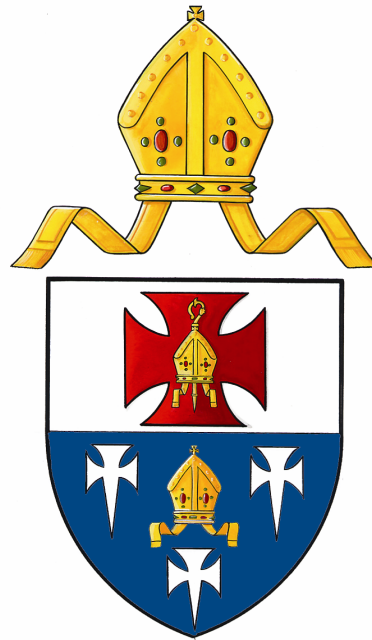

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UNITED DIOCESES OF CORK, CLOYNE AND ROSS



DIOCESAN SYNOD 2026

REPORTS

**INCLUDING
DIOCESAN REGULATIONS AND RULES TO ORDER THE DIOCESAN SYNOD**

Cork, Cloyne and Ross Diocesan Synod 2026

ANNUAL REPORTS

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APPOINTMENTS, LICENSING, COMMISSIONING, INSTITUTIONS, ORDINATIONS, RESIGNATIONS and RETIREMENTS

Appointments

5 January 2026	The Rev. Elise A. Hanley - Board for Ministry with Children and Families
19 June 2026	The Ven. Andrew Orr- Elected as the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross

Licensing

24 July 2026	The Rev. John Tanner - Permission to Officiate in the Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross
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Ordinations

31 August 2025	The Rev. Andrew Coleman - Ordained Local Minister, Bandon Union
13 June 2026	The Rev. Alan Howe - Ordained Local Minister, Bandon Union
13 June 2026	The Rev. Jean Taylor - Ordained Local Minister, Cobh and Glanmire Union
30 September 2026	Proposed ordination and consecration of the Bishop-Elect The Ven. Andrew Orr, as the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross

Resignations

29 January 2026	The Rev. Abigail Sines - Associate Minister, Carrigrohane Union
30 April 2026	The Rt. Rev. W. Paul Colton - Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross
31 August 2026	The Rev. Cn. Elaine Murray - Rector, Carrigaline Union
31 August 2026	The Rev. Cn. Robert Ferris - Rector, Carrigrohane Union
30 September 2026	The Very Rev. Susan Green, Dean of Cloyne

Deaths

23 April 2026	The Rev. Peter Thomas Hanna
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GENERAL LICENCE	
Clergy Andrew J. Coleman Alan G. Marley Daniel R. Nuzum Bandon Grammar School (<i>Vacancy</i>)	Lay Emmanuel Adebisi Melvin Beamish Linda Deane Samuel Jennings Susan Perrott Judith Peters Dorothy Verplancke <i>One vacancy as at 31 August</i>
DIOCESAN COUNCIL	
	Tim Bracken Emma Brennan Ann Bryan Edward Gash Frances Jennings <i>Three vacancies as at 31 August</i>

Bandon Grammar School

The Council expresses its sincere gratitude to the Principal, Bursar and Board of Directors of Bandon Grammar School for their generous hosting of the Diocesan Synod at the School since 2024. The 2026 Diocesan Synod has been scheduled for Saturday 10th October 2026, also at Bandon Grammar School. 2026 is a triennial year.

August 2026

The Ven. Andrew Orr Bishop elect Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross

Representatives to the General Synod 2023-26

CLERICAL: The Ven Andrew Orr, the Very Rev. Susan Green, the Rev. Canon John Ardis, the Very Rev. Nigel Dunne, the Rev. Anne Skuse, the Rev. Canon Paul Willoughby, the Rev. Kingsley Sutton, the Rev. Meghan Farr, the Very Rev. Cliff Jeffers, the Rev. Canon Denis MacCarthy, the Rev. Dr. William Olhausen and the Rev. Stephen McCann.

There are no clerical supplementals.

LAY: Helen Arnopp, Melvin Beamish, Hilda Connolly, Linda Deane, Dorothy Verplancke, William Skuse, Gordon Coombes, Dr. Edward Gash, Avril Jennings, Dr. Alicia St Leger, Peter Stobart, Hilary Dring, Dr. Simon Woodworth, Heather Fleming, Judith Peters, Ann Buttmer, Patricia Bogan, Richard Wood, Dr Simon Elliott, Tim Bracken, Stephen Spillane, Sylvia Helen, Richard Godsil, Robin Newenham, Eunice Jeffers and John C.R. Buttmer.

Lay Supplementals: Oriel Hosford, John de Montfort, Joan Jeffrey, Vicky Coomber, Veronica Deane, Matt Gould, Margaret Skuce, Raymond Good and John Kershaw

Episcopal Electoral Representatives 2023-26

CLERICAL: The Ven. Andrew Orr, the Rev. Canon John Ardis, the Very Rev. Nigel Dunne, the Very Rev. Susan Green, the Rev. Canon Alan G. Marley, the Very Rev. Cliff Jeffers, the Rev. Canon Denis MacCarthy, the Rev. Dr William Olhausen, the Rev. Meurig Williams, the Rev. Terry Mitchell, the Rev. Canon Meghan Farr and the Rev. Canon Dr Daniel Nuzum

The Rev. Dr William Olhausen was called to replace the Rev. Abigail Sines, who ceased to serve in the Diocese on Jan 29 2026. The Rev. Canon Meghan Farr and the Rev. Canon Dr Daniel Nuzum were called to replace the Rev. Canon Robert Ferris and the Rev. Canon Elaine Murray, who ceased to serve in the Diocese on 31 August 2026.

Clerical Supplemental: the Rev. Richard Dring, the Rev. Kingsley Sutton, the Rev. Tony Murphy, the Rev. Stephen McCann, the Rev. Ivan Ruiters, the Rev. Jean Carney and the Rev. Carole Pound.

LAY: Gordon Coombes, Linda Deane, Dr. Alicia St Leger, Helen Arnopp, Judith Peters, Melvin Beamish, William Skuse, Dorothy Verplancke, Hilda Connolly, Hilary Dring, Peter Stobart and Dr Simon Woodworth.

Peter Stobart was called to replace the Rev. Andrew Coleman, who was ordained on 31 August 2025.

Lay Supplemental: Eunice Jeffers, Dr Simon Elliott, Patricia Bogan, Richard Wood, Heather Fleming, Robin Newenham, Dr Edward Gash and Tim Bracken.

Committee of Patronage (Diocesan Nominators) 2023-26

CLERICAL: The Very Rev. Susan Green, the Ven. Andrew Orr, the Very Rev. Nigel Dunne and the Rev. Canon Alan G. Marley.

Clerical Supplemental: The Rev. Canon John Ardis and the Rev. Meurig Williams.

LAY: William Skuse

Lay Supplemental: Gordon Coombes and Dr Alicia St Leger.

Diocesan Court 2023-26

CLERICAL: The Very Rev. Nigel K. Dunne, the Ven. Andrew Orr and the Very Rev. Susan Green.

LAY: Lyndon MacCann, S.C., Chancellor (ex-officio), Judith Peters, John Deane and Trevor Stephens.

Members of General Synod Standing Committee 2024-2027:

The Ven. Andrew Orr and the Rev. Canon John Ardis
Helen Arnopp and Hilda Connolly.

Members of the Representative Church Body:

The Very Rev. Nigel Dunne (2023-2026)
John Buttimer (2024-2027)
Helen Arnopp (2025-2028)

Members of the General Synod Board of Education:

The Ven. Andrew Orr
Peter Stobart

Representative to the Church of Ireland Youth Department:

Judith Peters

Representative on the Church of Ireland Children's Ministry Group:

The Rev. Elise A. Hanley

Representative on the Chaplaincy Accreditation Board

The Rev. Canon Dr Daniel R. Nuzum

Diocesan Liaison with Pioneer Ministry Group

Vacant

CORK, CLOYNE AND ROSS DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Four meetings were held between the last meeting of the Diocesan Synod and the printing of this book of reports on 31st July 2026. The attendance of members is recorded next to the names of members. A further meeting is arranged for 2 September.

Ex-officio Members:

Bishop of Cork Cloyne and Ross

The Archdeacon, the Ven Andrew Orr, has been elected as Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross and will assume this role on his consecration.

Honorary Secretaries of the Diocesan Synod and Council:

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| 4 | The Ven. Andrew D. Orr | 3 | Dorothy Verplancke |
| 2 | The Very Rev. Susan Green | 4 | Linda Deane |

The Ven. Andrew Orr will vacate the position of Honorary Secretary on his consecration.

Diocesan Treasurers:

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| 2 | Melvin Beamish |
| 4 | Helen Arnopp |

Elected Members:

- | | | | |
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| 3 | The Rev. Canon John K. Ardis | 3 | Dorothy Beamish |
| 4 | The Very Rev Nigel K. Dunne | 4 | Peter Stobart |
| 4 | The Very Rev. Cliff P. Jeffers | 1 | Patricia Bogan |
| 4 | The Rev. Meghan Farr | 4 | John C R Buttimer |
| 4 | The Rev. Canon Alan G. Marley | 3 | Gordon Coombes |
| - | The Rev. Canon Denis F. MacCarthy | 4 | Hilda Connolly |
| - | The Rev. Meurig Williams | - | Dr Simon Woodworth |
| 4 | The Rev. Dr William Olhausen | 3 | Hilary Dring |
| 2 | The Rev. Terry Mitchell | 4 | Heather Fleming |
| 1 | The Rev. Canon Dr Daniel R. Nuzum | 2 | Robin Newenham |
| - | The Rev. Kingsley Sutton | 3 | Judith Peters |
| - | The Rev. Stephen McCann | 3 | Tim Bracken |
| | | 4 | Dr Alicia St Leger |
| | | 4 | Richard Wood |
| | | 4 | Stephen Spillane |
| | | 4 | Eunice Jeffers |
| | | 3 | Emmanuel Adebisi |

Supplemental Members:

Clerical

The Rev. Richard Dring
The Rev. Ivan Ruiters
The Rev. Carole Pound
The Rev. Jean Carney

Lay

William Baker
Deirdre Bateman Roberts
Edward Gash
Sarah Louise Kilroy

DIOCESAN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Diocesan Trustees

The Bishop *ex officio*

Ms Helen Arnopp,

Mr Melvin Beamish

Mrs Linda Deane.

Diocesan Employment Committee

The Ven. Andrew Orr (chair)

The Very Rev. S. D. Green

Mrs D. Verplancke

Ms Helen Arnopp

Mrs Linda Deane

Mr Melvin Beamish

Finance Committee

Ex Officio Members

The Bishop

Diocesan Treasurers

Ms Helen Arnopp

Mr Melvin Beamish

Diocesan Representatives on the R.C.B.

The Very Rev. Nigel Dunne

Ms Helen Arnopp (already serving *ex-officio* as an Honorary Treasurer)

Elected Members - Clerical

The Ven. Andrew Orr (to serve *ex-officio* as Bishop from 30 September 2026)

Elected Member - Lay

Dorothy Verplancke

Elected to substitute for Mr Melvin Beamish who is serving ex-officio as an Honorary Treasurer

Co-opted Members

Ms Janice Healey-Bird (Lay)

Property and Glebes Committee

Elected Members

Mr Robin Newenham (Chairperson)
The Very Rev. Nigel Dunne
Mr Richard Godsil
Mr Richard Wood
The Rev. Meghan Farr
Ms Helen Arnopp

Rural Deans

The Rev. Canon John Ardis
The Rev Denis McCarthy

See House Management Committee

Mr R. Godsil (Chairperson),
Mrs Vicky Coomber
Mr Andrew Lane
The Very Rev. N.K. Dunne
Mr John C.R. Buttimer
Mrs Patricia Bogan.

The Diocesan Council Report

This report covers the activities of the Diocesan Council in the period from 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2026.

Administrative Staff

The Council wishes to thank the hard working staff of the Diocese, whose commitment means that we are able to keep our administrative and staffing costs to a minimum. Mrs Denise Stobart has finished her role as the Bishop's Personal Secretary, but continues to serve as Media Officer.

Diocesan Office

The Diocesan Council continues to pay an increased, but still highly discounted, rent to the City of Cork Church School Board, who own the building. The building has also provided a venue for meetings, education and training events and storage facilities for other diocesan affiliated organisations.

Retirement of the Bishop

Last year, the Bishop, the Right Reverend Dr Paul Colton, announced that he planned to retire. The Bishop appointed the Archdeacon, the Ven Adrew Orr, as his commissary on 1 February 2026. On the retirement of the Bishop on 30 April 2026, The Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Reverend Dr Michael Jackson, announced that the Archdeacon would continue to serve as his commissary.

There were numerous events and services to commemorate the Bishop's retirement, culminating in a Farewell Service at St Fin Barre's Cathedral on 18th April, which was attended by Clergy from the Dioceses throughout Ireland and Overseas, along with Civic Leaders and lay members of the Diocese. The attendance reflected the high regard held for Bishop Colton and the Council wishes him a long and happy retirement.

Appointment of a new Bishop

Following the deliberations of the Electoral College, the Church of Ireland announced on 19 June 2026 that the Archdeacon of Cork, the Ven. Andrew Orr had been elected as the new Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. At the time of writing a Service of Ordination and Consecration has been arranged for Wednesday 30th September 2026.

Revision of Diocesan Rules and Regulations

At the May meeting of the Diocesan Council approved changes to the Rules and Regulations, to align the number of General Synod representatives with the stipulation given in the Constitution and to update payment methods.

The proposed amendments are tabled at the end of this report.

Ministry Advisory Group

The Ministry Advisory Group was established in February 2000 by the Bishop to advise him about deployment of ministry in the Diocese and, through him, to advise the Diocesan Council.

The Ministry Advisory Group includes the following *Ex officio* Members: the Bishop, the Archdeacon, the Ven. Andrew Orr, the Dean of Cork the Very Rev. Nigel Dunne, the Dean of Ross the Very Rev. Cliff Jeffers, the Dean of Cloyne the Very Rev. Susan Green and the Diocesan Secretary Mr John de Montfort.

At the June 2023 meeting of the new Diocesan Council two clergy persons and six lay people were also elected to serve also on this group. They are: the Rev. Terry Mitchell and the Rev. Anne M. Skuse as clerical members and Mr Melvin Beamish, Mrs Hilda Connolly, Mrs Linda Deane, Dr Simon Woodworth, Mr Stephen Spillane and Dr Simon Elliott. The constitution only calls for four lay members. The Bishop, with the agreement of the meeting, was happy to elect more than the required number of lay people.

Christian Stewardship

The Christian Stewardship working group continues to research and source suitable materials and programmes for use by parishes in their efforts to promote Christian Stewardship. Details of Phase 1 were given to Diocesan Synod members at 2025 Synod. In Phase 2, the working group plans to digitise and keep updated a list of materials and programs for clergy and Select Vestries to access for aid in talking about and developing stewardship models in parishes. In the short term, if you would like information on where to access some of those resources, please contact a member of the working group.

Charting a Future with Confidence and the Ministry Advisory Group

On 29 March 2025 the Bishop convened a joint meeting of the Ministry Advisory Group and the steering group of *Charting a Future with Confidence*.

The Charting a Future with Confidence Group and the Ministry Advisory Group held a ‘think-in’ with Diocesan Council members on Saturday 17 May 2025 and used the World Café model to work under four headings: Ministry, Vision for 2050, Buildings and Finance. The results of this meeting were compiled and distilled by the groups for reporting back to the Council. In the autumn of 2025 this process was taken back to ‘grassroots’ level with a series of roadshows/workshops held in four regions of the Diocese which worked under the following headings: Ministry, Worship, Finance, Vision for the Future Church and Buildings. An in-depth analysis of the findings of these workshops were reported to the Diocesan Council on 13th May 2026. In July 2026, the Group delivered a one-page summary of their findings for attendees and a booklet for select vestries.

Further information can be found at <http://cork.anglican.org/welcome/charting/>

Pioneer Ministry

We are grateful to Canon Robert Ferris who has been the Cork, Cloyne and Ross Pioneer Ministry Advocate over the last few years. We wish Robert and Noelle God’s blessing as they take up a new post of Associate Minister in Lisburn Cathedral. Dean Cliff Jeffers is currently your Pioneer Ministry Advocate, and if you have any queries, please get in contact.

Pioneer Ministry is an intentional activity of the church to reach those who have little or no connection to the life of the church. This can be in large, funded projects with full-time workers, or in small parish activities run by volunteers whose aim is to make connections with those who are not already part of the church family.

Since 2012, General Synod of the Church of Ireland has been exploring the concept of Pioneer Ministry and after much discussion and debate, Pioneer Ministry was formally launched in St. Patrick’s Cathedral Dublin on the 5th February 2023. Since then, there have been fourteen full-time Pioneer Ministers commissioned to reach those who have little or no connection with church. Sarah-Louise Kilroy from Carrigrohane Union of Parishes is currently one of those who is currently receiving training as a Pioneer Minister and is working with the Carrig Centre in Ballincollig.

Church Army have withdrawn the Cork Centre of Mission (Based at the Carraig Centre in Ballincollig) due to their financial constraints. However, after intervention from Bishop Colton and Canon Ferris they maintained their agreed financial commitment they had with the Diocese and Carraig centre CLG for 2026, which was the final year of this agreement.

If you are brought up in a traditional church setting, it takes time to understand what Pioneer Ministry is all about. For this reason, in June 2023, Bishop Paul Colton challenged our diocese to set up three Pioneer Ministry Hubs, where those who were interested in learning about Pioneer Ministry could journey together as they explore and discover together with others who are interested in discovering more about this new form of Ministry in the Church of Ireland.

The Representative Church Body has allocated €10 million over 10 years, to fund 50 Pioneer Ministry Projects across the Island of Ireland. We hope that the first funded project in Cork, Cloyne and Ross will be based in Clonakilty in West Cork. This project has a focus on discipleship, using a Cell-Church Model. It has received initial approval and is currently awaiting funding.

In November each year, Pioneer Ministry hosts a Gathering, where the Pioneer Ministry Team, along with the commissioned Pioneer Ministers and anyone who wants to find out more about Pioneer Ministry come together for a day of worship, teaching and to hear what is happening in Pioneer Ministry Projects around the country.

