

BILL NO 2**Explanatory Memorandum**

In 1970, in order to facilitate the grouping of parishes close to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, a Statute was passed by General Synod providing for a grouping of certain parishes in the city of Dublin with St. Patrick's Cathedral, having the Dean of St. Patrick's as Incumbent, assisted by a Vicar.

In 2009, in accordance with a recommendation from the Parochial Development and Organisation Committee of the United Dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough, the Diocesan Council agreed to ask the Diocesan Synods to seek to change this grouping.

The Diocesan Synods of Dublin & Glendalough in 2009 resolved that the parishes grouped around St. Patrick's Cathedral should, at the next vacancy in the incumbency, be established as a parish separate from the Cathedral with its own incumbent and that this should be the substance of a Bill at General Synod in 2010 .

The purpose of this Bill is to give effect to this parochial re-organisation in the Diocese of Dublin, in recognition of the fact that the requirements for the provision of ministry differ from time to time for parochial ministry in the diocese on the one hand and, on the other, for the Cathedral, which since 1872 ceased "to belong exclusively to the see of Dublin and Glendalough" having "a common relation to all the dioceses of the Church of Ireland". (*Constitution of the Church of Ireland, Chapter 7.20*)

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BILL

(at the request of the Diocesan Synods of Dublin and Glendalough)

To make new provision in respect of certain parishes in the City of Dublin

WHEREAS it is desirable that the group of parishes in the City of Dublin, listed in paragraph 2 of the Schedule to the Statute of the General Synod Chapter VII of 1970 and presently known as the St Patrick's Cathedral Group of Parishes, ceases to be grouped with the Collegiate and Cathedral Church of Saint Patrick, Dublin;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary that new provision, under Part II of Chapter III of the Constitution, be made in respect of the said group of parishes, such provision to come into effect upon the next vacancy in the incumbency of the said group of parishes;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2010 and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. With effect from the date upon which the next vacancy in the incumbency of the St Patrick's Cathedral Group of Parishes occurs:
 - (i) the parishes of St Peter, St Matthias and St Audoen; St Catherine and St James; St Luke and St Kevin, which are listed in paragraph 2 of the Schedule to the Statute of the General Synod Chapter VII of 1970 and which are presently grouped with the Collegiate and Cathedral Church of Saint Patrick, Dublin and known as the St Patrick's Cathedral Group of Parishes, shall cease to be so grouped; and
 - (ii) under the provisions of Part II of Chapter III of the Constitution, and in particular of sections 27 and 28 thereof, the Diocesan Synods of Dublin and Glendalough shall make provision for a union of parishes incorporating each of the aforesaid listed parishes together under one incumbent, to be known as St Catherine and St James with St Audoen.
2. With effect from the date upon which the next vacancy in the incumbency of the St Patrick's Cathedral Group of Parishes occurs, the provisions of the Statute of the General Synod Chapter VII of 1970 and the Schedule thereto shall cease to have effect.