

Bill No 1**Explanatory Memorandum**

At present, the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Achonry is St Crumnathy's Cathedral, Achonry. This Church has been closed since 1997.

The Bill seeks to amend the provisions of the Statute of 1891, Chapter I and make St Patrick's Cathedral, Killala the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Achonry as well as Killala.

It is proposed to unite the two Chapters of St Patrick's Cathedral, Killala and St Crumnathy's Cathedral, Achonry according to the provisions of the Schedule to the Bill.

The provisions of this Bill were passed unanimously by the Diocesan Synods of Tuam, Killala and Achonry at the Diocesan Synod in Tuam on 29th September 2012.

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BILL

To provide for the future management and regulation of the Cathedrals of the United Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry

WHEREAS it is expedient to alter the provisions for the appointment of clergy to the dignities and canonries of the Cathedrals of the United Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that St Patrick's Cathedral, Killala shall henceforth be designated the Cathedral Church of Killala and Achonry and shall replace St Crumnathy's, Achonry as the diocesan Cathedral of Achonry;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Cathedral Chapters of Killala and Achonry shall be united;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to preserve the ancient prebendaries attaching to the said Cathedral Churches;

AND WHEREAS to give effect to the alteration of the said provisions it is necessary to amend the provisions of the following statute, namely 1891 Chapter I;

AND WHEREAS the designation of St Patrick's Cathedral Church, Killala as the Cathedral Church of Killala and Achonry has been determined and approved by resolution of the Diocesan Synod of the United Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry held in Tuam on 29th September 2012;

AND WHEREAS the two Cathedral Chapters have agreed to the provisions contained in this Act which have been approved at a meeting of the Diocesan Synods of the United Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry held in Tuam on 29th September 2012;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland, in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2013, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Statute of 1891 Chapter I, the Cathedral Church of St Patrick, Killala shall henceforth be the diocesan Cathedral of Killala and Achonry.
2. The Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St Patrick, Killala shall be reconstituted, in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to this Act, to form the Cathedral Chapter of Killala and Achonry.
3. No person shall have more than one vote in the Chapter, except the Dean or the Chairman of the said Chapter for the time being, who shall have an ordinary and casting vote.
4. The provisions of Sections I, II, III, IV, V and VI of the Statute of 1891 Chapter I are hereby repealed.

Schedule**The Chapter of St Patrick's Cathedral, Killala, Cathedral Church of Killala and Achonry**

1. The Chapter of St Patrick's Cathedral, Killala shall consist of the following:
 - i. The Dean of Killala (who shall henceforth be styled 'the Dean of Killala and Achonry')
 - ii. The Archdeacon of Killala and Achonry
 - iii. The Prebendary or Canon of Errew
 - iv. The Prebendary or Canon of Lackan
 - v. The Prebendary or Canon of Killanley and Ardagh
 - vi. The Prebendary or Canon of Killaraght and Kilmovee
 - vii. The Prebendary or Canon of Ballisodare

2. It shall be lawful for any member of the Chapter of Killala and Achonry to hold also an additional Prebend or Canon Stall in St Patrick's Cathedral, Killala.