill, 26 Feb. 1899
2. W.B. Naylor, deacon for Drumkeeran, 26 Feb. 1899
3. H.B. Swanzy, deacon for Monaglass, 26 Feb. 1899
4. S.F. Kellett, deacon for Clongish, 24 Sept. 1899
5. F.W.B. Jobson, priest, 10 June 1900
6. C.S. Stewart, priest, 23 Sept. 1900
7. Robert Burke, deacon, 23 Dec. 1900
8. S.F. Kellett, priest, 25 Mar. 1901
9. E.A. Forster, priest, 26 Dec. 1901
10. F.W. O'Connell, deacon, 25 May 1902
11. Robert Burke, priest, 27 Dec. 1902
12. F.W. O'Connell, priest, 11 June 1903

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13. W.R. Keillor, priest, on letters dimissory from the bishop of Tuam, 27 May 1907
 14. J.F. Shearman, deacon for Templemichael, 22 Sept. 1907
 15. J.F. Shearman, priest, 20 Sept. 1908
 16. Do.
 17. F.W. Bonyngne, deacon, 25 Sept. 1910
 18. F.W. Bonyngne, priest, 21 Dec. 1911
 19. C.S. Devenish, deacon, 3 Mar. 1912
 20. C.S. Devenish, priest, 18 Mar. 1912
 21. C.G. Metcalfe, deacon, 15 June 1913
 22. C.G. Metcalfe, priest, 29 June 1914
 23. George Hamilton, deacon, 3 June 1917

13/ Miscellaneous diocesan registry files, 1870-1955:

1/ Mandates, petitions & miscellaneous registry papers, 1870-1907

1. Thos. [Carson, bishop of] Kilmore to. John Wilson - offers registrarship of Ardagh, 21 Dec. 1870
 2. Declaration of John Wilson for registrar of Ardagh, 1 Jan. 1871
 3. George Hearn. [former registrar] to John .Wilson - registry advice, 18 Apr. [18]71
 4. Do., 14 June [18]71
 5. Do., 10 May [18]72
 6. Mandate for visitation of Ardagh, 10 July 1873
 7. Letters dimissory: from the bishop of Kildare to the bishop of Kilmore to ordain the Revd W.N. Biddulph as priest, 11 Nov. 1874
 8. Mandate for visitation of Ardagh, 17 Sept. 1875
 9. John R Daly [bishop of] Kilmore to the Rev. P.J. Moran giving summons to answer a charge of grave misconduct, 5 Sept. 1877
 10. Memo of proceedings against Rev. P.J. Moran in Longford church, 13 Mar. 1877
 11. Draft conveyance of Farnaught chapel of ease, parish of Cloone; the Hon. Charles Skeffington Clements to the diocesan trustees, 1879
 12. Draft petition to consecrate church in parish of Cloone, erected out of funds supplied by late Earl of Leitrim, 1879
 13. Petition to consecrate Farnaught church, 14 Nov. 1885
 14. Inventory of papers in Ardagh diocesan registry, 1892
 15. Mandate for visitation of Ardagh, 8 Aug. 1894
- [note that there are no documents for nos. 16 & 17]

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18. Mandate for visitation of Ardagh, 10 Oct. 1898
 19. Letters dimissory, from the bishop of Clogher to the bishop of Kilmore, to ordain deacon H.B. Swanzy, 7 Feb. 1899
 20. Do. For W.B. Naylor, 7 Feb. 1899
 21. Mandate for visitation of Ardagh, 29 Aug. 1901
 22. Court of the Irish Land Commission: order vesting lands in Mohill in the Representative Church Body, 13 Dec. 1901
 23. Mandate for visitation of Ardagh, 2 July 1904
 24. Letters dimissory, the bishop of Tuam to the bishop of Kilmore, to ordain priest, W.R. Keiller, 23 May 1907