The Pioneer Ministry website is www.pioneerministry.org/ where you will find more information and details of how to apply for a Funded Project or to put yourself or someone else forward to be a Pioneer Minister in the Church of Ireland.

If there are going to be 25 Projects funded over 5 years, there is plenty of scope for Cork, Cloyne and Ross to have two or three Funded Projects under this scheme in the next few years. One Project in West Cork is ready to go, and any Parishes or Diocesan Organisations would like to explore the development of a Pioneer Ministry Project are invited to make contact with Dean Cliff Jeffers (dean@rosscathedral.ie) as your Diocesan Pioneer Ministry Advocate.

Diocesan Working Group on Diversity and Inclusion

The Diocesan Working Group on Diversity and Inclusion reported to Diocesan Synod in 2025 and has concluded its business.

The Council thanks the Chairman and other members of the group for their work.

Registration of Parishes as Charities

Major changes in Irish charity law were introduced by the Charities Act 2009. Last year this was amended by the Charities (Amendment) Act 2024 which gave enhanced powers to the Charities Regulator and clarified the duties of trustees.

All members of select vestries and all members of Diocesan Councils are trustees of their respective charities.

Following the passing of the Charities Act 2009, the Register of Charities in Ireland was established on 16th October 2014. Existing charities (which included a small number of parishes in the Diocese) were automatically registered. The process of registering the remaining parishes in the Church of Ireland is being rolled out with the support of the Church of Ireland staff in Dublin.

In November 2025 the R.C.B.'s Charity Section held three seminars in the Diocese to advise the parishes on the registration process. A number of parishes have been registered and more have submitted applications to the Charity Regulator. The Council thanks the Parish Vestries for their efforts to make this programme a success and looks forward to the Registration of all Parishes.

The Charities Section of the R.C.B. has advised that individual Parishes should register as charities with the Charities Regulator, although some parishes have been asked to delay while audit thresholds are being agreed with Revenue.

Data Privacy Policy

The Bishop, on behalf of the Diocesan Council made contact with the RDJ Solicitors in September 2024 to initiate a review of the Diocesan (and his own) Data Privacy Policy. Changes are required to take account of the security of the diocesan website, online payments and other electronic communications. RDJ completed its work in the Autumn of 2025 and the new policy was reviewed and adopted by the Diocesan Council on 12 November 2025.

Health and Safety

Council appointed Mr Spillane Health and Safety officer for the Diocese in the meeting of 3 April 2025.

On 28 May 2026 Mr Spillane and the Diocesan Secretary conducted a walk-through of the Diocesan Office and identified minor issues to be rectified and forms to be updated. A full Health and Safety audit was completed by Mr Spillane, which documented the updates required.

Fair Share 2026

The Diocesan Council agreed the Fair Share amounts for each parish (pages 59 and 60) as well as contributions to the Priorities Fund (page 61) at its meeting in November 2025. All 22 assessments for 2025 had been paid by the end of the year. Up to July 2026, one parish had an assessment outstanding. The Diocesan Council expresses its sincere appreciation to all parishes and parishioners for their constant and faithful commitment to this scheme which makes ministry and mission possible in the Diocese.

Interest

In accordance with Chapter III, Section 1.4 of the Rules and Regulations of the Diocesan Synod, the Council agreed that for 2024, the rate charged on outstanding balances will continue to be 3.0% p.a. and the rate allowed on early payments will remain at 1.0% p.a.

Stipends

The General Synod Standing Committee determined, in accordance with the established methodology given to the Stipends Committee following the Clergy Remuneration and Benefits (C.R.A.B.) Report in the early 1990s, that there would be a 1.8% increase in clergy stipends for 2026. The minimum approved stipend now stands at €46,462.

Locomotory Allowances

The Revenue Commissioners publish the bands and rates which relate to the annual distance travelled for 'business' and engine capacity of the car. These were adopted by the Representative Body with effect from 1 January 2023 together with increases in the additional rate at each level which is liable for PRSI. There have been no changes since 2023.

The relevant tables are shown below:

Engine Size up to 1,200cc

First	1,500 Kms	41.80 cent	Additional Rate 44 cent
	1,501 to 5,500 Kms	72.64 cent	Additional Rate 20 cent
	5,501 to 25,000 Kms	31.78 cent	Additional Rate 17 cent
	Over 25,001 Kms	20.56 cent	Additional Rate 15 cent

Engine Size from 1,201cc to 1,500cc

First	1,500 Kms	43.40 cent	Additional Rate 44 cent
	1,501 to 5,500 Kms	79.18 cent	Additional Rate 17 cent
	5,501 to 25,000 Kms	31.79 cent	Additional Rate 15 cent
	Over 25,001 Kms	23.85 cent	Additional Rate 13 cent

Engine Size from 1,501cc and Over

First	1,500 Kms	51.82 cent	Additional Rate 39 cent
	1,501 to 5,500 Kms	90.63 cent	Additional Rate 9 cent
	5,501 to 25,000 Kms	39.22 cent	Additional Rate 10 cent
	Over 25,001 Kms	25.87 cent	Additional Rate 9 cent

Expenses of Office Allowances

The rates for expenses of office allowance have remained unchanged for many years and continue to be: Incumbents - €1,000 and Curates-Assistant - €750.

Central Church Levies

The Representative Church Body informed the Council of the following levies which had been determined by it for 2026, in accordance with legislation passed by the General Synod. These were unchanged from 2024.

- Child Protection Officer: 0.9% of minimum approved stipend per cure.
- Episcopal Levy: 5.8% of minimum approved stipend per cure.
- Ministry Protection Levy: 2.0% of minimum approved stipend per cure.

Priorities Fund

The Diocesan target for 2025, fixed by the Standing Committee of the General Synod and notified to the Diocesan Council, was set at the pre-pandemic level of €28,460. This figure was fully paid to the Priorities Funds by the Diocese. All parishes paid their allocation in full.

The target for 2026 will remain at €28,460.

The Diocesan Council approved four applications to the Priorities Fund at the meeting of 27 August, 2025.

The Diocesan Council encourages parishes to consider making an application to the Priorities Fund when undertaking projects that come within the scope of the objects of that Fund. These applications must fall within the current grant-awarding criteria of the Priorities' Fund which currently are:

- A. Training for Lay and ordained.
- B. Christian Education.
- C. Outreach Initiatives.
- D. Innovative Ministry in a Rural Context.

Further information can be found at <https://priorities.ireland.anglican.org/>

Safeguarding

At General Synod this year a major revision of the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Policy was approved and is now in effect.

The implementation of the policy is overseen by the Diocesan Safeguarding Support Team on behalf of the Bishop and Diocesan Council. The members of the Diocesan Support Team are: Veronica Deane, Jill Horan, Dr Richard Scriven, Shireen Rountree, Rev. Eoghan Healy, Dr. Chris Ashley and The Very Rev. Cliff Jeffers (Chairperson).

The team carries out the triennial audit of every parish and co-ordinates training. It provides support for parishes with regard to safeguarding.

In 2027 the Diocesan Safeguarding Support Team will conduct a triennial audit with each of the parish panels. This audit will assess the implementation of the new policy and assist parishes in developing action plans

We are very grateful to Bishop Paul Colton, who set up a very robust system for the implementation of safeguarding in our diocese. He was also insistent that everything for 2026 was completed before he retired at the end of April 2026. To this end 176 children's and youth workers received training and had their Safeguarding documentation updated in the spring of 2026. We are very grateful to the hardworking parish panels, and to Dr. Chris Ashley for the administration involved.

Six training sessions took place in the month of February 2026.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Panel (Canon Dr. Daniel Nuzum, Judy Peters and Olwen Anderson) is appointed by the Diocesan Council to handle casework where a safeguarding issue arises. The panel will liaise with the RCB Safeguarding Manager and will implement support for complainant and respondent in relation to allegations against members of the Church of Ireland.

A new Vulnerable Adult Diocesan Safeguarding Panel has been set up, and they have met for the first time. Mrs. Avril Jennings, Mrs. Hilary Dring and Mr. Kristian Kenneth Carl Narvarte are our advisors for any issues in the diocese for adult safeguarding. They will be issuing notices for your noticeboards about Adult Safeguarding and who to contact if you have any concerns.

If you have any concerns about the implementation of Safeguarding, your first point of contact is your Local Children and Youth Ministry Parish Panel and the Diocesan Adult Safeguarding Panel. Any issues to do with reporting are to go directly to the RCB Casework

Team. Notices of who they are and how they can be contacted are on the notice boards of the churches and halls in your parish.

The Very Rev. Cliff Jeffers
Chairperson,
CCR Diocesan Safeguarding Support Group.

Diocesan Magazine

On 13th May 2026 the Diocesan Magazine Committee reported to the Diocesan Council meeting and their End of Year Accounts to 31st December 2025 were presented.

Appointments and Elections

Deirdre Whitley was commissioned as the new Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union at a special service at Cloyne Cathedral to mark the Feast of the Annunciation. The Diocese is grateful for the service given by the previous President, Hilary Dring.

Christian Aid/Bishops' Appeal Project: Sierra Leone

The project was launched at the Diocesan Synod in 2024. In the course of the year parishes and individuals have made substantial contributions, which is greatly appreciated. The Bishop's Appeal office has expressed its thanks to the Diocese for this assistance. A summary of Funds received through the Diocesan Office in 2025 is on page 62.

In May 2026 the Rev Anthony Murphy and Rev Andrew Coleman undertook a series of walks across the Diocese in aid of the appeal. The support from parishes was greatly appreciated.

Property:

The following matters were reported by the Property Committee.

Local Property Tax

The Diocesan Council is pleased to report that all parishes fulfilled their legal obligations and co-operated fully in the process of paying the Local Property Tax. Local Property Tax was recalculated in November 2025, based on market valuations.

Rural Dean Inspections

Annual inspections are required for each parish and have continued. Four Quinquennial inspections were carried out with the assistance of the Diocesan Architect. The Property Committee is grateful for the assistance of parishes in these inspections.

Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)

Parishes are liable for RZLT if they own lands that have been zoned as residential. The payment of the tax is administered by R.C.B. Property Department, who are available to advise.

Other property and parish matters were reported as follows:

Carrigrohane Union of Parishes

The development of the west end of The Carraig Centre is now complete. This expansion enhances the Centre's functionality as a hub for community activity and ministry.

The sale of Carrigrohane Parish Hall is currently progressing. This step is part of a broader plan to consolidate resources and better align buildings with current and future ministry needs.

At The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney maintenance work has been carried out on the interior, contributing to the upkeep and care of this important place of worship. A new gas boiler has been installed with a web based app to control heating.

At St. Senan's Church extensive tree surgery on the boundary has been completed, to protect the church from trees and major branches falling.

At St. Peter's, Carrigrohane, Roof renovation work has been completed to treat damp ingress to the Vestry and adjacent walls.

Cork - St. Anne's Union, Shandon,

Works continued in 2025/2026 following the key preservation and conservation needs identified in our Conservation Management Plan. The original front door was repaired and painted, Phase 1 of essential repairs to the timber and metal structures supporting the bells were completed and Cork City Council completed its project of restoration and repair of the clock mechanism, face and support structures. Additionally, the outside of the bell tower was cleaned. James Bourke Architects continues to serve as Project Managers and has secured four more grants on behalf of the church for works in 2026—a BHIS grant for works to 1 trellis window and one stained glass window, a Community Monument Fund (Stream 1) grant for Phase 2 of works to prevent water ingress and protect works done to the bells, support beams and clock, a Community Monument Fund (Stream 3) grant for an accessibility and interpretation plan and an ACA grant for repairs and restoration of the 13 stone front steps to the main door of the church. Works will be carried out by Hearthstone Conservation Builders. Finally, a Heritage Council community grant was awarded to the church for a conservation assessment plan for items from the Green Coat School including a collection of rare books and the Bob and Joan statues that stood in front of the school and are now housed in the St. Anne's tower.

Cork - St Fin Barre's Union

Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral

Major repair works to the totality of the gold mosaic on the West Front of the Cathedral started in 2024 were completed by autumn 2025.

Serious water ingress through the East (main) tower and spire with a consequent degradation of the stonework led to the closing of the choir and chapter stalls for several months of the summer of 2025. A scaffolding rig and tarpaulin to catch water was installed high above the stalls which allowed for close up inspection of the problems. A further five levels of scaffolding to enable even more detailed assessment and the beginning of repairs was installed above the existing installation in May 2026. It is expected that the full repair will take at least another year at a cost of circa €400,000.

St Fin Barre's - other Properties

A full assessment of the Bishop St. and Dean St. boundary walls in April 2026 revealed major structural problems, with some sections having to be taken down for health and safety reasons.

Major works to the drainage of the Dean St. properties were undertaken in 2025 and this year. The full renovation of the Assistant Director of Music's apartment in No. 10 Dean St. was completed.

A 'bishop's chair' which came from St Nicholas' Church and had spent years in the porch at the southwest entrance to the Cathedral was sent to Conservation Letterfrack for full restoration and was repurposed to display the St Fin Barre icon in the Deans' Chapel.

Fanlobbus Union

St Mary's Church: Dunmanway

St Mary's Church has installed a fitted storage cupboard with an integrated sink against the south wall under the balcony. Carpet has been laid in the glass prayer room. The last pew on the left hand side of the aisle has been moved back to make sufficient space for wheelchair access.

Cox's Hall: Dunmanway

The select vestry of Fanlobbus Union were delighted to receive extensive funding to allow us to replace the roof of Cox's Hall. The north and south elevation of the main roof has been fully reslated, all pitch roof coverings, eaves, ridges and caps have been replaced.

Kilgariffe Union

The Church for the Ascension, Timoleague

The next phase of the Church of the Ascension conservation project is now underway. Work includes lifting the floor in the main body of the church and installing a new underfloor heating system, powered by an air-to-water heat pump. This will maintain a stable year-round temperature to help conserve the ornate mosaics and prevent damage. The project is expected to cost €240k and take at least four months. Funding has been supported by the Historic Structures Fund (€106k) and the Benefactor/RCB Carbon reduction award of €40k.

Kilmocomogue Union

St James Church, Durrus

The laying of new carpets at St James' Church, Durrus marked the completion of a significant body of work. The roof valley which was in poor condition was completely reroofed. The ingress of water and subsequent water damage as a result of the roof required the complete repainting of the interior of the church. Along with that the Select Vestry engaged Glynn Palmer to carry out a total restoration of the windows in the vestry, porch and South end of the church. The windows were leaking, very dirty and weathered with a significant amount of growth of weeds between the window and the storm glazing.

St Brendan's Church, Bantry

A new hand rail was installed on the gallery staircase and the stairs were re-carpeted. In conjunction with Bantry Tidy Towns and U.C.C. new swift boxes were put in place.

Kilmoe Union.

Essential repair work at Holy Trinity Schull was undertaken in 2025/6 by Southgate Associates.

This included:

Work on stonework at the gable end which required leadwork under the stone.

Repair work on buttresses to prevent ingress of water (slate stripping and repair including gutters and downpipes).

Light maintenance to window sills.

Water repellent to belfry.

Defective timber of altar replaced.

Repair ironwork of vestry and entrance door.

The total cost €131, 200.25

Ross Union

Deanery Cottage

The Deanery Cottage at St. Fachtna's Cathedral has had substantial renovations over the last year to make it more comfortable. Insulation in the bathroom, new heaters, extra ventilation and landscaping of the garden have all contributed to it being a much more cozy place to live. The cottage is now rented out.

Leap Church

Leap Church has been awarded a grant of €50,000 from Benefact Trust through the RCB for Building Carbon Reduction. Dean Jeffers, with the Leap Church Wardens, made an application based on replacing the oil heating with a heat pump, and putting solar slates on the roof to generate power to run the heating. The aim is to be both free of carbon emissions and to be cost neutral, and to be a model that other churches can come to see what can be done, and how effective it can be.

St. Fachtna's Cathedral

We have finished the design stage for improvements at St. Fachtna's Cathedral. Church permission has been granted and Planning Permission has been submitted for the changes, which includes a toilet, small kitchen, lobby doors and improved accessibility. It is hoped these works will be completed by this time next year.

Events and Commemorations

The Council noted the following anniversaries and commemorations which took place from 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2026:

- 30 November 2025 - 150th anniversary of St Luke's Church, Douglas.

The Council noted the following significant events during the year:

- 25 September 2025 - Cork, Cloyne and Ross Annual Diocesan Schools' Service in St Peter's Church, Bandon.
- 27 September 2025 - Diocesan Synod of United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross at Bandon Grammar School.
- 27 September 2025 - Lyndon MacCann SC honoured at Diocesan Synod after 25 years as Diocesan Chancellor.
- 11 October 2025 - Diocesan Come and Sing Choral Evensong in St Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork
- 1 November 2025 - Mothers' Union Quiet Day held at St Fachtna's Cathedral in Rosscarbery.

- 12 January 2026 - A special Schools' Service at St Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork to mark the final Schools Service with Bishop Colton.
- 7 February 2026 - Final Diocesan Council meeting chaired by Bishop Colton with the Opening and Dedication of Refurbished Diocesan Offices and Meeting Rooms for Cork, Cloyne and Ross.
- 25 March 2026 - Annunciation Service at St Colman's Cathedral, Cloyne and Commissioning of a new Diocesan President for the Mothers' Union
- 18 April 2026 - Diocesan Celebration of Easter and Farewell to the Bishop in St Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork.
- 19 June 2026 - Election of the Venerable Andrew Orr as the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross by the Episcopal electoral college.
- 30th September 2026 - Ordination and Consecration of the Bishop elect, the Venerable Andrew Orr as the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.

Resolutions to be proposed by Diocesan Council at Diocesan Synod 2026

Resolution 1

Chapter I Section 5.5 That “...fourteen clergy and twenty eight lay persons...” be replaced with “...eleven clergy and twenty two lay persons...”.

Resolution 2

Chapter IV Section 3.2 That “... considers it desirable, be made by cheque signed ...” be replaced with “... considers it desirable, be made by cheque, Electronic Funds Transfer or other payment method signed or authorised by....”

Other resolutions may be submitted up to Friday 25 September.

