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

1724-2003

**From Revd Canon J.M.G. Sirr, Diocesan Registrar, 1983;
the Rt Revd Kenneth Clarke, Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, 2003; and the
Rt Revd Ferran Glenfield, Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, 2017.**

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 and again in 2007. 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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D4/ Records of the Diocese of Elphin

1/ Title book

1871-88

2/ Visitations & Rural deanery reports

(note that various items of correspondence were extracted from some of the volumes below for the period 1878 to 1883, and have been catalogued separately in the miscellaneous section 14/3 – page 12 below).

1. 1825
2. 1825
3. 1854
4. 1855
5. 1856
6. 1857
7. 1857
8. 1859
9. 1861-62
10. 1862
11. 1864
12. 1868
13. 1873
14. 1873 [rural dean's report]
15. 1874
16. 1875
17. 1878
18. 1879
19. 1880
20. 1882
21. 1884
22. 1891
23. 1892 [rural dean's report]
24. 1893

2A/ Petitions relating to diocesan clergy

1. Petition addressed to the Most Revd Lord John George Beresford, archbishop of Armagh and primate of all Ireland (1822-62), protesting against the 'severe privations' incurred by clergy of the diocese on the withholding of their incomes, with cover explanatory letter from the Revd Charles Smith, vicar general of the diocese of Elphin.
February 1836
2. Draft response of primate to the clergy of the diocese of Elphin thanking them for the sentiments expressed, with another address to the clergy of Kilmore, Ardagh and Meath, answering some of the recent sentiments expressed, signed 'J.G.A.[rmagh]
undated

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3/ Subscription rolls and rolls of clergy

1. Subscription roll, 1870-1930
2. Subscription roll, 1930-32
3. Loose roll of clergy made at the visitation, dated 6 Sept. 1882.
1882
4. Loose roll of clergy
Undated

4/ Accounts

1. Registrar's cash account book
1851-72
2. Registry ledger
1865-70
3. Report of the contributions to the Church Sustentation Fund for the
diocese of Elphin, printed in 1874
31 December 1873
4. Note of arrears of assessment
Undated

5/ Register of curates' licences

1. 1868-72

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

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
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

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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

8.1/ 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]

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

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

8.3/ 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

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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

8.4/ 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
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.

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

11 items
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8.6/ 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

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

112 items
1894-95, undated

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 | |

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9/ Diocesan Council Minute Books and Report

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/ Legal administration and rules and regulations of the diocese

1. Draft code of 'Rules and regulations for the diocese of Elphin', codified by the Diocesan Council and adopted by the Diocesan Synod.
1914
2. Legal opinion on the authority of commissary for the diocese of Elphin during the vacancy of the See, as presented by the chancellor of the province of Armagh, Richard Best, and the chancellor of the united dioceses of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, Edward Fitzgerald
16 December 1931

12/ Diocesan Reports

Bound volumes of reports as follows:

1. 1870-75
- 1a. 1871-76
2. 1876-85
- 2a. Report of the Diocesan Council for 1882, to be presented at the next meeting of the Diocesan Council. (Printed as single long sheet), 1882
3. 1886-94
4. 1895-1903
5. 1904-10
6. 1911-18
7. 1919-26
8. 1879, 1880, 1881
9. 1927, 1928, 1937
10. 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949
11. 1950, 1951, 1952, 1957, 1958, 1959
12. 1960, 1961, 1963, 1965

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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/ Other 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
- 1A. Board of Religious Education, Diocese of Elphin, printed schedule of examinations held in each parish, including list of members of the Board, and a cash account return. Single sheet
25 August 1882
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. Correspondence extracted from visitations and rural deans' reports relating to various parishes, as follows:
 1. Abbeylara, 1878 – 1881
 2. Ardagh, 1878 – 1881
 3. Annaduff, 1878 – 1880
 4. Ballymachugh, 1878 – 1878
 5. Ballymacomack, 1882 - 1882
 6. Cashel, 1878 – 1883
 7. Clonbroney, 1878 – 1882
 8. Clongish, 1878 – 1883
 9. Cloone, 1878 – 1883
 10. Frenagh, 1878 – 1883
 11. Gowna, 1878 - 1882

12. Granard, 1878 – 1881
13. Kilcommick, 1878 – 1882
14. Killashee, 1879 – 1882
15. Killenumery, 1878 – 1878
16. Killoe, 1878 – 1883
17. Kilronan, 1878 – 1880
18. Kiltoghart 1878 – 1882
19. Kiltubride, 1878 – 1883
20. Mohill, 1878 - 1883
21. Mostrim, 1878 – 1882
22. Moydown, 1878 – 1880
23. Rathaspeck, 1878 – 1882
24. Ratheline, 1878 – 1878
25. Tashinny, 1878 – 1881
26. Templemichael, 1878 – 1878
27. Shrule, 1878 – 1883
28. Street, 1878 - 1880