2/ Licences, 1871-1923

1. Draft general licence to Essex Edgeworth of Kilshrewley, Co. Longford, 1871
2. Revocation of licence for non-residence, A.W. West, dean of Ardagh, 17 Dec. 1873
3. Licence to the minister of Annaduff to perform services in Dromod school house, 22 Oct. 1879
4. John Brown to be curate of Mohill, 13 Jan. 1897
5. J.A. Thompson to be curate of Templemichael, 13 Jan. 1897
6. A.T. Webbe to be curate, Clongish, 6 Sept. 1898
7. S.F. Kellett to be deacon, Clongish, 2 Apr. 1900
8. F.W.B. Jobson to be deacon, Mohill, 2 Apr. 1900
9. E.A. Forster to be deacon, Clonbrony, 29 Aug. 1901
10. Robert Burke to be deacon, Mohill, 29 Aug. 1901
11. S.F. Kellett to be curate, Clongish, 29 Aug. 1901
12. F.W. O'Connell, to be deacon, Clongish, 9 Sept. 1902
13. Henry Justice, to perform services in Mohill parochial hall, 20 May 1903
14. F.W. O'Connell to be curate, Drumshambo, 20 July 1904
15. J.F. Shearman to be deacon, Templemichael, 4 Feb. 1904
16. F.W. Bonyngé to be curate, Mohill, 1912
17. R.C.S. Devenish to be deacon, Templemichael, 10 Sept. 1912
18. R.C.S. Devenish to be curate, Templemichael, 18 Mar. 1913
19. H.P. Woodhouse to Drumshambo, 28 May 1914
20. C. G. Metcalfe to be curate, Mohill, 29 July 1914
21. Declaration by W.H. Bond, Ballinlough for special marriage licence, 9 Nov. 1914
22. George Hamilton to be deacon, Mohill, 3 June 1917
23. George Hamilton to be curate, Mohill, 26 May 1918
24. J.W. Maver to be curate, Templemichael, 27 Jan. 1919

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- 2/ 25. R.B.B. Smyth to be curate, Drumshambo, 1 Apr. 1921
- 26. W.T. Stewart to Gowna & Columbkille, 1 Dec. 1928
- 27. Declaration by W.F. Stephenson, Granard for special marriage licence, 9 Aug. 1923

3/ Papers relating to burial grounds, c. 1866-1955

- 1. Declaration by Rev. J.H.J. Powell, rector of Clongish that the burying ground attached to the ruined church of Clongish was used exclusively by the parish, [undated, but between 1866 & 1873]
- 2. Petition of Lady Louisa Tenison, the earl of Kingston and Florence, countess of Kingston (nee Tenison) for consecration of a vault in the parish of Kilronan and the exhumation and deposit therein of the remains of Col. Edward King Tenison, 30 Mar. 1880
- 3. Conveyance of a plot for an additional burying ground, Lady Louisa Tenison to the bishop of Kilmore and incumbent of Kilronan (includes map), 3 June 1880
- 4. Licence to Rev. Richard Connolly, Kilronan, to exhume the remains of Col. King Tenison and inter them in the new vault [no. 2 above], 16 June 1880
- 5. Deed of consecration of new vault [see nos 2 & 4 above], 16 June 1880
- 6. Receipted account from John Wilson, diocesan registrar to earl of Kingston, registry fees for exhumation & consecration [see 5 above], 2 July 1880
- 7. Map of Ballymacormick burial ground, 28 Sept. 1881, with copy of resolution of the diocesan council, dated 28 Sept. 1881, annexed relating to reserving portion of burial ground for protestants, 30 Sept, 1881
- 8. Petition to consecrate the new burying ground of Ballymacormick, 24 Oct. 1881
- 9. Act of consecration of Ballymacormick burying ground, 27 Oct. 1881
- 10. Plan of Fenagh church and burial ground, 7 July 1884
- 11. Petition to consecrate new burial ground in Fenagh churchyard, 8 July 1884
- 12. Act of consecration of Fenagh burial ground, 11 July 1884
- 13. Petition to consecrate burial ground for Farnaught church, parish of Cloone, 3 Jan. 1892
- 14. Act of consecration of Farnaught burial ground, 3 Jan. 1892
- 15. Plan of new cemetery, Edgeworthstown, 5 Sept. 1892

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16. Petition to consecrate - part of Edgeworthstown cemetery for the parishioners of Mostrim, 12 Nov. 1892
 17. Act of consecration of new cemetery of Mostrim, 12 Nov. 1892
 18. Copy grant of additional graveyard for parish of Streete, reserving portion as private burial ground: John Wilson to the Representative Church Body (includes map), 21 Jan. 1899
 19. Petition to consecrate an addition to the graveyard of Streete, 20 Nov. 1899
 20. Act of consecration of Streete graveyard
 21. Petition to consecrate enlargement of Mohill graveyard, 30 May 1902
 22. Act of consecration of Mohill graveyard, 30 May 1902
 - 22A Papers relating to the transfer of Cloone burial ground to the Rural District Council
11 items
1905-07
 23. Petition to consecrate portion of Lyranmore graveyard reserved for parish of Ardagh, 9 May 1906
 24. Act of consecration of Ardagh graveyard, 9 May 1906
 25. Copy conveyance of part of Killoe globe for an additional burying ground for Clonbroney: Thomas Donohue to Trustees (includes a map of the property), 13 Aug. 1906
 26. Petition to consecrate and act of consecration for additional burying ground for Clonbroney, 12 May 1907
 27. Copy conveyance of plot for graveyard adjoining Kiltoghart graveyard: Mrs. Petronella Whyte & C.C.B. White to the Diocesan Trustees (includes a map of the property), 30 Oct. 1909
 23. Petition to consecrate and act of consecration of addition to Kiltoghart graveyard, 9 Jan. 1910
 29. Act of consecration of burial ground in parish of Carrick-on-Shannon, 6 July 1942
 30. Petition to consecrate portion of Killendowd cemetery reserved for parish of Tashinny, 20 Mar. 1955
 31. Act of consecration of portion of Killendowd cemetery, 20 Mar. 1955