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Secretary and Charity's Address	J. de Montfort, St Nicholas' House, 14 Cove Street, Cork. T12 RP40	
Auditors	Gourney Accounting Limited T/A CHK Partnership, Accountants and Statutory Auditors, 92 South Mall, Cork.	
Bankers	Bank of Ireland, 32 South Mall, Cork.	
Solicitors	Jermyn Baker Solicitors 50 South Mall, Cork.	
Charity No.	CHY7240 CRA20015220	

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Report of the Diocesan Council

The Diocesan Council will have pleasure in submitting their report together with the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Structure

The Charity is constituted in accordance with Part II of Chapter 2 of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland.

Following the issue of the Charities Act 2009 the Charities Regulatory Authority ("CRA") was established on 16 October 2014 to register and regulate charities operating in Ireland. The Charity has registered with CRA.

United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross is recognised by the Revenue Commissioners as having registered charity status - registration number CHY 7240.

Governance and Management

The Diocesan Synod shall make provision for the appointment among its members of a Diocesan Council which shall consist of the bishop and such number of clergy and laypersons as it shall determine.

The Diocesan Council shall be appointed annually unless the Diocesan Synod shall resolve that it be appointed triennially at the first ordinary meeting of the synod after each triennial election of synod members.

Not less than four-fifths of the clerical members and not less than four-fifths of the lay members of the Diocesan Council shall be elected by members of the Diocesan Synod, voting by orders. The total number of members of the Diocesan Council which may be appointed by a method other than by votes of the synod shall not exceed three members of the clergy and three laypersons.

The Diocesan Council shall exercise such of the powers of the Diocesan Synod as the synod shall assign to it, and shall be subject to such rules as the Diocesan Synod shall prescribe. The bishop, or the bishop's commissary specially authorised, shall ex-officio chair the Diocesan Council.

Objectives and Activities

The main objective of the Charity is the advancement of religion in and through the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

In order to meet the Charity's objectives, the charity collects income from the following sources:

- Fair Share contributions from parishes
- investment income from R.C.B. and from its portfolio of investments
- contributions from other diocesan bodies towards their administration costs

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- contributions from the H.S.E. and various hospitals and nursing homes towards chaplaincy costs, and
- contributions from schools and other diocesan bodies towards the costs of engaging diocesan youth officers.

The Charity's expenses consist of stipends and allowances paid to clergy, clergy pension costs, salaries and pensions of diocesan staff and youth officers, travel expenses, episcopal levies, vacancy and other such allowances, insurances, payments to dignitaries and rural deans, professional fees, synod costs, and general overheads such as repairs, utilities, office costs, bank charges etc.

The Diocesan Council meets regularly to discuss the Charity's operations and to ensure the Charity meets all of its regulatory requirements.

The Charity holds investments with a fair value of €1,701,912 (2024: €1,701,747) and endowments with a fair value of €9,238,665 (2024: €8,237,881) with the Representative Church Body (R.C.B.) at 31st December 2025.

The Charity also holds a portfolio of investments with a fair value of €553,917 at 31st December 2025 (2024: €545,605) managed by Davy's Stockbrokers.

Results for the year

	Diocesan Sustentation Fund 2025 €	Diocesan General Fund 2025 €
Income	2,326.891	23,802
Change in Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	-	17,075
Expenditure	<u>(2,403,112)</u>	<u>(7,927)</u>
	(76,221)	32,950
Balance of Unrestricted funds at 1 January 2025	<u>904,116</u>	<u>680,681</u>
Balance of Unrestricted funds at 31 December 2025 (Note 9)	<u>827,895</u>	<u>713,631</u>

Risks

The key risks to which the Charity is exposed have been identified by the Diocesan Council who assess their probability, potential impact and the consequential actions required to manage them.

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The key risks identified were:

- In common with all charities, maintaining income levels is a significant challenge. In particular, the Charity depends on the parishes of the dioceses having the necessary funds to meet their allotted fair share contributions, and also on other bodies continuing to make contributions towards diocesan costs.
- The value and income from investments in securities is dependent on the global economic climate and may fluctuate significantly from time to time.
- The risk of fraud is considered to be low as the activities of the Charity are closely monitored.

Reserves Policy

The Diocesan Council is under a duty to balance the needs of current and future beneficiaries of the Charity. A Charity needs to have sufficient reserves to allow it to cover known liabilities and contingencies, absorb setbacks and take advantage of change and opportunity.

Funds are required for the following and should be considered when adopting a Reserve Policy:

- 1) Funds for working capital
- 2) Funds for unexpected expenditure
- 3) Funds for shortfalls in income

In developing a Reserve Policy a review was undertaken to :

- 1) Analyse existing funds.
- 2) Review of future income streams with an assessment of their level of reliability.
- 3) Review of existing expenditure and the extent to which it is controllable.
- 4) Risk assessment, to identify potential commitments and contingencies, together with the likelihood that these risks will materialise and give rise to new commitments.

The Diocesan Council concurred when examining and reviewing the above that it was prudent to hold sufficient funds (approximately equating to one half-year of the annual stipend liability) to satisfy the needs of the Charity and to enable the Charity to operate efficiently.

Future Developments

It is expected that there will be no change to the objectives of the Charity as outlined above for the foreseeable future.

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Members Responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Diocesan Council is responsible for preparing financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and the income and expenditure of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Diocesan Council is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue to operate.

The Diocesan Council is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law. The Diocesan Council is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

The auditors, Gourney Accounting Limited T/A CHK Partnership, will continue in office.

On behalf of the Diocesan Council

The Ven. A.D.H. Orr Chairman

Ms H. Arnopp

Date: 13 May 2026

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Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the Statements of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 1. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law, FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102) issued by the Charity Commission.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- o give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the charity as at 31 December 2025 and of its surplus for the financial year then ended;
- o have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; and
- o have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102) issued by the Charity Commission.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which ISAs (Ireland) require us to report to you where:

- o the members' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or

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- o the members have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other Information

The members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters

We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the charity were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited, and financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

Respective responsibilities

Responsibilities of members for the financial statements

The Diocesan Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the financial statements, the Diocesan Council is responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the members either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- o Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- o Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- o Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Diocesan Council.
- o Conclude on the appropriateness of the Diocesan Council's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the

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date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

- o Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the Diocesan Council of United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Diocesan Council those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Diocesan Council, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Maurice Minogue (statutory auditor)

For and on behalf of

Gourney Accounting Limited T/A CHK Partnership,
Accountants and Statutory Auditors,
92 South Mall,
Cork.

Date: 13 May 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities: Diocesan Sustentation Fund

	Notes	2025 €	2024 €
Investment Income and Net Gains on Investments			
Income on Capital		129,522	122,904
R.C.B. interest		<u>13,259</u>	<u>10,801</u>
		142,781	133,705
Income from Charitable Activities			
Fair Share Contributions from Parishes		1,789,392	1,818,020
Contributions receivable from Third Parties		86,819	79,550
Chaplaincy and Youth Officer Contributions	3	<u>307,899</u>	<u>337,896</u>
	3	<u>2,184,110</u>	<u>2,235,466</u>
Total Income		<u>2,326,891</u>	<u>2,369,171</u>
Expenditure on Charitable Activities			
Stipends and allowances		1,620,955	1,573,266
Clergy Pension Fund	2	221,262	216,092
Employer's PRSI on Stipends		80,688	84,321
Dignitaries and Rural Deans		13,208	13,805
Staff Salaries and Pensions	2	199,080	205,355
Diocesan Solicitor and Registrar		500	500
Diocesan Communications and Media Costs		1,167	870
Travel expenses		21,251	12,587
Episcopal levy	4	56,232	55,020
Continuing Ministerial Education (C.M.E.)		17,602	16,050
Vacancy allowances and Costs		11,874	17,178
Interest allowed on Fair Share Contributions		1,557	1,354
Insurance		16,532	15,732
Child Protection Officer contribution		9,036	8,844
Clergy and Ministry Protection Fund		5,016	4,908
Diocesan Synod		7,989	6,095
Care For Clergy Fund		-	1,650
Allowance to St Fin Barre's Cathedral		<u>22,328</u>	<u>22,328</u>
		2,306,277	2,255,955
Other Expenditure			
Administration expenses		75,528	63,988
Legal and Professional fees	4	<u>21,307</u>	<u>13,851</u>
	4	<u>96,835</u>	<u>77,839</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>2,403,112</u>	<u>2,333,794</u>
Net Movement in Funds		<u>(76,221)</u>	<u>35,377</u>
The notes on pages 50-58 form part of these Financial Statements.			

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Statement of Financial Activities: Diocesan General Fund

	2025 €	2024 €
Investment Income and Net Gains on Investments		
Income on Capital	25,387	25,473
Profit/(Loss) on Disposal of Investments	<u>(1,585)</u>	<u>12,086</u>
Total Income	<u>23,802</u>	<u>37,559</u>
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments		
Change in Unrealised Gains/(losses) on Investments	<u>17,075</u>	<u>33,271</u>
Total unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	<u>17,075</u>	<u>33,271</u>
Expenditure on Charitable Activities		
St Patrick's Cathedral	200	200
Clergy Removal Grants	-	11,212
Bishop's Secretarial Services Allocation	6,138	9,710
Robes	500	-
Miscellaneous	1,089	8,408
Sundry gifts and donations	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>7,927</u>	<u>31,530</u>
Net Movement in Funds	<u>32,950</u>	<u>39,300</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 €	2024 €
Fixed Assets			
Capital Accounts in hands of R.C.B.	8	1,701,912	1,701,747
Other Investments - Davy's Portfolio		553,917	545,605
Tangible Assets	5	<u>1,790</u>	<u>3,353</u>
		<u>2,257,619</u>	<u>2,250,705</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors and prepayments		46,416	150,055
R.C.B. Revenue Accounts		949,577	784,879
Cash and Cash Equivalents	7	345,553	407,866
Miscellaneous Trusts held by R.C.B.	8	<u>9,238,665</u>	<u>8,237,881</u>
		<u>10,580,211</u>	<u>9,580,681</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and Accruals		42,997	41,790
Magill Fund		16,255	18,162
Priorities Fund		28,460	-
Taxation Due		4,124	4,756
Fair Share Contribution paid in advance	6	<u>156,895</u>	<u>146,339</u>
		<u>248,731</u>	<u>211,047</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>10,331,480</u>	<u>9,369,634</u>
Net Assets		<u>12,589,099</u>	<u>11,620,339</u>
Represented by:			
Reserves	8		
Restricted Funds			
- Capital Accounts held by R.C.B.		1,701,912	1,701,747
- Miscellaneous Trusts held by R.C.B.		9,238,665	8,237,881
- Other Funds		106,996	95,914
Unrestricted Funds	9	<u>1,542,026</u>	<u>1,584,797</u>
		<u>12,589,599</u>	<u>11,620,339</u>

The notes on pages 50-58 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Members of the Diocesan Council
on 13 May 2026 and signed by:

The Ven. A.D.H. Orr

Ms H. Arnopp

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Statement of Cash Flows

	2025 €	2024 €
Cash flows from operating activities		
Surplus for the financial year	(43,271)	74,677
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible assets	1,563	2,246
Investment income receivable	(168,168)	(159,178)
Net gains on investing activities	(15,490)	(45,357)
Change in Diocesan Organ Repair fund	11,082	6,310
Change in Diocesan Housing and Emergency Fund	-	-
Change in debtors	(61,059)	(405,774)
Change in creditors	<u>37,684</u>	<u>(38,130)</u>
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	(237,659)	(565,206)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Investment income received	168,168	159,178
Cash payment for purchase of tangible assets	-	-
Cash payments for purchase of investments	(28,593)	(219,175)
Cash receipts from disposal of investments	<u>35,771</u>	<u>219,392</u>
Net cash from investing activities	175,346	159,395
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(62,313)	(405,811)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>407,866</u>	<u>813,677</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>345,553</u>	<u>407,866</u>

The notes on pages 50-58 form part of these Financial Statements

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1. Accounting Policies

1.1. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, except that investments are stated at market value.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)", Irish statute and FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

The charity has applied the Charities SORP on a voluntary basis as its application is not a requirement of the current regulations for charities registered in the Republic of Ireland.

1.2. Income

Income is recognised in the income and expenditure account in the year in which it is receivable.

1.3. Tangible Assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and are subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost less the expected residual value of assets over their useful life as follows:

Office equipment	-	20% straight line
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If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in depreciation rate, useful life or residual value of tangible assets, the depreciation is revised prospectively to reflect the new estimates.

1.4. Investments

Fixed asset investments held with R.C.B. are stated at the lower of cost and market value. Diminutions in value, where market values fall below cost, are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities. Income from investments is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is received.

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Fixed asset investments held with Davy's Stockbrokers are initially recognised at their purchase price. They are subsequently measured at fair values with changes in fair values recognised in income and expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities. Income from investments is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is received.

Current asset investments held with R.C.B. are measured at fair values, with changes in fair values recognised as movements in reserves (i.e. Miscellaneous Trusts held by R.C.B.) on the Balance Sheet. The charity is entitled to receive income only from these investments as the capital is held in unit trusts which cannot be redeemed.

1.5. Foreign Currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into euro at the rates of exchange prevailing at the accounting date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the date of the transactions. All differences are taken to the statements of financial activities.

1.6. Financial Instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately.

For all equity instruments and other financial assets regardless of significance, these are assessed individually for impairment.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised in profit or loss immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

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1.7. Defined contribution pension plans

Contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in finance costs in profit or loss in the period in which it arises.

2. Stipends and Allowances	2025 €	2024 €
Stipends	1,273,034	1,226,946
Locomotory Allowances	294,822	294,275
Expenses of Office Allowances	25,499	24,445
Housing Allowance and Rentals	<u>27,600</u>	<u>27,600</u>
	<u>1,620,955</u>	<u>1,573,266</u>
Dignitaries	11,208	11,805
Rural Deans	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	<u>13,208</u>	<u>13,805</u>

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3. Contributions and Refunds Receivable from Third Parties	2025 €	2024 €
Diocesan Board of Education	26,000	26,000
Higher Education Trust	2,000	750
Kingston Charity Trust	23,000	23,000
Lapp's Charity	17,000	17,000
Victoria Trust	3,500	3,500
St Stephen's Protestant Orphan Society	8,000	8,000
Sundry	<u>7,319</u>	<u>1,300</u>
	<u>86,819</u>	<u>79,550</u>
Chaplaincy and Youth Officer Contributions		
Hospital and Nursing Home Chaplaincies (excl. H.S.E.)	36,256	36,256
H.S.E. Hospital Chaplaincies	75,748	75,778
St Luke's Home (Chaplaincy)	35,000	35,000
St Luke's Home (CUH Chaplaincy)	30,000	30,000
U.C.C. Chaplaincy	35,473	34,818
R.C.B. (U.C.C. Chaplaincy)	22,820	22,329
St Stephen's Protestant Orphan Society	40,000	40,000
Midleton College (Chaplain)	30,306	30,300
Bandon Grammar School Chaplain	-	16,000
R.C.B. (Youth Diocesan Council)	<u>2,296</u>	<u>17,415</u>
	<u>307,899</u>	<u>337,896</u>

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4.	2025 €	2024 €
Administration Expenses		
Printing and Stationery	19,805	7,339
Ecumenical Officer	-	300
Postage and Telephone	10,718	10,409
Light and Heat	10,403	9,664
Repairs and Maintenance	7,458	5,548
Computer Costs	5,978	5,824
Rent - Diocesan Office	12,000	12,000
Publications	50	134
Bank Charges	323	442
Depreciation	1,563	2,246
Meetings Expenses	7,790	4,361
Sundries	<u>(560)</u>	<u>5,721</u>
	<u>75,528</u>	<u>63,988</u>
Legal and Professional Fees		
Accountancy Fees	9,179	9,301
Legal and Professional Expenses	<u>12,128</u>	<u>4,550</u>
	<u>21,307</u>	<u>13,851</u>
Travel Expenses		
Payments to Readers	1,212	595
Payments to Lay Ministers	459	235
Payments to Auxiliary Ministry Clergy with Permission	11,060	5,140
Payments to Youth and Childrens Officers	6,291	5,151
Payments to Staff	955	876
Other Travel Costs	<u>1,274</u>	<u>590</u>
	<u>21,251</u>	<u>12,587</u>

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5. Tangible Assets	Office Equipment €	Total €
Cost		
At 1 January 2025	14,296	14,296
At 31 December 2025	<u>14,296</u>	<u>14,296</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2025	10,943	10,943
Charge for the year	<u>1,563</u>	<u>1,563</u>
At 31 December 2025	<u>12,506</u>	<u>12,506</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 December 2025	<u>1,970</u>	<u>1,970</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>3,353</u>	<u>3,353</u>

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6. Fair Share Contribution Balances at 31 December 2025	2025 € Dr.	2025 € Cr.	2024 € Dr.	2024 € Cr.
Abbeystrewry Union	-	-	-	-
Ballydehob Union	-	-	-	-
Bandon Union	-	-	-	-
Carrigaline Union	-	-	-	-
Carrigrohane Union	-	-	-	-
Cobh and Glanmire Union	-	-	-	-
Cloyne Union	-	-	-	-
Douglas Union with Frankfield	-	-	-	-
Fanlobbus Union	-	-	-	-
Fermoy Union	-	-	-	-
Kilgariffe Union	-	(17)	-	(10,027)
Kilmocomogue Union	-	(57,985)	-	(81,274)
Kilmoe Union	-	-	-	-
Kinneigh Union	-	-	-	-
Kinsale Union	-	-	-	-
Mallow Union	-	-	-	-
Moviddy Union	-	-	-	-
Ross Union	-	-	-	-
St Anne's Union	-	-	-	-
St Fin Barre's Union	-	-	-	-
Templebreedy Group	-	(98,262)	-	(53,091)
Youghal Union	-	(631)	-	(1,947)
	-	(156,895)	-	(146,339)
Net Balance	(156,895)		(146,339)	

The above reflects the position as at 31 December 2025 - it does not take account of amounts received since the year-end date.