D4A/ Records of the Diocese of Ardagh

1/ Visitations

| | | | |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1. 1825 | 6. 1877 | 11. 1882 | 16. 1894 |
| 2. 1873 | 7. 1878 | 12. 1883 | 17. 1896 |
| 3. 1874 | 8. 1879 | 13. 1884 | |
| 4. 1875 | 9. 1880 | 14. 1885 | |
| 5. 1876 | 10. 1881 | 15. 1893 | |

2/ Rolls of clergy

1. 1870-97
2. 1870-1908
3. 1875
4. 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

4/ Diocesan Synod Papers and Minutes

1. 1869-1926
2. 1869-1872, with various Diocesan Council reports and other printed items pasted in.
3. Financial Scheme and Resolutions adopted by the Diocesan Synod, printed copy, October 1872
4. Memorial of the parishioners of Ballymacormick, submitted to the meeting of the Synod of Ardagh, held in Longford, 27 November 1874.

5/ Diocesan Resolutions

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

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2. Notes for Easter Vestries, 1872, being printed notice about the regulation of Easter Vestries in the diocese of Ardagh
1874
3. Rules and Regulations of the Diocese of Ardagh, codified by the Diocesan Council, printed 4 Sept. 1900

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Annual Reports

1. 1871-73 [bound]
2. 1874-80 [unbound]
3. 1878 [marked revised report, unbound]
4. 1881-90 [bound]
5. 1881-1900 [bound]
6. 1901-10 [bound]
7. 1910-20 [unbound]
8. 1927 [unbound]

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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]
3. Outsize Ordnance Survey map of the diocese with parishes coloured
Undated

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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

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9/ Printed notices

1. Outsize notices entitled: "Rules for the Management of Burial Grounds", for the diocese of Ardagh [2 identical copies]
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

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

12.1/ Appointments & commissions 1870-1925

1. Ven. J.R. Darley, archdeacon of Ardagh, as bishop's commissary,
11 Feb. 1870
- 1a. Ven. J.R. Darley, as bishop's commissary, 30 Nov. 1870
- 1b. 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

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10. Wm. R[ichard] Moore, Bishop of Kilmore to [W.J.] Lindsay, registrarship of diocese and Rathaspeck sustentation, 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

12.2/ 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
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

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12.3/ 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
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

12.4/ 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

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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

12.5/ 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
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 & Ratheline, 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

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30. W.G. Coleman to curacy of Templemichael, 22 Dec. 1922
31. H.S. Burd to curacy of Mohill, 30 Dec. 1923

12.6/ 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
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. Bonyngé, deacon, 25 Sept. 1910
18. F.W. Bonyngé, 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

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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

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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]
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

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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. Bonyngue 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
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

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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
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

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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

14/ 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
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
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

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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?]

D4B/ Elphin & Ardagh

1/ Subscription rolls

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

1A/ Elphin and Ardagh Diocesan Council Papers

1. Printed agenda papers and some correspondence from the Revd Henry J. Johnson, secretary of the united dioceses, and united diocesan council, with bishop's notes and annotations on same
1928-1938
2. Attendance Register
1959-1999
3. Lists of Council members (also the Finance Committee), synod members, nominators and Easter vestries.
1978-1993

2/ Letter book

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 cover Ardagh parishes]
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

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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 [Rt. Revd G.K.A. Bell].
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

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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
12. Handwritten memorandum reporting the condition of burial grounds in Elphin and Ardagh
Undated

D4B/5/ Diocesan reports [all loose]

1. 1927, 1928, 1937
2. 1942-49 [missing 1945]
3. 1950-52 & 1957-59
4. 1960, 1961, 1963, 1965

D4B/6/ Clerical Benevolent Society

Typescript document containing the rules and regulations of the Society, with list of the foundling committee
c. 1942-43

D4B/7/ Diocesan Glebes Committee

1. Minute Book
1942-2003

D4B/8/

Board of Mission

1. Account Book
1958-1995 (recording contributions and payments)
2. Miscellaneous loose papers, including typescript reports and other working papers
1979-1996

D4B/9/

Elphin and Ardagh Clerical Society

(Originally known as the Longford (Ardagh) Clerical Society, it became the Elphin and Ardagh Clerical Meeting from 27 October 1983)

1. Minute Book
1973-1996