Other miscellaneous material, 1878-1950s

1. Widows' Fund: statement of the treasurer's account, being a printed report for the year ending 1 February 1878.
1878

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2. Representative Church Body accounts, as follows:
 1. Killashee repair loan account, 1938-49
 2. Killashee parochial endowment capital account, 1894-1941
 3. Ballymacormick parochial endowment capital account, 1924
- 2a Diocesan Board of Education Income & Expenditure Account Book 1914-88
3. Letter to Bishop Mitchell from several parishioners of Killashee and Ballymaccormack, expressing concern that the Rev Robert William Wolfe [ordained 1930] is intended to be appointed to the parish, and also about the reduction in parish subscriptions. [Wolfe appears to have served subsequently as curate in charge of Killashee from 1955 until his retirement in 1968. He died 28 June 1970].
6 May 1954
4. Papers relating to the consecration of Clooneshebane burial ground, Carrick-on-Shannon, 1941-42, and the extension of Kilmactranny burial ground, 1950
7 items
1941-42; 1950
5. Memorial of the general vestry of the parish of Ardagh, recording the grateful thanks of the parish to the Revd Canon William and Mrs Mabel Allcard, for all their work in the parish and hoping that this would continue. Allcard served as rector between 1943 and 1966.
[undated, 1950s?]

15/ Nomination Records

1. Board of Nomination Minute Book
1871-2008
2. Nominations Declaration Book
1871-1986

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1/ Subscription rolls

1. 1932-39 (including 1930-32 for Ardagh)
2. 1939-50
3. 1950-55
4. 1956

2/ Letter book

1. Outgoing correspondence copy press book, containing handwritten letters issued by the diocesan secretary of Elphin and Ardagh, the Venerable Henry J. Johnson, with a few incoming letters interleaved.
Handwritten, 625pp. [indexed]
1929-40

3/ Accounts

1. Book of accounts containing contributions to parochial assessment and other diocesan funds. Appears to mostly cover parishes in Ardagh.
1972-96
2. Miscellaneous joint account book for Elphin and Ardagh, under the following heads:
Diocesan Expenses Fund, Diocesan Assessment Fund, Quarterly Stipend Schemes, Episcopal Endowment Fund, Columbkille Parochial Fund, Diocesan Expenses Fund, Diocesan Secretary's accounts, Auxiliary Fund.
1872-1910
3. Miscellaneous account book for Elphin and Ardagh, divided under the following heads:
Diocesan secretary in account with the Diocesan Council of Ardagh, Diocesan Expenses Fund, Diocesan Curate, shared by Kilmore and Ardagh, incomes of parishes during vacancies; Moydow parish in account with Ardagh Stipend Fund; Drumshambo Glebe; Templemichael curate in account with the diocese of Elphin and Ardagh
1905-40
4. Parish Assessment Book
Book of accounts for parishes in both Elphin and Ardagh, giving returns of their annual assessments
1936-1955

4/ Miscellaneous material, 1935-58

1. Correspondence relating to the licensing for marriages at Farnaught church.
6 items
1936-37
2. Diocesan architects' agreement. Not executed.
[undated, 1939-50]
3. Special marriage licence. Not executed.
[undated, 1939-50]
4. Registrar's notebook, containing the succession lists of deans, archdeacons and miscellaneous other clergy in the dioceses of Elphin and Ardagh, with biographical details, and references to sources, compiled by the diocesan registrar, Revd John Armstrong.
25 March 1940
5. Letters testimonial for Rev. Arthur Cotter from-the bishop of Chichester
14 Oct. 1950
6. Draft nomination of Rev. R.G.M. Harris to the parish of Cloone.
1946
7. Papers relating to repairs at Kilcommick glebe.
1948-49
8. Copy agreement between the RCB and James Reynolds of Roosky, County Roscommon, concerning the demolition of Roosky church, and purchase of the site and portion of the adjoining churchyard.
1957
9. Schedules of names with addresses of clergy widows together with annuities paid by the Diocesan Office
1956-57
10. Appointment of the Revd William Thompson Howard Slater, incumbent of Clonbroney, Killoe and Columbkille, to be rural dean of Elphin and Ardagh.
1 April 1958
11. Copy nominations of the Revd Canon Alfred Birch and subsequently the Revd Edward Frederick Forrest, to be incumbent of the newly amalgamated union of Rathaspeck, Streete, and Kilglass
5 May 1958 & 21 October 1958