7. Cash and Cash Equivalents	2025 €	2024 €
Bank of Ireland Accounts	341,861	404,886
Davy's Cash on Hand	<u>3,692</u>	<u>2,980</u>
	<u>345,553</u>	<u>407,866</u>

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8. Restricted Funds	2025 €	2024 €
General Trusts and Endowments held by R.C.B.	9,238,665	8,237,881
Capital Accounts held by R.C.B.	1,701,912	1,701,747
Diocesan Organ Repair Fund	<u>106,996</u>	<u>95,914</u>
	<u>11,047,573</u>	<u>10,035,542</u>
<u>General Trust and Endowments held by R.C.B.</u>		
Parochial Endowments	7,188,347	7,187,563
Miscellaneous Trust and Endowments	<u>2,050,318</u>	<u>1,050,318</u>
	<u>9,238,665</u>	<u>8,237,881</u>
Income on these Miscellaneous Trusts is credited to Cork Diocesan Sustentation Fund in accordance with the terms of the respective Trusts.		
<u>Capital Accounts held by R.C.B.</u>		
Diocesan Sustentation Fund	907,688	907,688
Diocesan General Fund	264,150	263,985
Bird Fund	6,621	6,621
Gumbleton Trust	140,462	140,462
Diocesan Organ Repair Fund	263,393	263,393
Magill Fund	<u>119,598</u>	<u>119,598</u>
	<u>1,701,912</u>	<u>1,701,747</u>
<u>Diocesan Organ Repair Fund (part of restricted funds)</u>		
Interest on Capital	11,082	6,310
Balance at 1 January	<u>95,914</u>	<u>89,604</u>
Balance at 31 December	<u>106,996</u>	<u>95,914</u>

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9. Unrestricted Funds	Diocesan Sustentation Fund 2025 €	Diocesan General Fund 2025 €	Total 2025 €
Income	2,326,891	23,802	2,350,693
Change in unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	-	17,075	17,075
Expenditure	<u>(2,403,112)</u>	<u>(7,927)</u>	<u>(2,411,039)</u>
	(76,221)	32,950	(43,271)
Balance of Unrestricted Funds at 1 January 2025	<u>904,116</u>	<u>680,681</u>	<u>1,584,797</u>
Balance of Unrestricted Funds at 31 December 2025	<u>827,895</u>	<u>713,631</u>	<u>1,541,526</u>

10. APB Ethical Standards - Provisions Available for Smaller Entities

In common with many other charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to provide us with general accounting advice and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

FAIR SHARE ACCOUNTS 2025

	(Dr.)/Cr. Balance 1.1.2025 €	Fair Share 2025 €	Payments Received €	Interest (Charged) /Credited €	Vacancy Allowances Others & R.C.B Grant	(Dr.)/Cr. Balance 31.12.2025 €
Abbeystrewry Union	-	67,020	67,020	-	-	-
Ballydehob Union	-	52,281	52,281	-	-	-
Bandon Union	-	159,342	159,342	-	-	-
Carrigaline Union	-	96,758	96,758	-	-	-
Carrigrohane Union	-	166,792	166,792	-	-	-
Cloyne Union	-	81,335	81,335	-	-	-
Cobh and Glanmire Union	-	56,845	56,845	-	-	-
Cork - St Anne's Union	-	44,087	44,087	-	-	-
Cork - St Fin Barre's Union	-	107,550	107,550	-	22,328	-
Douglas Union with Frankfield	540	173,813	173,273	-	-	-
Fanlobbus Union	-	90,050	90,050	-	-	-
Fermoy Union	-	57,530	57,530	-	-	-
Kilgariffe Union	10,070	75,840	65,770	17	-	17
Kilmocomogue Union	81,194	41,540	17,600	731	-	57,985
Kilmoe Union	-	64,905	64,905	-	-	-
Kinneigh Union	-	58,598	58,598	-	-	-
Kinsale Union	-	82,814	82,814	-	-	-
Mallow Union	-	69,843	69,843	-	-	-
Moviddy Union	-	36,940	36,940	-	-	-
Ross Union	-	65,320	65,320	-	-	-
Templebreedy Group	53,091	99,360	143,721	809	101	98,262
Youghal Union	-	41,820	41,820	-	-	-

FAIR SHARE, STIPENDS and ALLOWANCES 2025

	Fair Share €	Stipend €	Locomotory Allowance €	Expenses of Office Allowance €
Abbeystrewry Union	67,020	52,487	11,150	1,500
Ballydehob Union	52,281	49,291	11,150	1,000
Bandon Union	159,342	52,487	11,150	1,500
Carrigaline Union	96,758	52,487	11,150	1,000
Carrigrohane Union	166,792	45,639	11,150	1,000
Carrigrohane Union Associate Minister	-	39,763	8,900	750
Cloyne Union	81,335	49,291	11,150	1,000
Cobh and Glanmire Union	56,845	45,639	11,150	1,000
Cork - St Anne's Union	44,087	49,291	11,150	1,500
Cork - St Fin Barre's Union	107,550	49,291	11,150	1,000
Cork - St Fin Barre's Dean's Vicar	-	36,255	8,900	750
Douglas Union with Frankfield	173,813	52,487	11,150	1,000
Douglas Union Curate	-	36,255	8,900	750
Fanlobbus Union	90,050	52,487	11,150	1,000
Fermoy Union	57,530	45,639	11,150	1,000
Kilgariffe Union	75,840	49,291	11,150	1,000
Kilmocomogue Union	41,540	49,291	14,100	1,000
Kilmoe Union	64,905	22,820	5,575	500
Kinneigh Union	58,598	45,639	11,150	1,000
Kinsale Union	82,814	49,291	11,150	1,000
Mallow Union	69,843	49,291	11,150	1,000
Moviddy Union (Half time Post)	36,940	22,820	5,575	500
Ross Union	65,320	49,291	11,150	1,000
Templebreedy Group	99,360	52,487	11,150	1,000
Youghal Union	41,820	22,820	10,200	500
U.C.C. Chaplain	-	49,291	8,900	1,000
Hospital Chaplain	-	52,487	11,150	1,000
Assistant Hospital Chaplain (Half time Post)	-	22,820	5,575	500
Bandon Grammar School Chaplain	-	45,639	8,900	1,000
Midleton College Chaplain	-	22,820	5,575	500
Diocesan Educational Role	-	22,820	5,575	500

Priorities Fund

2025 Target €	2025 Contribution €		2024 Target €	2024 Contribution €
1,143	1,143	Abbeystrewry Union	1,143	1,143
793	793	Ballydehob Union	793	793
2,647	2,647	Bandon Union	2,647	2,647
1,679	1,679	Carrigaline Union	1,679	1,679
1,994	1,994	Carrigrohane Union	1,994	1,994
1,318	1,318	Cloyne Union	1,318	1,318
735	735	Cobh and Glanmire Union	735	735
618	618	Cork - St Anne's Union	618	618
1,982	1,982	Cork - St Fin Barre's Union	1,982	1,982
3,148	3,148	Douglas Union with Frankfield	3,148	3,148
1,691	1,691	Fanlobbus Union	1,691	1,691
886	886	Fermoy Union	886	886
1,353	1,353	Kilgariffe Union	1,353	1,353
536	536	Kilmocomogue Union	536	536
303	303	Kilmoe Union	303	303
816	816	Kinneigh Union	816	816
1,481	1,481	Kinsale Union	1,481	1,481
1,131	1,131	Mallow Union	1,131	1,131
653	653	Moviddy Union	653	653
1,084	1,084	Ross Union	1,084	1,084
1,912	1,912	Templebreedy Group	1,912	1,912
<u>560</u>	<u>560</u>	Youghal Union	<u>560</u>	<u>560</u>
<u>28,463</u>	<u>28,463</u>		<u>28,463</u>	<u>28,463</u>

Bishops' Appeal Fund

Paid through the Diocesan Office

	2025 €	2024 €
Abbeystrewry Union	-	-
Ballydehob Union	-	-
Bandon Union	300	570
Carrigaline Union	-	590
Carrigrohane Union	636	595
Cloyne Union	270	-
Cobh and Glanmire Union	-	-
Cork - St Anne's Union	-	-
Cork - St Fin Barre's Union	2,000	1,375
Douglas Union with Frankfield	-	1,750
Fanlobbus Union	533	750
Fermoy Union	1,462	1,624
Kilgariffe Union	3,446	2,820
Kilmocomogue Union	-	-
Kilmoe Union	-	-
Kinneigh Union	-	-
Kinsale Union	-	-
Mallow Union	-	1,980
Moviddy Union	-	-
Ross Union	1,304	2,742
Templebreedy Group	415	1,220
Youghal Union	-	-
Kingston College	335	-
St Luke's National School	-	528
Templebreedy National School	<u>630</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>11,666</u>	<u>16,544</u>

Diocesan Board of Education Report

CORK, CLOYNE AND ROSS DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Two meetings were held between the last Synod on 27 September 2025 and the printing of this book of reports at the end of July 2026. The attendance of members for those meetings is recorded next to the names of members. A special meeting was held on 3 July 2026. A further meeting is to be arranged before 2026 Synod.

Ex-officio Member:

The Bishop

Elected Members:

2	Ven. Andrew D. Orr (Bishop from 30 September 2026)	2	Máire Roycroft
2	The Very Rev. N.K. Dunne	2	Doris Bryan
1	The Rev. Canon Alan G. Marley	2	Peter Stobart
-	The Rev. Anne M. Skuse	1	Fiona Giles
2	The Very Rev. Cliff Jeffers	-	Edward Gash
1	The Rev. Terry Mitchell	2	Dorothy Verplancke
1	The Rev. Canon Elaine M.E. Murray	1	Ian Coombes
2	The Rev. Canon John K. Ardis	-	Judith Peters
2	The Rev. Meghan Farr	1	Olwen Anderson

Secretary and Treasurer:

John de Montfort

Bankers:

Bank of Ireland, 32, South Mall, Cork

Stockbrokers:

Davy Stockbrokers, 49, Dawson Street, Dublin 2

Office:

St Nicholas' House, 14 Cove Street, Cork T12 RP40

Diocesan Board of Education Report

Since the establishment of the Diocesan Education Committee the Board's business is confined, in the main, to finance and property, in accordance with its functions under Scheme 66 of the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885, and meetings are held only as necessary.

Scheme 66

Scheme 66 under the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act 1885 governs the constitution and operation of the Diocesan Board of Education as a charity.

No changes to Scheme 66 are anticipated.

Registered Charity

The Cork, Cloyne and Ross Diocesan Board of Education is a registered charity. The RCN (Registered Charity Number) is 20002954.

In making its annual return to the Charities Regulator on 27th October 2025, the charity declared that it is in full compliance with the Charities Governance Code.

Trustees of Primary Schools

The trustees of Primary Schools are the persons nominated by the Patron as trustees of the school. They are parties to the lease of the premises. The trustees undertake that the buildings shall continue to be used as a National school for the term of the lease. The role of trustee does not encroach on the rights and duties of a school's patron.

In the course of 2025, Bishop Colton, the Diocesan Solicitor and other interested parties continued their efforts to identify and update, where necessary, the trustees of primary schools. Considerable progress has been made, with some schools appointing new Trustees or appointments awaiting approval by the Department of Education. The position was summarised at the meeting of 24 February.

In 2003, it was advised that when new trustees are being appointed that the Diocesan Board of Education be a trustee of all schools, other than those schools built on land owned by the Board.

A planning application has been submitted for the change of use into a pre-school at St. Paul's Hall, Ballymoney.

The board has approved a proposal to run an after hours club at Kilgariffe National School. A licence is being prepared.

Diocesan Higher Education Trust

For the academic year 2025/26, grants totalling €33,250 were allocated. This was paid to 58 students at various institutions of higher and further education in Ireland and elsewhere.

The following were elected as members of the Grants Committee for the ensuing year:
The Assistant Secretary, Dr. Edward Gash, Mrs. Dorothy Verplancke.

Fund Allocation and Grants 2025:

The following allocations were agreed:

Contributions to Cost of Transport to School Services	5,000
Diocesan Church Music Scheme	14,000
Chaplaincy Midleton College	9,300
Children and Family Ministry	2,000

Accounts

The audited accounts of the Board for the year ended 31 December 2025 can be found on page 66.

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Information

Governors	The Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross The Right Rev. Dr W.P. Colton	
	The Rev. J.K. Ardis	Ms O. Anderson
	The Very Rev. N.K. Dunne	Ms D. Bryan
	The Rev M. Farr	Mr I. Coombes
	The Very Rev. C. Jeffers	Dr E. Gash
	The Rev. Canon A.G. Marley	Ms F. Giles
	The Rev. T. Mitchell	Mrs J.M. Peters
	The Rev. Canon E. Murray	Ms M. Roycroft
	The Ven. A.D.H. Orr	Mr P. Stobart
	The Rev. A.M. Skuse	Mrs D. Verplancke
Secretary	Mr J. de Montfort	
Auditors	Gourney Accounting Limited T/A CHK Partnership Accountants and Registered Auditors, 92 South Mall, Cork.	
Charity's Address	St Nicholas House, 14 Cove Street, Cork. T12 RP40	
Bankers	Bank of Ireland, 32 South Mall, Cork.	
Solicitors	Jermyn Baker Solicitors, 50 South Mall, Cork.	
Charity CRA No.	20002954	
Charity CHY No.	2236	

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Report of the Governors and Officers

The Governors and Officers will have pleasure in submitting their report together with the audited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Structure

This charity was established on 2 August 1890 under Scheme 66 of the Educational Endowments Act 1885 by the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

Following the issue of the Charities Act 2009 the Charities Regulatory Authority ("CRA") was established on 16 October 2014 to register and regulate charities operating in Ireland. The Charity has registered with the CRA.

Cork, Cloyne and Ross Diocesan Board of Education is recognised by the Revenue Commissioners as having registered charity status - registration number CHY 2236.

Governance and management

Under the Scheme, a Governing Body was formed for the future management of the Endowments. The Governors of Cork, Cloyne and Ross Diocesan Board of Education (the "Governors") shall not be fewer than fifteen in all, provided that the number of Governors other than ex-officio Governors shall not be less than nine.

The Governors shall consist of the ex-Officio Governor (namely the Bishop), Clerical Representative Governors (to be elected by the Diocesan Synod), Lay Representative Governors (to be elected by the Diocesan Synod) and co-opted Governors if any (not exceeding six at any time in all) who shall be members of the Church.

Meetings of the Governors shall be held from time to time as the occasion shall require, but not less frequently than four times in every year. The Bishop shall be chairman of the Board and shall preside at the meetings of the Board; in the absence of the Chairman, the Governors present shall elect one of their number to preside for the occasion. At such meetings five Governors shall constitute a quorum and all matters shall be determined by the majority of the Governors present, with the presiding Governor having a casting vote in a case of equality of votes.

The Board shall cause to be kept regular accounts of all their receipts and disbursements, and such accounts shall be submitted for audit on or before the first day of March following.

Objectives and activities

The charity's main object is to promote and encourage in the Diocese, so far as the endowments admit, religious education of pupils belonging to the church.

The Governors of the Charity meet regularly to discuss the Charity's operations and to ensure the Charity meets all of its regulatory requirements.

The Charity holds a residential property at Inglenook, Schull, Co. Cork.

The Charity also holds a portfolio of investments with a fair value of €2,578,680 at 31 December 2025 (2024: €2,538,842), the majority of which is managed by Davy Stockbrokers.

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The Charity's income comprises investment income from its portfolio of investments.

The Charity's expenses consist of grants allotted to the Higher Education Grant Fund and donations to St. Stephen's Protestant Orphan Society, together with school service costs, Board of management training, contributions to the Diocesan Council for administration of the charity, costs relating to the investment property such as insurance and agents letting fees, investment manager's fees, auditors remuneration, and other overheads such as bank charges, office expenses and legal fees.

Results for the year	Board of Education €	Higher Education €	Crowe Trust €	Total €
Income	40,921	19,825	2,166	62,912
Gains and losses - Realised	(8,361)	306	(139)	(8,194)
Expenditure	(75,223)	(41,297)	(1,961)	(118,481)
Changes in Gains and Losses - Unrealised	<u>51,054</u>	<u>27,568</u>	<u>(66)</u>	<u>78,556</u>
	8,391	6,402	-	14,793
Balance of Unrestricted Funds at 1 January 2025	<u>1,929,666</u>	<u>1,086,684</u>	<u>129,775</u>	<u>3,146,125</u>
Balance of Unrestricted Funds at 31 December 2025	<u>1,938,057</u>	<u>1,093,086</u>	<u>129,775</u>	<u>3,160,918</u>

Included in the unrestricted funds at 31 December 2025 is the investment property value that is stated at a market value of €250,000.

Risks

The key risks to which the charity is exposed have been identified by the Governors who assess their probability, potential impact and the consequential actions to manage them. The key risks identified were:

- In common with all charities, maintaining income levels is a significant challenge. To address this issue the Charity holds various investments detailed as follows:
 - a) The Charity has an investment property from which it could earn rental income.
 - b) The Charity has a portfolio of listed investments from which it earns investment income and capital appreciation.
 - c) The Charity holds cash on deposit to meet expenses as they arise.
- There is a risk that the investment property will require substantial repair work from time to time.
- The investment property is not currently earning any rental income.
- The value and income from investments in securities is dependent on the global economic climate and may fluctuate significantly from time to time.
- The risk of fraud is considered to be low as the activities of the Charity are closely monitored.

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Reserves policy

The Governors of Cork, Cloyne and Ross Diocesan Board of Education adopt the below mentioned policy for maintaining funds on deposit.

In creating this policy a full review of the following took place:

- 1) Existing funds available to the charity were analysed
- 2) A review of income streams with an assessment of their reliability and continuance.
- 3) A review of committed expenditure and donations and to what extent these are controllable.
- 4) An assessment of risk, to identify potential commitments and/or contingencies and the likelihood that these risks will materialise and give rise to new commitments.

The following conclusions were agreed:

Funds are required for the following and should be considered when adopting a Reserve Policy:

- 1) Funds for working capital
- 2) Funds for unexpected expenditure
- 3) Funds for shortfalls in income

Investment income is the main income this charity enjoys and therefore any significant decrease or losses in investment income, in any year, would hugely impact on the charity being able to operate in accordance with the Charity's objectives.

Future developments

It is expected that there will be no change to the objectives of the Charity as outlined above for the foreseeable future.

Governors and Officers Responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Governors and Officers are responsible for preparing financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and the income and expenditure of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Governors and Officers are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue to operate.

The Governors and Officers are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Auditors

The auditors, Gourney Accounting Limited T/A CHK Partnership, will continue in office.

