

Ordination of New Bishops

Bláithín Gallagher

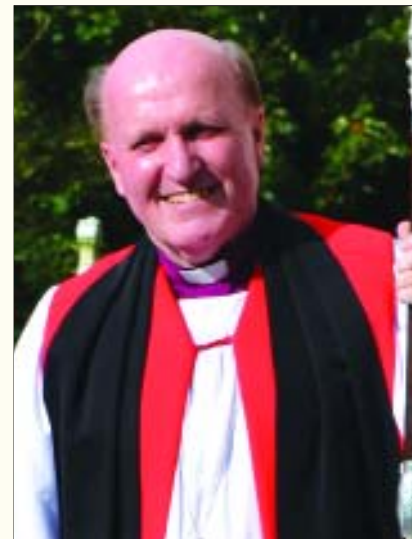
Roman Catholic Bishop

BISHOP FRANCIS DUFFY was born on 21 April 1958 in the parish of Templeport, Co Cavan to parents Mary Catherine Dolan and the late Frank Duffy. He is the oldest of four children. Father Francis attended primary school at Munlough National School, Bawnboy and completed his post-primary education at Saint Patrick's College, Cavan. Father Francis Duffy studied for the priesthood at Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth and was ordained a priest for the diocese of Kilmore on 20 June 1982 in Saint Mogue's Church, Bawnboy, Co Cavan by Bishop Francis MacKiernan. For eleven years Father Francis was on the teaching staff of Saint Patrick's College, Cavan, where he taught history, religion and Irish. Father Francis was appointed principal of Fatima and Felim's Secondary School, Ballinamore, Co Leitrim in 1996. After twelve years as principal Father Francis was appointed Diocesan Secretary and Chancellor. He had the additional responsibilities of financial administrator, communications officer and archivist. He was resident priest in the parish of Laragh, Co Cavan until his episcopal ordination as Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois on October 6th, 2013 at St Mary's Pro-cathedral Athlone.



Church of Ireland Bishop

THE RT REVD FERRAN GLENFIELD, Bishop of the Dioceses of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, is a graduate of Queen's University Belfast. He was a Secondary School teacher before training for the ordained ministry and completed theological studies in Trinity College Dublin and the University of Oxford. Ordained deacon in 1991 for the Douglas Union of Parishes, he continued to serve in the Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross as the Rector of Rathcooney Union of Parishes. In 1996 he moved to Dublin Diocese to become the Rector of Kill O' the Grange Parish in Blackrock where he served for sixteen years before moving to Hillsborough in 2012. In addition to parish experience, he has been involved in theological education most notably through the Irish College of Preachers and the Church of Ireland Theological Institute.



Bishop Ferran Glenfield was ordained and consecrated as the Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh by the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland on 31st May, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. He was then enthroned on 9th June at St John's Cathedral (Cathedral of Elphin and Ardagh) and on 16th June at the Cathedral Church of St Fethlimidh, Kilmore (Bedell Memorial Church). He is married to Jean, who is Head of the Preparatory Department in Wesley College, Dublin. The couple have 3 children; Michael who works as a teacher in Bristol, Richard who is studying at The Irish Baptist College and Esther who is an undergraduate at Queens College in Cambridge.