On behalf of the Governors and Officers

The Ven. A.D.H. Orr Chairman

The Very Rev. N.K. Dunne

Date: 13 May 2026

Independent Auditors' Report to Cork, Cloyne and Ross Diocesan Board of Education

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cork, Cloyne and Ross Diocesan Board of Education for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the Statements of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 1. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law, FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102) issued by the Charity Commission.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- o give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the charity as at 31 December 2025 and of its surplus for the financial year then ended;
- o have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; and
- o have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102) issued by the Charity Commission.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 6 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which ISAs (Ireland) require us to report to you where:

- o the governors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- o the governors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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Other Information

The governors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters

We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the charity were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited, and financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

Respective responsibilities

Responsibilities of governors for the financial statements

The governors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the governors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the governors are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the governors either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- o Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- o Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- o Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the governors.
- o Conclude on the appropriateness of the governors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- o Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the governors of Cork, Cloyne and Ross Diocesan Board of Education. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the governors those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the governors, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Maurice Minogue (statutory auditor)

For and on behalf of

Gourney Accounting Limited T/A CHK Partnership,
Accountants and Statutory Auditors,
92 South Mall,
Cork.

Date: 13 May 2026

Cork, Cloyne and Ross Diocesan Board of Education
Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025
Statement of Financial Activities: Board of Education

	2025 €	2024 €
Investment Income and Net Gains on Investments		
Income from investments	39,921	33,212
Rents Receivable	1,000	300
Profit/(Loss) on Foreign Exchange	1,760	6,291
(Loss)/Profit on Disposal of Investments	<u>(10,121)</u>	<u>37,503</u>
Total Income	<u>32,560</u>	<u>77,306</u>
Gains and losses - unrealised		
Change in Unrealised Gains/(Losses) on Investments	<u>51,054</u>	<u>70,480</u>
Total unrealised gains and losses	<u>51,054</u>	<u>70,480</u>
Expenditure on Charitable Activities		
Diocesan Council	21,000	21,000
Diocesan Council - Secretarial Contribution	5,000	5,000
Children' s Ministry	3,294	1,947
Chaplaincy - Midleton College	9,306	9,300
School Bus Grants	2,800	1,240
Travelling expenses	-	455
Education Committee	-	4,172
Music Scheme Grant	15,000	14,000
City of Cork Church School Board Grant	-	30,000
Boards of Management Training	-	1,462
Payments commitments on proceeds of Sales of Old Schools	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	56,400	88,576
Other Expenditure		
Property Insurance	800	760
Rental Property Expenses	4,291	5,853
Accountancy Fees	4,190	4,203
Bank Charges	45	43
Miscellaneous	135	2,530
Investment Portfolio Account - Management Fee	9,362	9,112
Legal fees	<u>-</u>	<u>2,993</u>
	<u>18,823</u>	<u>25,494</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>75,223</u>	<u>114,070</u>
Net Movement in Funds	<u>8,391</u>	<u>33,716</u>

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Statement of Financial Activities: Higher Education Trust Fund

	2025 €	2024 €
Investment from donation and legacies		
Settlement	-	-
Investment Income and Net Gains on Investments		
Income from investments	19,825	21,027
Profit/(Loss) on Foreign Exchange	(591)	5,479
(Loss)/Profit on Disposal of Investments	<u>897</u>	<u>20,630</u>
Total Income	<u>20,131</u>	<u>47,136</u>
Gains and losses - unrealised		
Change in unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	<u>27,568</u>	<u>88,720</u>
Total unrealised gains and losses	<u>27,568</u>	<u>88,720</u>
Expenditure on Charitable Activities		
Grants Allotted to Higher Education Grant Fund	33,250	26,500
Diocesan Council - Administration	<u>2,000</u>	<u>750</u>
	35,250	27,250
Other Expenditure		
Investment Portfolio Account - Management Fee	6,004	5,782
Bank Charges	<u>43</u>	<u>32</u>
	<u>6,047</u>	<u>5,814</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>41,297</u>	<u>33,064</u>
Net Movement in Funds	<u>6,402</u>	<u>102,792</u>

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Statement of Financial Activities: Crowe Trust Fund

	2025	2024
	€	€
Investment Income and Net Gains on Investments		
Income from investments	2,166	1,970
Profit/(Loss) on Foreign Exchange	(139)	72
(Loss)/Profit on Disposal of Investments	<u>-</u>	<u>379</u>
Total Income	<u>2,027</u>	<u>2,241</u>
 Gains and losses - unrealised		
Change in Unrealised Gains/(Losses) on Investments	<u>(66)</u>	<u>(1,340)</u>
Total unrealised gains and losses	<u>(66)</u>	<u>(1,340)</u>
 Expenditure on Charitable Activities		
St Stephen's Protestant Orphan Society Donation	<u>1,487</u>	<u>615</u>
	<u>1,487</u>	<u>615</u>
 Other Expenditure		
Investment Portfolio Account - Management Fee	<u>474</u>	<u>466</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>1,961</u>	<u>1,081</u>
Net Movement in Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 €	2024 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	2	250,000	250,000
Investments	3	<u>2,578,680</u>	<u>2,538,842</u>
		<u>2,828,680</u>	<u>2,788,842</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors		309	9,615
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	<u>381,414</u>	<u>388,711</u>
		<u>381,723</u>	<u>398,326</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors		<u>49,485</u>	<u>41,043</u>
		<u>49,485</u>	<u>41,043</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>332,238</u>	<u>357,283</u>
Net Assets		<u>3,160,918</u>	<u>3,146,125</u>
Represented by:			
Reserves			
Unrestricted Funds	5	<u>3,160,918</u>	<u>3,146,125</u>
		<u>3,160,918</u>	<u>3,146,125</u>

The notes on pages 81-84 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Governors on 13 May 2026 and signed by:

The Ven. A.D.H. Orr

The Very Rev. N.K. Dunne

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Statement of Cash Flows

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 €	Unrestricted Funds 2024 €
Cash flows from operating activities		
Surplus/(deficit) for the financial year	14,793	136,508
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible assets	-	-
Investment income receivable	(62,912)	(56,509)
Net gains/losses on investing activities	(70,362)	(228,214)
Change in debtors	9,306	3,721
Change in creditors	<u>8,442</u>	<u>6,915</u>
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	(100,733)	(137,579)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Deposit interest received	-	-
Investment income received	61,912	56,209
Rents received	1,000	300
Foreign exchange gains	1,030	11,842
Cash payment for purchase of tangible assets	-	-
Cash payments for purchase of investments	(145,145)	(1,002,314)
Cash receipts from disposal of investments	<u>174,639</u>	<u>946,713</u>
Net cash from investing activities	<u>93,436</u>	<u>12,750</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(7,297)	(124,829)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>388,711</u>	<u>513,540</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>381,414</u>	<u>388,711</u>

The notes on pages 81-84 form part of these Financial Statements

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Accounting Policies

1.1. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, except that investments are stated at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)", Irish statute and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

The charity has applied the Charities SORP on a voluntary basis as its application is not a requirement of the current regulations for charities registered in the Republic of Ireland

1.2. Tangible Assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and are subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of other assets over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Office Equipment	-	20% Straight Line
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If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in depreciation rate, useful life or residual value of tangible assets, the depreciation is revised retrospectively to reflect the new estimates.

1.3. Investment Property

The investment property is initially measured at cost, which includes purchase price and any directly attributable expenditure.

The Governors have taken the decision to revalue the investment property at the reporting date as required by FRS 102. The investment property is now stated at a value of €250,000.

1.4. Investments

Fixed asset investments are initially recognised at their purchase price. They are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure in the Statements of Financial Activities.

Income from investments is recognised in the Statements of Financial Activities in the year in which it is received.

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1.5. Financial Instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately.

For all equity instruments and other financial assets regardless of significance, these are assessed individually for impairment.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised in profit or loss immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

1.6. Foreign Currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into euro at the rates of exchange prevailing at the accounting date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the date of the transactions. All differences are taken to the statements of financial activities.

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2. Tangible Assets	Property at Schull Co Cork €	Furniture Fittings & Equipment €	Total €
Cost			
At 1 January 2025	250,000	26,826	276,826
At 31 December 2025	<u>250,000</u>	<u>26,826</u>	<u>276,826</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2025	-	26,826	26,826
At 31 December 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>26,826</u>	<u>26,826</u>
Net Book Values			
At 31 December 2025	<u>250,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>250,000</u>
Net Book Values			
At 31 December 2024	<u>250,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>250,000</u>

The title deeds of the investment property have not been reviewed as part of the audit to ensure that the title of the property vests in the name of the charity.

3. Investments	Board of Education €	Higher Education Trust €	Crowe Trust €	Total €
Value of investments at 1.1.2025	1,503,392	970,316	65,134	2,538,842
Purchases	141,351	3,794	-	145,145
Sales/Redemptions	(169,581)	(14,282)	-	(183,863)
Revaluation for year	51,054	28,795	57	79,906
(Diminution)/Write Back in value	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,227)</u>	<u>(123)</u>	<u>(1,350)</u>
Value of investments at 31.12.2025	<u>1,526,216</u>	<u>987,396</u>	<u>65,068</u>	<u>2,578,680</u>

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4. Cash and Cash Equivalents	2025	2024
	€	€
Board of Education		
- Bank of Ireland Current Account	274,368	284,195
- Bank of Ireland Deposit Account	1	1
- Davys Cash on Deposit	5,013	3,902
Higher Education Trust		
- Bank of Ireland Current Account	81,462	84,005
- Davys Cash on Deposit	7,947	5,538
Crowe Trust		
- Davys Cash on Deposit	<u>12,623</u>	<u>11,070</u>
	<u>381,414</u>	<u>388,711</u>

5. Reserves	Board of Education	Higher Education Trust	Crowe Trust	Total
	€	€	€	€
Year ended 31 December 2025				
Income	32,560	20,131	2,027	54,718
Unrealised gains and losses	51,054	27,568	(66)	78,556
Expenditure	<u>(75,223)</u>	<u>(41,297)</u>	<u>(1,961)</u>	<u>(118,481)</u>
	8,391	6,402	-	14,793
Opening unrestricted funds	<u>1,929,666</u>	<u>1,086,684</u>	<u>129,775</u>	<u>3,146,125</u>
Closing Unrestricted Funds	<u>1,938,057</u>	<u>1,093,086</u>	<u>129,775</u>	<u>3,160,918</u>

6. APB Ethical Standards - Provisions Available for Smaller Entities

In common with many other charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to provide us with general accounting advice and to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

Diocesan Education Committee Report 2026

Membership

<i>Chairperson:</i>	The Bishop
<i>Representatives of the Diocesan Synod:</i>	The Rev. Canon John Ardis Olwen Anderson
<i>Representatives of the Diocesan Board of Education to General Synod:</i>	Peter Stobart
<i>Representatives of Primary School Principals:</i>	Gillian Brady Edward Pepper
<i>Representatives of Primary School Chairpersons:</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Representative of Post-Primary School Principals:</i>	Dr Edward Gash
<i>Co-opted by the Committee to include:</i>	<i>None</i>

The role of the Committee is to advise the Bishop on matters relating to education, particularly arising from his role as a patron of schools.

Thanks to Mr. Stephen Spillane for his long service as Chair of St Luke's National School, Montenotte, Cork, including his service on the Committee representing Primary School Chairpersons.

Thanks to the Rev. Cn. Elaine Murray, long a co-opted member of the Committee, for her years of service up through her retirement in August 2026.

The Committee did not meet between Diocesan Synod 2025 and the printing of this report in August 2026.

Children's Ministry in the Diocese



The Diocesan Children's Ministry Group was set up in 2013 as part of the Church of Ireland's Children and Family Ministry network with the objective of offering local training, support, and equipping those in this ministry with useful resources to help in this vital and rewarding ministry to our diocesan children. The Group now links in with the Church of Ireland Board for Ministry with Children and Families.

Working Group Membership

Revd Elise Hanley, Convenor

April Gunn, Secretary

Joanna Griffin

The Very Revd Cliff Jeffers

The remit of the CCR CFM Working Group is to liaise with parishes, encouraging them in their practice of ministry to children and families, through the sharing of ideas, curricula, resources, and 'good news' stories from across the diocese, with a view to fuelling creativity and enthusiasm within parishes to meet the challenges of each unique context.

The Working Group typically meets quarterly via Zoom for discussion and planning. Due to the difficulty of scheduling, significant amounts of work happen via email and sharing of Google Docs. Notice of the many excellent training activities and resources organised by the central Board for Ministry with Children and Families are circulated via a CCR CFM WhatsApp group and the Diocesan CFM Facebook page.

The Learning Process

In 2025-2026, the Working Group focused its efforts on the preparation and oversight of the Learning Process for parishes to engage with to encourage development of children and family ministry across the diocese. Development of the Learning Process, which provides a set of suggested questions and exercises for clergy, lay leaders, parents and children, began in early 2024. In October 2024, three parishes were invited to pilot the Learning Process: Cobh and Glanmire Union, Fanlobbus Union, and Kinsale Union. In early 2025 the three pilot parishes were asked to prepare short presentations on their experience of the process and what they learned through it, and they made presentations at the Spring in-person gathering. Ultimately, a total of ten parish unions/groups engaged with the process: joining the initial three were Fermoy, Templebreedy, Carrigaline, Ross, Carrigrohane, Moviddy, Abbeystrewy, and Mallow. As of this writing, all but one parish have received a certificate of completion and a gift basket full of books and other resources for children's and family ministry. We hope to have an in-person gathering in the autumn of 2026 to discuss findings and to ask, 'what's next?' Each parish that has completed the process will have the opportunity to apply for a small grant from the diocese (on a match funding basis) for initiatives related to children and family ministry.

Transition

As we all know, there has been a good amount of recent transition in our diocese, not only with the retirement of Bishop Paul Colton and the election of Bishop-Elect Andrew Orr. Several other clergy moved to new cures, including the convenor of the Working Group, The Revd Abigail Sines. In January 2026 Abigail was installed as Rector of the Trim and Athboy Union and Dean of Clonmacnoise. The Working Group was sad to see her go, and we wish her all the best. In May of 2026 it was announced that Revd Elise Hanley would be the new Convener and the Representative Children and Families Ministry Representative for the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. As Bishop Colton retired, Susan Colton stepped down from the Working Group. In addition, Heidi Hosford, upon being promoted to Deputy Principal at her school, has also stepped down. We thank Abigail for her faithful and committed leadership, and Susan and Heidi for all their dedicated work.

Funding from the Sunday School Society

The Sunday School Society has begun the process of winding down, and as part of their legacy they have gifted each Diocese with a cheque for €4000. This has been transferred to the Diocesan Board of Education to fund children's ministry. We give thanks for the receipt of this funding to the Society, including the Revd Eugene Griffin, who served as their treasurer.

Future Plans

The group is reforming with new members, and will soon meet to set priorities for 2026-2027. Interest has been expressed in having an in-person event with a speaker to talk about ministry to families with children who have special needs.

The Revd Elise Hanley plans to attend the Hand in Hand Conference on behalf of CCR in February 2027.

Further Education and Training

Certificate in Christian Studies

This is a two-year, part-time course, for those who wish to explore the Christian faith in greater depth and to understand its relevance for our lives, in the communities of which we are a part.

Five learners completed the course in 2025 and ten learners have joined the 2026/7 course.

The course covers the following areas of the Christian faith—scripture, theology, mission and ministry, church history, liturgy and ethics.

It is open to anyone who wishes to grow in their understanding of the Christian faith, as well as fulfilling the requirements for those who wish to offer ministry as a Lay Reader in the Diocese, or to continue their training as Ordained Local Ministers.

The modules are supported by clergy in the Diocese and the classes are interactive, with plenty of scope to learn through interaction and dialogue. Each module consists of six lectures and three tutorials, with an assignment at the end, to help reflect on the learning that has taken place.

The course consists of both online and in-person learning at St Nicholas House in Cork. The online classes take place in the evening with the tutorials held on Saturdays.

The Certificate in Christian Studies is a Level 7 Certificate Course and is accredited by St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth.

A number of lectures and workshops were held in the course of the year to supplement the course and were open to the wider Diocese:

On the 26th of June 2025 Canon Alan Marley's thought-provoking workshop on why the Pope doesn't speak English, raised the importance of **ecumenism** as a Gospel imperative and its place in the shape and form of the future church in Ireland.

On the 28th 2025 June Revd. Eileen Cremin presented a workshop on **faith and racial justice**. The workshop raised a number of issues around the subjects, how we are all personally affected in different ways, as well as some ideas as to how parishes can help to address racial injustice in the church.

Particularly helpful resources for parishes- From Every Nation- can be found on the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (ctbi.org.uk) website.

Ordained Local Ministers

Regular tutor groups were held over the course of the last year for those training for the Ordained Local Ministry. The training is ongoing, to help supplement the in-person and online training offered by the Church of Ireland's Theological Institute. Two OLMs were ordained in June 2026.

MindMatters

The project approved for funding by MindMatters COI was completed with an official launch of the labyrinth and mural on the 18th of October 2025. This is a quiet space behind the Abbeystrewry Church as a place that is accessible to the public for meditation and reflection.

Primary Schools - Teachers and Pupils at 30 September 2025

2024 Pupils	2024 Teachers	School	2025 Pupils	2025 Teachers
139	10	Abbeystrewry, Skibbereen	139	9.6
23	3	St Matthias', Ballydehob	22	3
21	5	Ballymoney	18	5
189	14	Bandonbridge	170	12
23	4	St Brendan's, Bantry	28	3
209	14	St Mary's, Carrigaline	205	14
22	3	Cobh Mixed	15	3
95	5	Dunmanway Model	-	-
17	3	St James's, Durrus	19	4
28	3	Fermoy (Adair)	21	3
47	5	Kilgariffe, Clonakilty	45	4
54	7	St Multose, Kinsale	54	6
198	14	St John the Baptist, Midleton	191	13
83	5.5	St Fin Barre's, Cork	75	5
94	7	St Luke's, Cork	-	-
207	12	St Luke's, Douglas	202	12
104	8	St Michael's, Blackrock	102	8
74	4	Templebreedy, Crosshaven	69	4
<u>224</u>	<u>26</u>	Youghal	<u>190</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>1,851</u>	<u>152.5</u>	TOTALS	<u>1,565</u>	<u>133.6</u>

Note: Number of teachers includes full-time and part-time.

Cork, Cloyne & Ross Diocesan Youth Council

Membership

Appointment

Appointee

President	The Bishop
Chairperson	Mrs Judy Peters
Synod Clerical	Rev. Canon Robert Ferris [<i>resigned 31 August 2026</i>]
Synod Clerical	Dean Cliff Jeffers
Synod Lay	Mr Peter Coughlan
Synod Lay	Miss Oriel Hosford
Bishop's appointment	Mr Nathan Kingston
Bishop's appointment	Miss Elizabeth Gleasure
Co-opted Treasurer	Miss Hilary French
Co-opted	Miss Clodagh Moloney
Co-opted	Mr Niall Sweetnam
Co-opted	Mr Darragh Coombes
Ex-officio	Mrs Hilda Connolly

CDYC's remit is to deliver youth work to those of secondary school age in the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. It does so by holding diocesan events, by working with local parish youth groups and by developing and training young leaders.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

The Cork Diocesan Youth Council had another busy year since we last reported at the Diocesan Synod in September 2025.

The Advent Youth Service was held in St. Fachtna's Cathedral in Rosscarbery in November with Rev Eugene Griffin as our guest, speaking on the theme of Darkness into Light.

The year finished up with a trip to Cork to Mahon Point Shopping Centre for some Christmas shopping before heading to Winterlee for some Christmas Markets and Ice-skating.

We held our Youth Leaders Christmas dinner at the Talbot Hotel in Ballincollig.

In January, at the request of Bishop Colton the Youth Council and the Diocesan Youth Officer, Hilda Connolly, organised the annual Bishop's Confirmation Morning. This was held in Bandon Grammar for nearly 100 candidates.

In February, there was a very energetic soccer tournament held, with plenty of Ronaldos and Messis turning up.

The Easter event, which was meant to be a trip to Smugglers Cove for a run around the Rebel Rampage and the Tubing with pizza after, ended up having to be reorganized due to a storm. A few phone calls later and we gathered in Ross Hall for an afternoon of activities including an Easter Quiz, and lots of pizza. We finished with a Eucharist Service with Dean Cliff Jeffers.

In May we headed to Ballyhass for a day of Zip wires and water inflatables.

In June, we held a Post Confirmation Day at Airtastic for Bowling, Crazy Golf and food.

Afterwards we took the group to the Canon Packham Hall in Douglas, where we met Archdeacon Andrew Orr and Rev. Meghan Farr, who chatted to the group about Confirmation not being “the end” and encouraged the group to persevere and to keep running the race with their faith journey.

In June, we held our annual 6th Class day out in Oysterhaven, with a lot of new faces turning up for muddy trials and water activities. There was a great buzz around as the group quickly discovered that some of them will be attending the same Secondary Schools in Sept.

And in the coming weeks, it is back to Summer Madness with 4 leaders again to help out in the CIYD Connect Café.

We have lots of training opportunities and activities being planned for the coming months, so as you can see by the report, The Cork Diocesan Youth Council is as busy as ever!

PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

In October 2025, CDYC launched its Youth Initiative Project. This project provided parishes with a generous grant of €1,000 to set up and run three events for secondary school age in the coming year. Six parishes availed of this opportunity: Templebreedy, Carrigaline, Cloyne, Ross, Carrigrohane and Fanlobbus. As the funds distributed come from the devolved funding organised by the Church of Ireland Youth Department, it was important that full reports, budgets, etc were delivered. The youth officer provided assistance in support to parishes and training where necessary. It is good to see youth groups thriving in some parts of the Diocese but there is much more which can be done. CDYC leaders are all involved in parish groups.

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND YOUTH DEPARTMENT (CIYD)

CDYC partners very closely with CIYD.

CIYD have held Diocesan Youth Officer Retreats and conferences to keep everyone informed and refreshed in their ministry. CIYD also publishes a number of useful resources for young people and leaders.

CDYC leaders attend Summer Madness each year and run the CIYD café.

CDYC GRANTS/FUNDING

CDYC have always been very keen to encourage any young person or youth leader to do short term voluntary work or to go on to do further youth work training.

Grants and funding are available to help support anyone who would like to take up an opportunity like this. CDYC will also provide information about other grants which are available.

YOUTH OFFICER

CDYC is very grateful for all the dedication, care, and energy of the Diocesan Youth Officer, Hilda Connolly. Her tireless work with both young people and clergy makes a real difference, fostering growth, faith, and community in so many lives. Her commitment, patience, and passion are evident in all she does. Hilda is also involved in several committees and Boards nationally where her contributions are invaluable.

CORK DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL
Detailed Trading, Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025		2024
	€	€	€
Turnover			
ETB grant	2,500		2,350
Diocesan Youth grant	4,593		7,500
Representative Church Body	(2,400)		2,400
Bishop of Cork	-		-
Oysterhaven	625		780
Fota	670		-
Airtastic Entertainment Centre	470		-
Footgolf	360		-
Ice skating	470		-
Zip it/Farran Park	-		555
Sun-up/Easter event	470		165
Christmas shopping trip	-		525
Confirmation event	1,510		1,380
Leaders events	330		-
Other activities	<u>-</u>		<u>800</u>
	9,598		16,455
Administrative expenses			
Youth grants	2,150	-	
Leaders weekend/meeting expenses	751	533	
Oysterhaven Centre	1,248	650	
Fota trips	1,554	-	
Airtastic entertainment centre	1,296	-	
Footgolf	850	-	
Summer madness	676	534	
Zip it/Farran Park	-	1,714	
Wonderlights (Fota House)	-	523	
Killarney trip	-	549	
Ice skating	396	-	
Confirmation weekend	813	956	
Trip to Ashton School	-	450	
Various trips to Cork	-	1,300	
Other activities	-	375	
Equipment	286	740	
Gifts	-	119	
Sundry	-	44	
Bank charges	<u>59</u>	<u>59</u>	
Surplus/(deficit)	(10,079)		(8,445)
	<u>(481)</u>		<u>8,010</u>

Note 1: Duplicate Mind Matters grant of €1,200 was received from the RCB in 2024 in error. The duplicate grant of €1,200 was repaid to the RCB in 2025 and the initial amount of €1,200 was also repaid in 2025 as it was not utilised.

CORK DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	€	2025 €	€	2024 €
Current assets				
Debtors	-	-	-	-
Bank	<u>46,808</u>		<u>47,289</u>	
	<u>46,808</u>		<u>47,289</u>	
Current liabilities				
Trade creditors and accruals	=		=	
	=		=	
Net current assets		<u>46,808</u>		<u>47,289</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>46,808</u>		<u>47,289</u>
Capital account				
Opening balance	47,289		39,279	
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u>(481)</u>		<u>8,010</u>	
		<u>46,808</u>		<u>47,289</u>

THE BISHOP'S CONTINUING MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	€	€
Receipts		
Confirmation Services	4,211	7,242
Institution and Licensing Services	-	1,498
Ordinations	1,517	824
Other Services	<u>461</u>	<u>1,697</u>
	<u>6,189</u>	<u>11,261</u>
Diocesan Council	17,602	16,050
Magill Fund	7,000	6,000
Victoria Trust	10,000	5,000
R.C.B. Priorities Fund	1,950	1,950
Other Donations	4,733	0
	<u>41,285</u>	<u>29,000</u>
Total Receipts	<u>47,474</u>	<u>40,261</u>
Payments		
Ordination, Reader and in-Service training	11,819	11,057
Retreat and study week costs	7,077	8,140
Conferences and Consultations	17,327	34,031
Materials & Resources	1,592	2,372
Dialogue and Links	1,494	0
Pioneer Ministry	0	0
General Expenses	<u>8,856</u>	<u>1,562</u>
Total Expenses	<u>48,165</u>	<u>57,162</u>
Net Totals	<u>(691)</u>	<u>(16,901)</u>
Balance at 31 December 2024		33,846
Balance at 31 December 2025	33,154	

Bishop of Cork Pastoral Care Fund

RCN (Registered Charity Number): 20205892 CHY 22613

The objectives of the charity are set out and defined in accordance with Irish charity legislation as follows:

- Relief of poverty or economic hardship
- Advancement of education
- Advancement of religion
- Other purpose that is of benefit to the community
 - Advancement of community welfare including the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, or disability
 - Promotion of religious or racial harmony and harmonious community relations

Bishop of Cork Pastoral Care Fund

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025 €	2024 €
Receipts		
Parochial Donations	10,950	14,977
Individuals' Donations	3,539	6,705
Trusts, R.C.B.	5,750	10,705
Foundation Donations	-	1,650
Total Income	<u>20,339</u>	<u>34,037</u>
Payments		
Relief of Poverty	8,472	8,637
Advancement of Religion	3,302	2,535
Advancement of Education	295	1,901
Community Youth	4,444	3,222
Community Age	189	152
Community Ill Health and Disability	2,515	445
Clerical Relief	1,500	1,000
Sundry Expenses	44	162
Total Expenses	<u>20,761</u>	<u>18,054</u>
Net Totals	<u>(421)</u>	<u>15,983</u>
Balance at 31 December 2024		46,773
Balance at 31 December 2025	46,352	

DIOCESAN COUNCIL FOR MISSION

Chairperson Nominated by the Bishop

The Rev Adam Pullen

Elected Members

Lay

Ms Sarah Louise Kilroy
Dr Simon Woodworth

Clerical

The Reverend Andrew Coleman
The Reverend Clodagh Yambasu

Co-opted Members

The Rev Tony Murphy
Ms Joanna Griffith
Ms Helen Lane

Chairperson's Report 2026

Our focus this year has been the Liloma project in partnership with Bishops' Appeal and Christian Aid

The Liloma project raises funds that are channelled through Bishops' Appeal and Christian Aid which are then sent to support the work of the Council of Churches of Sierra Leone to support people displaced by palm oil plantations in the Upper Malen Chiefdom in the Pujehun District of the country.

In addition to providing basic tools to people to allow for small scale farming the project aims to empower people through the creation of small VSLA's (Village Saving and Loan Associations) which allow participants to raise small funding to start petty businesses.

The direct beneficiaries are approximately 355 conflict affected Women across 10 communities. In addition, 40 displaced and vulnerable women who are living in Communities outside their own areas are also supported.

The purpose is to rebuild sustainable livelihoods through strengthened savings groups, farming support, and alternative income activities, improving food security, household income, and stability.

Rev Andrew Coleman has taken the lead in this project on behalf of the council. Rev Andrew Coleman along with Rev Tony Murphy have met with Ruth Cooke and Kelly McDonald of Christian Aid to review the progress of the project. As a result of this it was agreed by the council that we would continue to work with the existing support communities rather than expand to further communities.

Against an overall target of €45,000 to date €30,000 has been transferred to Christian Aid.

Rev Andrew Coleman and Rev Tony Murphy have undertaken a "journey of hope" --Liloma being the Mende Word for Hope- through all the unions of the United diocese, beginning on the 14th May in our most Easterly Parish in Youghal and ended on 5th July with a service of

Compline in our most westerly Church in St Brendan's Crookhaven. We would like to thank the parishioners and clergy for their enthusiastic support and participation on this walk of hope. Also, to express our gratitude and thanks to Andrew and Tony for their energetic support and promotion of Liloma.

It is intended the project will run for three years and we are now completing the second of three years. In the final year of the project we would like if possible to travel to Sierra Leone to see the work and impact of the project first hand. This will depend on the ability of our partners.

The Liloma project is a powerful example of a partnership in mission from Cork, Cloyne and Ross Diocese Ireland to Male Chiefdom Sierra Leone. This is a practical and powerful example of the TELL, telling the Good News of the Kingdom through TEND, responding to human need by loving service along with the challenge of TRANSFORM: Transform unjust structures of society, challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation. It is also a very topical example of TREASURE: Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Looking forward we will prepare and send to parishes a short questionnaire to understand, support and commend the overseas mission work supported by parishes in the diocese. In addition, it is hoped this will encourage further overseas mission partnerships.

I commend the work of the Council of Mission to the Synod and thank the members of the council for their prayerful, practical and engaging work during the last year.

Rev Adam Pullen B.Sc, Dip Theol, MAMM

Hon Chairperson

Cork Cloyne and Ross Council for Mission

Protestant Aid

2025 - A Challenging Year for the Vulnerable

For many individuals and families, 2025 was marked by persistent and acute financial pressure. Rising food costs continued to place an unfair burden on those already living on low incomes, forcing difficult choices and deepening existing hardship. In response to this growing need, Protestant Aid's General Grant programme saw a 7% increase in applications, alongside an 11% rise in expenditure for this programme alone—clear indicators of both the scale of need and the urgency of our response.

Recognising the particular strain faced by families during the winter and festive season, Emergency Vouchers were distributed at Christmas, offering timely and practical support at what can be an especially challenging time of year.

Throughout the Republic of Ireland, Protestant Aid continues its work in close partnership with clergy, whose insight, compassion, and commitment remain central to the effective distribution of grant aid across our programmes. We are deeply grateful to the clergy of this diocese, who play a vital role in identifying need and submitting applications on behalf of parishioners. Their pastoral care and advocacy ensure that support reaches those who need it most.

Equally essential to this work are our donors, whose generosity sustains our mission year after year. Many now choose to give online via www.protestantaid.org or through standing orders, providing reliable and ongoing support. We offer our sincere thanks for this practical expression of solidarity and care.

General Grants

The General Grant programme exists to provide financial assistance to individuals and families experiencing particular or unexpected financial hardship. During 2025, applications increased by 7%, with grants totalling over €600,000 awarded—representing a striking 11% increase on the previous year. These grants were distributed with fairness and dignity, responding to need without distinction of religious, ethnic, or social background.

We remain especially thankful to the clergy of the diocese who work closely with us in administering this programme, enabling timely and compassionate responses to those facing financial difficulty.

Heating Annuities

The Heating Annuities programme offers vital support during the winter months, primarily to individuals aged over 65 who are living independently at home. Prospective recipients are identified by their rector, who refers applications to Protestant Aid. For many, this assistance provides not only financial relief but also reassurance—offering the certainty of warmth and comfort during the coldest periods of the year.

General Annuities

General Annuities are designed to enhance the quality of life of individuals or couples aged over 65 who are living at home or in sheltered housing. Paid on a quarterly basis, this regular financial support helps ease ongoing pressures and contributes to greater stability and peace of mind. Applicants are identified through the General Grant programme by clergy, ensuring that support is directed where it is most needed. As with the Heating Annuities, this sustained assistance brings meaningful comfort and helps to alleviate the financial anxiety that so often accompanies later life.

Education:

Protestant students attending Protestant managed Secondary Schools may be eligible to apply for the following grants:

School Fee Grants: This programme is intended to help with Day or Boarding school fees for second level students.

School Expenses Grant: A grant for general school expenses (books, uniforms etc.) may be available subject to families' income level.

Expense grants are also available for students attending Protestant managed Comprehensive Schools.

A limited number of interest-free loans are also available to assist third-level students.

For information on the above please contact:

Protestant Aid - 202A Merrion Road - Dublin 4 - D04 R9W8

PH: 01-6684298 Email: info@protestantaid.org

For more information on Protestant Aid or to make a donation, please visit our website - www.protestantaid.org

All requests for grant assistance are treated with the utmost confidentiality.

The Claremont Trust
Listening with Care

The Claremont Trust has a long and respected history in the Republic of Ireland, providing support to families facing the cost of education for children and young people (ages 6-21) who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (DHOH). This caring work continues today through Protestant Aid, carrying forward a strong tradition of practical and compassionate assistance.

Application forms are available now - please contact: **The Claremont Trust c/o 202A Merrion Road, Dublin 4, D04 R9W8. Telephone: 01 668 4298 Email: info@protestantaid.org**

Kirwan House - 2024
Registered Charity No: 20000912

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The charitable objectives of Kirwan House continue to be advanced through the administrative auspices of Protestant Aid. Under the chairmanship of David Orr, the Board of Governors convened in June 2025 to approve education support grants for families with students enrolled in Protestant-managed secondary schools for the 2025/26 academic year.

This collaboration has enabled a streamlined application process and strengthened organisational synergies, ensuring that applicants are supported in an efficient, transparent, and compassionate manner. Throughout this partnership, Kirwan House retains its distinct identity and enduring legacy as Ireland's oldest charity, having been established in 1791.

Application forms for education grants are made available each April and may be requested by contacting Kirwan House via email at info@kirwanhouse.com.

Kirwan House
c/o 202A Merrion Road
Dublin 4, D04 R9W8
Tel: 01 668 4298
Website: www.kirwanhouse.com

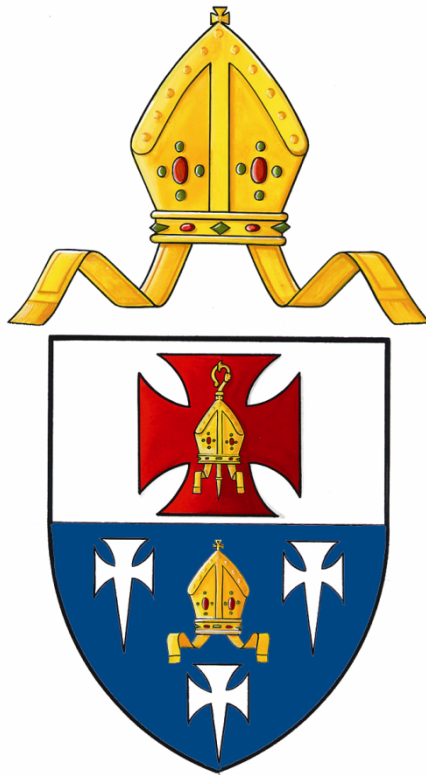
Irish Clergy Sons Education Society

Established in 1854, the Irish Clergy Sons Education Society continues its long-standing mission of supporting the education of the sons of clergy within the Church of Ireland. Through financial assistance, the Society seeks to uphold a tradition of care, encouragement, and practical support for clergy families.

For further information or to request an application form, please contact:

The Irish Clergy Sons Education Society
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Dublin 4, D04 R9W8
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UNITED DIOCESES OF CORK, CLOYNE AND ROSS



**United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross:
Diocesan Regulations
and
Rules to order the Diocesan Synod
2025**

PREFACE

This edition of the Rules and Regulations of the Diocesan Synod contains amendments agreed by the Synod since the major revisions adopted in 1989, in 2006 and 2014.

The current edition reflects changes adopted by resolution of Diocesan Synod in 2025. All previous Rules and Regulations inconsistent with those contained herein have been rescinded.

The Financial Scheme contained in Chapter III refers only to those funds which are under the control of the Diocesan Synod or the Diocesan Council. Mention is not made of various other funds for the benefit of the Dioceses, e.g. the Cork, Cloyne and Ross Widows, Widowers, Orphans and Retired Clergy Trust, the Southwell Charity or the Bishop of Cork Pastoral Care Fund which are under the oversight of the local committee, the trustees or of the Bishop.

Chapter V has been included for purposes of information and in the interests of completeness.

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CHAPTER I

THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

SECTION 1: UNION OF DIOCESAN SYNODS – 1870

In accordance with Chapter II Section I of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, the following resolution was adopted by the United Synods of Cork Cloyne and Ross, June 16, 1870:-

“That the Synods of the Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, do hereby unite; and that the Standing Orders adopted by the Synod of this Diocese, in 1869, be adopted provisionally as the Standing Orders of this Synod; provided that the Synod of each Diocese may exercise at any time the power of separation.”

SECTION 2: STANDING ORDERS

1. Notice of Meeting. Notice of the first ordinary meeting of the Diocesan Synod after the triennial elections of the lay members thereof shall be sent to every member at least one month before the day fixed for such meeting, and notice of each subsequent ordinary meeting be sent to every member at least twenty-one days before the day fixed for such meeting. Notice shall be sent in such format and by such means (whether post, electronic or otherwise) as shall be determined by the Diocesan Council.
2. With the notice of a meeting of a Diocesan Synod at which triennial elections are to take place there shall be sent (in such format and by such means as may be determined by the Diocesan Council) a statement indicating the date by which nominations for election to the General Synod must be received at the Diocesan Office to appear on the voting papers, and the fact that nomination papers are either enclosed with the notice or have been circulated in another format approved by the Diocesan Council.
3. Divine Service. On the first day of the meeting there shall be a Celebration of Holy Communion, of which due notice shall be given, and which every member of the Synod shall make every effort to attend. Each day the proceedings of the Synod may, at the discretion of the President, commence with the reading of Holy Scripture, and Prayer.
4. Bible and Prayer Book. The Holy Bible and the Book of Common Prayer shall lie on the table during the session.
5. Hours of Meeting. The hours of meeting of the Diocesan Synod shall be 11.00 a.m. to 5.00p.m.; provided that the Bishop, if he or she shall see fit, may order the Synod to meet at some other hour; provided also that the Synod, by resolution passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon jointly, may prolong the period of any sitting to such an hour as may be named in such resolution.
6. Assessor. The President may nominate an Assessor to assist him or her in the conduct of the proceedings.
7. President's Address. The President may address the Synod. The President may, at his or her discretion, and having notified his or her intentions to the Honorary Secretaries, permit a debate of no more than thirty minutes (unless a majority of the Synod shall permit otherwise) following the presidential address. Such debate shall be confined to the subject-matter raised by the President in the address.

8. Attendance Book. The Honorary Secretaries shall provide an Attendance Book or such other record of attendance as shall be determined by the Honorary Secretaries of the Council, which shall be signed or otherwise completed, as the case may be, by all members present.
9. Admission of Visitors. No person, except members or officers of the Synod, shall be present at its meeting, except such persons as may be expressly invited by the President, with the consent of the honorary secretaries: provided that visitors shall be admitted to the portion of the hall reserved for them, unless the Synod shall exclude them by an express vote.
10. Participation of Ecumenical Visitors. Ecumenical visitors who have been invited in accordance with the previous sub-section as representatives of other Christian denominations may, at the discretion of the President, be afforded the opportunity to address the Synod.
11. Participation by Distinguished or Specialist Visitors. Where a distinguished visitor is in attendance, or where a specialist or consultant is present as a visitor for a scheduled agenda item, such visitor may address the Synod, provided that it has been previously notified by the President to the Honorary Secretaries and included within the agenda of the Synod.
12. Constitution of the Synod. The presence of the Bishop of the Diocese, or his or her Commissary specially authorised, or of the Archbishop, or Bishop, or Commissary, as provided in the Constitution, Chapter II, Section 24, of one-fourth of the clergy qualified to be members of the Synod, and one-fourth of the lay synod members, shall be necessary to constitute a meeting of the Synod.
13. Presence of a Quorum. The President shall, before the commencement of each day's proceedings, ascertain the presence of a quorum, and should such quorum not be present within one hour after the time appointed for meeting, the Synod shall stand adjourned to such time as the President shall appoint.
14. Counting the House. It shall be competent for any member, during the progress of business, to move that the house be counted; and should there not be a quorum present, the Synod shall stand adjourned to such time as the President may appoint.
15. Honorary Secretaries. At the first meeting of every new Synod, three Honorary Secretaries (one clerical and two lay) shall be elected by ballot or otherwise, to hold office during the continuance of such Synod: the Clerical Secretary to be elected by the clerical members, and the Lay Secretaries by the lay members. The Archdeacon of Cork, Cloyne and Ross shall be an ex-officio Clerical Secretary.
16. Honorary Treasurers. At the first meeting of every new Synod, two members shall be elected by the Synod, voting conjointly, to act with the Bishop as Diocesan Treasurers, and to hold office during the continuance of the Synod.
17. Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring in the offices of Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled at the ensuing meeting of the Synod, and in the same manner as the original appointments. The Diocesan Council shall have power, in the meantime to fill temporarily such vacancies, should it deem it necessary.
18. Chair. When the President shall have taken the Chair no one shall continue standing except when addressing the Chair, and when the President rises during the debate any member speaking or attempting to speak shall at once sit down.
19. Questions of Order. All questions of order shall be decided by the President, whose duty it shall be to confine speakers to the subject matter of debate, to prevent them from being interrupted, except

through the medium of the President on a point of order, or in explanation, and generally to enforce the Standing Orders.

20. Priority of Speeches. When two or more speakers rise simultaneously the President shall decide which of them shall have priority.
21. Limit of Speeches. Speeches, with the exception of opening statements (which shall be limited to fifteen minutes) shall be limited to five minutes, unless by special permission of the President.
22. Frequency of Speeches. No member shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same subject, and in the same debate, except in explanation, or to order; provided that the mover of any resolution, not being an amendment, shall be allowed the liberty of reply; and that the seconder of a motion, or an amendment, may reserve his or her speech to a subsequent period of the debate.
23. Notice of Motion. Any members desirous of proposing a motion for the consideration of the Synod shall, fourteen days at least before the day appointed for the meeting, send a copy of such motion to the Secretaries. Copies of all such motions received shall be forwarded to the members of the Synod, not less than seven days before the meeting in such format and by such means as may be determined by the Honorary Secretaries.
24. Motion to rescind an Act of Synod. A motion to rescind a resolution of the Synod, of which notice has been given in accordance with Standing Order 22, shall not be passed except by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting; but if notice shall have been given at the previous meeting of the Synod a simple majority shall suffice.
25. Exception. Standing Order 23 shall not apply to questions relative to the formation, union and division of parishes, with reference to which the Diocesan Synod has delegated its powers to the Diocesan Council.
26. Motions in Writing. No debate shall be permitted, nor any questions put on any motion or amendment, unless the same have been handed in, in writing, and duly seconded; and if a motion has been seconded it shall not be withdrawn without the leave of the Synod.
27. Closure of Debate. At any time after a question has been proposed, a member may claim to move “that the question be now put”, and, unless it shall appear to the President that such a motion is an abuse of Standing Orders, it shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.
28. At any time after a question has been proposed, a member who considers that a vote on the question is undesirable may claim to move “that the Synod do now pass from this question to its next business”, and, unless it shall appear to the President that such a motion is an abuse of Standing Orders, it shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.
29. Report from General Synod. The President may, in consultation with the Honorary Secretaries, request a representative from the diocese who is a member of the General Synod to give a report of or presentation on the proceedings of the previous meeting of the General Synod. Such report or presentation shall not exceed fifteen minutes.
30. Diocesan Council. The Synod, acting under the power conferred on it by Section 35 (1) of Chapter II of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, resolves that the Diocesan Council be appointed triennially, at the first ordinary meeting of the Synod after each triennial election of Synod members.
31. Precedence of Motions. Motions relating to the same matter shall be considered in the order in which notices shall have been given; except that motions proceeding from the Diocesan Council shall have precedence.

32. Motion for a Committee. When a motion for a committee shall have been carried, the mover thereof shall then propose the names of the members, not exceeding nine, to serve on same, the mover himself or herself to be, in all cases, one of such members, unless the Synod shall otherwise determine.
33. Reports of Committees. Every report of a committee shall be in writing and, if requiring action, shall be accompanied by a motion or motions for the consideration of the Synod.
34. Minutes. The minutes of the Synod, having been certified by one of the Honorary Secretaries, shall be read at the next ensuing meeting of the Diocesan Council, if required, and shall be signed by the Chairperson of that meeting in the presence of the Council. The minutes of the Synod shall also be available at its meetings and read if required.
35. Questions not specified. Questions of procedure not determined by the Standing Orders shall be decided by the Standing Orders of the General Synod for the time being.
36. Postponement of Declaration of Results. If on the occasion of any election by the Synod it appears expedient to the Synod that the declaration of the result of such election shall be postponed until a date subsequent to the termination of the meeting of the Synod at which such election is held, the President may direct a postponement of such declaration until such date as he or she shall appoint.
37. Suspension of Standing Orders. Any of the foregoing Standing Orders, Nos. 17-32, may be suspended for a particular purpose, on a motion to that effect agreed to by three-fourths of the members present and voting.

Section 3: ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS AT AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

1. The President takes the Chair.
2. Reading of Holy Scripture, and Prayer
3. The President may nominate an Assessor.
4. Election of Honorary Secretaries and Honorary Treasurers (if a new Synod)
5. Such elections as may be required.
6. The President's address, followed by a debate on the address, if the President so invites.
7. Communications from the General Synod.
8. Report of the Diocesan Council and motions brought forward by the Council.
9. Other Reports which have been presented, and motions of which notice shall have been given; these shall be included on the agenda paper in an order to be determined by the Honorary Secretaries with the approval of the President.

SECTION 4: ELECTIONS.

1. The voting papers, where applicable, shall be posted to the members at least seven days before the meeting of the Synod. The names shall be placed in alphabetical order, the name of any person who has expressed in writing a desire not to be elected being excluded. Outgoing members shall be specifically designated as such.

2. Each voter shall place a cross to the left of the names of the several persons for whom he or she desires to vote, voting for no more than the number prescribed at the head of the voting paper.
3. Each voter shall place his or her voting papers, unsigned, in an envelope which shall be posted to him or her with his or her voting papers; upon the face of the envelope he or she shall affix his or her signature; the envelope shall be placed in the ballot box in the synod hall not later than such hour as to the Synod shall seem fit.
4. The Honorary Secretaries may, at their discretion, issue a duplicate set of voting papers to a member who informs them that his or her original set has failed to reach him or her or has been mislaid.
5. In any election, if two or more names receive the same number of votes, the tie shall be decided by lot.

SECTION 5: REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

1. No allocation shall be made between the several dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross of the seats in the General Synod allocated to “Cork, Cloyne and Ross”, in Section 4 (2) of Chapter I of the Constitution. The election shall be a conjoint one, clerical synod members voting for clerical representatives and lay synod members voting for lay representatives.
2. Qualified persons whom it is desired to elect to the General Synod may be nominated in writing by a member of the Diocesan Synod on a form to be issued to members with the notice of meeting, clergy to be nominated by clerical synod members and lay persons by lay synod members. A member may not nominate more persons than the number for which he or she is entitled to vote. A member may not nominate himself or herself. All nomination papers must be received at the Diocesan Office at least twenty-one days before the meeting of the Diocesan Synod.
3. The Honorary Secretaries shall notify every person who has been nominated or deemed to have been nominated under Section 2 above that he or she has been so nominated and that his or her name will appear on the appropriate voting paper unless he or she informs the Honorary Secretaries in writing at least fourteen days before the meeting of the Synod that he or she desires not to be elected.
4. Voting papers containing the names of those nominated or deemed to have been nominated under Section 2 above shall be prepared in accordance with Chapter I, Section 4.1 of the Diocesan Regulations.
5. The fourteen clergy and twenty-eight lay persons who shall receive the highest number of votes shall be deemed elected. Supplemental lists, consisting of the six clergy and ten lay persons having the highest number of votes after those declared elected, shall be formed.

SECTION 6: EPISCOPAL ELECTORS

1. There shall be twelve clerical and twelve lay Episcopal Electors, in accordance with Section 5 (2) of Chapter VI of the Constitution.
2. The Diocesan Synod determines, in accordance with Section 5 (2) of Chapter VI of the Constitution, that the number of Supplemental Episcopal Electors shall be ten clerical and ten lay.

SECTION 7: COMMITTEE OF PATRONAGE

- There shall be one Committee of Patronage for the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.
- In accordance with Section 1 (I) of Chapter IV of the Constitution, the Committee of Patronage shall consist of the Bishop or his or her Commissary, and the Diocesan Nominators, namely four clergy and one lay person.
- In accordance with Section 1 (6) of Chapter IV of the Constitution, there shall be five clerical and three lay Supplemental Diocesan Nominators.

SECTION 8: DIOCESAN CURATES

The Bishop, with the consent of the Diocesan Council, may appoint one or more Diocesan Curates, and shall determine the duties and place of residence of each such Diocesan Curate.

SECTION 9: NATIONAL CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK

The Bishop is authorised and requested to appoint to the Canonry in the National Cathedral of St. Patrick, connected with these United Dioceses.

CHAPTER II

THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL

SECTION 1

- Constitution. The Diocesan Council shall consist of the Bishop, the Diocesan Treasurers, the Honorary Secretaries of the Diocesan Synod and 12 clergy and 17 lay persons to be elected triennially at the first ordinary meeting of the Diocesan Synod. Voting shall be by orders. The members shall remain in office until their successors are elected.
- Supplemental List. Supplemental lists shall be formed consisting of the 5 clergy and 6 lay persons who shall receive the highest number of votes and are not declared elected.
- Honorary Secretaries. The Honorary Secretaries of the Diocesan Synod shall be ex-officio Honorary Secretaries of the Diocesan Council.
- Committees. The Diocesan Council shall have power to appoint such committees as it may deem fit, to fix the quorum for each committee, and to determine the terms of reference of each committee. The Diocesan Council shall have power to delegate any of its functions to a committee.
- Bye-laws. The Diocesan Council shall have power to make bye-laws for the regulation of its procedure, to provide an office and to appoint such officials as it shall deem necessary for the transaction of business.
- Disputed Elections. The Diocesan Council shall have the power of deciding all cases of disputed elections in accordance with Section 36 of Chapter III of the Constitution. Notice of appeal must be lodged with the Honorary Secretaries within ten days of the date of the election.
- Delegated Powers. The Diocesan Council is authorised and empowered to exercise all the powers of the Synod in reference to the formation, union and division of parishes, and the alteration of boundaries of same; and to declare and carry out all such changes by resolution of the Council; provided that, before any resolution shall be passed, notice in writing of the proposed change shall be transmitted by the Honorary Secretaries to the Select Vestry, and to each clerical synod member and each lay synod member of every parish and church affected thereby; and that a time be appointed for hearing objections thereto; and that all such objections be heard by the Council, or a committee thereto appointed for that purpose; and provided that no such resolution shall take effect if, within one calendar month after its date, notice of appeal to the Synod shall be given to the Honorary Secretaries by any of the clergy, or by the Select Vestry of any parish or church affected thereby; and every such notice of appeal shall be brought before the Synod at its next meeting.
- Alteration of Boundaries of Parishes. Before recommending the adoption of a resolution to carry out an alteration in the boundaries of parishes, the Diocesan Council shall give due notice to the Incumbent and Select Vestries of any parishes affected by the resolution, and shall give an opportunity of laying their views before the Council, or one of its committees. The Synod may pass a resolution to carry out the change, notwithstanding Standing Order 25, and said Standing Order shall not apply to any such resolution.
- Diocesan Trustees. The Diocesan Trustees are empowered to act under the direction of the Diocesan Council, who are authorised to represent the Synod in the control and management of the several Trusts vested in the Diocesan Trustees, and to direct them in relation thereto.

- Report of Diocesan Council. The Diocesan Council shall prepare a report for each ordinary meeting of the Diocesan Synod, such report to be sent to all members of the Synod at least twenty-one days before the day of meeting. The report shall contain an account of all the diocesan funds and the resolutions which the Diocesan Council proposes to submit to the Synod for adoption, and such resolutions shall have precedence of all other business.
- Attendance of Members. The names of the members of the Council and the number of meetings attended by each member shall be published. In each year in which an election of representatives to the General Synod takes place, the Diocesan Council shall include in its report a record of attendance at the General Synod of the representatives since the preceding triennial election.
- Auditor. The Diocesan Council shall appoint a registered auditor to audit the accounts annually.
- Diocesan Treasurers' Account. The Diocesan Treasurers shall submit annually to the Diocesan Council an audited account up to December 31st in each year of all funds entrusted to their care.

SECTION 2: THE FOLLOWING BYE-LAWS WERE ADOPTED BY THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL.

- The Bishop shall, from time to time, convene the Diocesan Council.
- Notice shall be sent by post or by electronic means to each member, one week at least before the day of meeting.
- All meetings of the Diocesan Council shall be opened by prayer.
- A quorum of the Diocesan Council shall consist of the Bishop or his or her Commissary as Chairperson, and one-fourth of the clerical and one-fourth of the lay members of the Council.
- The presence of a quorum shall be ascertained by the Chairperson before business is entered upon.
- The meetings of the Council may be adjourned from day to day.
- Minutes of the Council shall be sent to members, with notice of meeting. On the day of meeting it shall be only necessary to put the motion – “That the minutes as circulated be signed.”
- Members are requested not to occupy time by seeking information which might have been obtained in the Office, or from Secretaries.
- Matters shall not be considered unless at least four days' notice of them has been given to the Secretaries, save with unanimous leave of the Council.
- A resolution of a Select Vestry, which is submitted for the consideration of the Council, shall be certified correct by the Incumbent (or other chairperson) and the Secretary of the Select Vestry; provided that, if the Incumbent is also the Secretary of the Select Vestry, it shall be certified correct by him or her and one of the Churchwardens.
- Matters relating to a single subject may be considered together, and grouped under a single resolution.
- Correspondence shall be dealt with in the Office unless, in the opinion of the Secretaries, it contains matters with which the Council should deal.

- When, in the opinion of the President, sufficient time has been given for the discussion of any matter, he or she may require the Council to come to a decision without further discussion.

CHAPTER III

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL SCHEME

In this scheme, wherever the context so permits, 'Parish' shall be deemed to include 'Union' and 'Group',

In this Scheme, the word 'Fair Share' (formerly known as 'Assessment' and sometimes referred to still as such) shall be understood to mean the annual amount payable by each parish as its contribution to diocesan funds.

SECTION 1: DIOCESAN SUSTENTATION FUND.

- The Capital shall consist of:
 - The balance on Capital Accounts as at 31st December, 2006, of the following Funds
Diocesan Sustentation Fund
Diocesan Superannuation Fund
Diocesan Clergy Good Service Fund
 - Any bequests, contributions or donations which are specifically given to the Capital of this fund or any of the Funds hereby amalgamated with it or amalgamated with it on 1st January, 1963
 - Any surplus on the Revenue Account which the Diocesan Council may order to be transferred to Capital from time to time.
- The Revenue shall consist of:
 - Interest on the Capital of the Fund and interest on balances to the credit of the Fund.
 - Interest on the Gumbleton Trust and the Nicholson Memorial Funds.
 - The portion of Fair Share not specifically earmarked for any other Fund.
 - Interest charged on late payment of Fair Share.
 - Any bequests, donations or contributions specifically given to the Revenue of the Fund.
- The Income shall be charged with the following payments:
 - Stipends and Allowances approved by the Diocesan Council, subject to the provisions of Chapter IV of the Constitution and subject also to abatement by reason of any income by a clergyman from glebe lands, chaplaincies or other endowments.
 - Payments to Dignitaries, Canons and Rural Deans as the Diocesan Council may determine.
 - Contributions to the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Fund in accordance with Chapter XIV of the Constitution.
 - Pay-Related Social Insurance contributions for the clergy.
 - Contributions to the Financing of the Episcopacy in accordance with Chapter VI of the Constitution.
 - Contributions to the Clergy Severance Fund in accordance with the Statute of the General Synod, Chapter XVI of 2003.
 - Contributions to the financing of the Child Protection Officer in accordance with Chapter XVI of the Constitution.
 - Annual Good Service grants to individual clergy, of the same amount as the individual received in 1989, for as long as approved by the Bishop.
 - Such additional sum as may be required to pay the Diocesan Architect, having credited income from the Diocesan Glebes Repair Fund.
 - Such diocesan administration expenses as may be approved by the Diocesan Council.

- Such sum being equivalent to the income of the Atkins, Gumbleton, Kingston, Mintern, Nicholson and Sheppard Trusts and any other Trusts which may hereafter be given for special purposes which is to be distributed in accordance with the terms of the respective Trusts.
 - Expenses of Lay Readers and Non-Stipendiary Clergy and the fees and expenses of clergy for the discharge of sick, holiday and vacancy duty, at such rates as may be approved by the Diocesan Council.
 - Interest payable to banks or the Representative Church Body in respect of overdrafts.
 - Any balance remaining may be transferred to Capital, or applied for any purpose for which Sustentation moneys may legally be used.
- Parochial Fair Share.
 - Each parish shall be assessed annually for such amount (Fair Share) as may be decided by the Diocesan Council, so that there are sufficient funds to pay:
 - All charges on the Diocesan Sustentation Fund
 - Any special item to which the Diocesan Synod approve.
 - Any debit balance on the Diocesan General Fund.
 - Such Fair Share shall include interest or dividends on capital sums which are held for sustentation, stipend or augmentation of stipend and which shall be transferred annually to the Diocesan Sustentation Fund as a further parochial contribution.
 - Fair Share shall be payable quarterly, by equal amounts on or before the last days of February, May, August and November, or in one amount on or before the last day of May.
 - If the sum received from a parish in any year shall exceed the amount of the Fair Share, the excess shall be put to the credit of the Fair Share Account of that parish.
 - Interest shall be allowed on credit balances on 1st January and on payments made more than one week in advance of the due date at a rate to be fixed annually by the Diocesan Council.
 - Interest at a rate to be fixed annually by the Diocesan Council shall be charged on amounts unpaid on the day following the due date.

- Motor Loans

The Diocesan Council is authorised, at its discretion, to advance from the Diocesan Sustentation Fund to any beneficed or licensed stipendiary member of the clergy of the Diocese towards the purchase of a motor car, new or used, such sum as may be allowed from time to time by the Representative Church Body, repayments being a charge on the stipend and pension of the borrower. The conditions imposed by the Council shall safeguard adequately the diocesan funds and be approved by the Representative Church Body.

SECTION 2: DIOCESAN GENERAL FUND.

A. The Capital shall consist of:

- The balance on Capital Account as at 31st December, 2006, of the Diocesan General Fund.
- Any bequests, contributions or donations which are specifically given for the Capital of the Fund.
- Any bequests, contributions or donations of €1000 and upwards which are given without specifying any particular diocesan Fund.
- Any surplus on Revenue Account which the Diocesan Council may order to be transferred to Capital from time to time.

B. The Revenue shall consist of:

- Interest on the Capital of the Fund and interest on balances to the credit of the Fund.
- Income from the Wheeler and Buttimer Bequests.
- Any bequests, contributions or donations specifically given for the Revenue of the Fund.
- Any bequests, contributions or donations of less than €1000 not specifically given for Capital which are given without specifying any particular diocesan Fund.
- Such proportion of the Assessment of each parish as the Diocesan Council shall determine from time to time, to be used, at the discretion of the Bishop, for the purposes of Continuing Ministerial Education, provided that the Select Vestry of each parish is notified by the Diocesan Council in advance of its intention to appropriate a certain percentage of the Assessment to the credit of this Fund.

C. The Income of the Fund shall be at the disposal of the Diocesan Council for such purposes in connection with the Church of Ireland as the Diocesan Council shall consider to be in the interests of the diocese.

SECTION 3: EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

The Income of this Fund shall be paid by the Representative Church Body to defray the costs of the episcopate in the Diocese.

SECTION 4: DIOCESAN ORGAN REPAIR FUND.

1. The Capital shall consist of:
 - a) The balance on Capital Account as at 31st December, 2006, of the Diocesan Organ Repair Fund, being the proceeds of sale of the organ from Holy Trinity (Christ Church), Cork, in addition to surpluses on Revenue Account which have been transferred to Capital by the Diocesan Council.
 - b) Any bequests, contributions or donations which are specifically given for the Capital of the Fund.
 - c) Any surplus on Revenue Account which the Diocesan Council may order to be transferred to Capital from time to time.
2. The Revenue shall consist of:
 - a) Interest on the Capital of the Fund interest on balances to the credit of the Fund.
 - b) Any bequests, contributions or donations specifically given for the Revenue of the Fund.
3. The Income of the Fund shall be used to give grants to Select Vestries for the repair of church organs, in accordance with Rules laid down by the Diocesan Council.

SECTION 5. MAGILL FUND

1. The Capital shall consist of:
 - a) The balance on Capital Account as at 31st December, 2006, of the Magill Fund.
 - b) Any surplus on Revenue Account which the Diocesan Council may order to be transferred to Capital from time to time.
2. The Revenue shall consist of interest on the Capital of the Fund and interest on balances to the credit of the Fund.

3. The Income of the Fund shall be allocated by the Diocesan Council from time to time for use on diocesan projects.

CHAPTER IV

PARISHES

SECTION 1: GENERAL

1. Schedule of Parishes. The Synod confirms that the Cures in the Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross respectively shall be as contained in Appendix 1.
2. Union or division of Parishes. In accordance with Section 36 of Chapter II of the Constitution, the Synod delegates to the Diocesan Council the powers conferred on it by Section 27 of Chapter III of the Constitution to unite or to divide parishes or to alter the boundaries of parishes, subject to appeal to the Synod in accordance with Chapter II, Section 1.8 of these Regulations.
3. Vestry Minute Books. Upon the dissolution of a union or parishes, the vestry minute books and other documents relating to the union so dissolved shall be deposited in such place as the Diocesan Council may determine, and shall be made available for inspection by any Select Vestry having jurisdiction over any part of the union dissolved.
4. Diocesan Synod and General Synod. At the conclusion of the next ordinary meeting of the Select Vestry following either Diocesan or General Synod, the Incumbent, together with other representatives on such Synod, resident in or accustomed members of the parish, shall be afforded the opportunity to give a brief presentation concerning the work and decisions of such Synod. Opportunity for dialogue and discussion shall be given. The outcome of such discussion may be communicated to the Bishop.

SECTION 2: THE VESTRY

1. List of Vestry Members. For the purpose of revising the list of Vestry Members, a notice shall be posted by the Incumbent, or, failing him or her, a Churchwarden, on the principal door of each church and announced at all services in the parish on the two Sundays next before the day of meeting, stating that a meeting of the Vestry will be held, on such day as may be convenient, for the purpose of settling the list of Vestry Members; and accordingly at such meeting said lists are to be fully completed and settled, subject, however, to an appeal by any party concerned to the Diocesan Council, made not later than ten days after the completion and settlement of the said list. Such meeting may be adjourned from day to day, if necessary, provided that the list of Vestry Members shall be finally completed and settled one month before Easter Day.
2. Limit of Time. The meeting for the revision of the list of registered Vestry Members shall be held within a period of two months preceding Easter Day in each year.
3. Forms of Declaration. In accordance with Sections 2 and 4 of Chapter III of the Constitution, every Registered Vestry Member shall sign one of the following Forms of Declaration:

I, A.B., of do hereby solemnly declare that I am a member of the Church of Ireland, and
(a) that I am usually resident at , in the parish or district of , in the Diocese of , and that I am not registered as a Vestryman in any church or chapel or church hall within the same parish or district as an accustomed member of the congregation.
(b) that I have for three calendar months “last past been, and now am, an accustomed member of the congregation attending the church, chapel or church hall of , in the parish or district of , in the Diocese of , and that I am not registered as Vestry Member in any other Church or chapel or church hall in Ireland as an accustomed member of the congregation.

Name:.....

Address:.....

Date:.....

4. Mode of Election. The election of Select Vestry Members, Synod Members, and Parochial Nominators may be, at the discretion of the Vestry, by personal voting or by voting papers to be completed by those present.
5. Appointment of Secretary and Treasurer (s). The Select Vestry, at its first meeting after each Easter Vestry, shall appoint a Secretary and Parochial Treasurer or Treasurers.
6. Return of Elections. The Incumbent (or other chairperson) shall, within one month after the holding of an Easter Vestry, forward to the Honorary Secretaries of the Diocesan Council a return, setting out the names and addresses of all persons elected to any office at such Vestry. If the Secretary of the Select Vestry or Parochial Treasurer or Treasurers are not appointed on the day on which the Easter Vestry is held, the names and addresses of these officers shall be forwarded to the Honorary Secretaries of the Diocesan Council within one month of their appointment. In the event of a casual vacancy arising in any office, the Incumbent (or other chairperson) shall, within one month after the filling of such vacancy, notify the Honorary Secretaries of the Diocesan Council of the name and address of the person elected to fill such vacancy.
7. Census Returns. The Incumbent, or member of the clergy in charge, shall, at such time in each year as shall be specified by the Diocesan Council, forward to the Honorary Secretaries of the Diocesan Council a Census Return, on the form prescribed by the Council, showing population figures in respect of his Cure.

SECTION 3: PAROCHIAL ACCOUNTS.

1. The Select Vestry shall be responsible for bringing to account all parochial funds.
2. Every Select Vestry should have one or more bank accounts in the name of the parish, to which should be lodged all receipts. All payments should, if the Select Vestry considers it desirable, be made by cheque signed by the Treasurer or other nominated member or members of the Select Vestry.
3. The Parochial Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers of each parish shall close all the accounts of the parish on the 31st day of December in each year or as soon as may be conveniently possible thereafter.
4. When a separate collection is made for the parochial assessment and the full amount collected is not lodged with the Diocesan Treasurers, to be dealt with as provided under Diocesan Regulations, then any excess retained by the parish shall be held to the credit of the assessment fund in the parish and not used for any other purpose.
5. The Select Vestry shall appoint a Registered Auditor to audit the accounts.
6. The Parochial Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers shall, as soon as possible after the closing of the accounts, prepare a written statement of all accounts for which they are responsible and shall have such written statement, together with all documents necessary to vouch same, complete and ready for audit before the end of February.

7. The audited accounts of the parish shall be admitted for adoption to a meeting of the Select Vestry to be held prior to the Easter Vestry.
8. The annual statement of accounts duly audited shall be submitted to the Easter Vestry and a copy sent by the Secretary to the Diocesan Secretary before the end of June.
9. In the event of the Select Vestry failing to discharge any of its functions under these rules, the Diocesan Council shall be entitled to exercise them.

SECTION 4: BOARD OF NOMINATION.

When a vacancy shall occur in any cure of souls within the Diocese, the Bishop shall, within two months of the receipt by him or her of the Report from the Diocesan Council required by Section 13 of Chapter IV of the Constitution, send a summons either by post or electronically to each member of the Board of Nomination, to meet not less than six days from the date of the summons at a specified place. At such meeting or any adjournment thereof seven members of the Board of Nomination shall form a quorum.

CHAPTER V

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1: DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION.

1. Constitution. The Diocesan Board of Education shall be constituted in the matter provided in Section 3,4,5 and 6 of Scheme 66 of the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act 1885.
2. 1872. Aid from Board. The Diocesan Board shall have power to aid Schools in connection with the Diocesan Board, where the local resources are not sufficient to maintain them.
3. Statement of Accounts. The Diocesan Board shall lay before the Synod at each ordinary meeting a statement of accounts, a report of its proceedings and a report upon the state of Education in the Dioceses.

SECTION 2: CATHEDRAL CHAPTERS.

The Constitution of the Chapters of the Cathedral Churches in the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross is governed by the following Statutes of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland:

General Synod, Chapter IV of 2018
General Synod, Chapter X of 1972
General Synod, Chapter I of 1892
General Synod, Chapter I of 1890

APPENDIX I: SCHEDULE OF CURES IN THE UNITED DIOCESES OF CORK, CLOYNE AND ROSS

Cure	Parishes included as at Disestablishment	Churches	Churches closed since 1870
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DIOCESE OF CORK

Ballydehob Union	Aghadown(pt.), Ballydehob, Kilcoe	Aghadown Ballydehob	Kilcoe
Bandon Union	Ballinadee, Ballymodan, Brinny, Dunderrow (pt.), Innishannon, Kilbrittain, Kilbrogan, Kilmaloda (pt.), Knockavilly, Leighmoney, Rathclaren, Templemichael	Ballinadee Ballymodan Brinny Innishannon Rathclaren	Kilbrogan Knockavilly Leighmoney Templemichael
Carrigaline Union	Ballinaboy, Barnabeahy, Carrigaline (pt.), Killanully, Kilmoney, Liscleary, Monkstown	Carrigaline *Monkstown	Ballinaboy Killanully
Carrigrohane Union	Aghabullogue, Aghinagh (pt.), Aglish (pt.), Athnowen, Carrigrohane Carrigrohanebeg, Corbally, Currykeppane, Desertmore, Garrycloyne, Grenagh, Inniscarra, Inniskenny, Kilnaglory, Magourney, Mathey, St. Fin Barre (pt.), St. Nicholas (pt.)	Carrigrohane Garrycloyne Inniscarra	Athnowen Desertmore Inniskenny Magourney
#Douglas Union with Frankfield	Carrigaline (pt.), Marmullane, St. Fin Barre (pt.)	Douglas +Frankfield Marmullane St. Michael	
Fanlobbus Union	Dromdaleague, Drinagh, Fanlobbus, St. Edmund	Drinagh Dromdaleague Fanlobbus *St. Edmund	
Kilmocomogue	Durrus, Kilcaskin, Kilcatherine, Kilcrobane, Killaconenagh, Kilmocomogue, Kilnamanagh	Durrus Kilmocomogue	Glengarriff Kilcaskin Kilcatherine Killaconenagh Kilnamanagh Rooska Snave
Kilmoe Union	Kilmoe, Schull	Crookhaven Schull Teampol-na-mBocht	Kilmoe
Kinneigh	Ballymoney, Desertserges, Killowen Union Kilmeen, Kinneigh, Murragh	Kilmeen Kinneigh Murragh (Farrantbomas)	Ballymoney Desertserges Killowen

<i>Cure</i>	<i>Parishes included as at Disestablishment</i>	<i>Churches</i>	<i>Churches closed since since 1870</i>
<i><u>Diocese of Cork (continued)</u></i>			
<i>Kinsale Union</i>	<i>Ballymartle, Clontead, Cullen, Dunderrow (pt.), Kilroan, Kinsale, Rincurran, Ringrone, Templetrine, Tisaxon</i>	<i>Ballymartle Kinsale Templetrine</i>	<i>Cullen Dunderrow Rincurran Ringrone</i>
<i>Moviddy</i>	<i>Aghinagh (pt.), Aglish (pt.), Ballyvourney, Cannaway, Clondrobid, Duniskey, Inchigeelagh, Kilbonane, Kilmichael, Kilmurry, Kilnamartyra, Macloneigh, Macroom, Moviddy, Templemartin</i>	<i>Kilbonane Kilmurry *Templemartin</i>	<i>Aghabullogue Aghinagh Aglish Ballyvourney Cannaway Clondrobid Inchigeelagh Kilmichael Kilnamartyra Macroom Moviddy</i>
<i>#St. Anne's Union, Shandon</i>	<i>Kilcully, St. Anne Shandon St. Mary Shandon</i>	<i>St. Anne Shandon</i>	<i>Kilcully St. Luke St. Mary Shandon</i>
<i>St. Fin Barre's Union</i>	<i>Holy Trinity, St Fin Barre (pt.), St. Nicholas (pt.), St. Paul, St. Peter</i>	<i>St. Fin Barre</i>	<i>Holy Trinity St. John St. Nicholas St. Paul St. Peter</i>
<i>Templebreedy Group</i>	<i>Ballyfeard, Ballyfoyle, Carrigaline (pt.), Kilmonogue, Kilpatrick, Kinure, Noboval, Templebreedy, Tracton</i>	<i>Noboval Templebreedy</i>	<i>Ballyfeard Tracton</i>

<i>Cure</i>	<i>Parishes included as at Disestablishment</i>	<i>Churches</i>	<i>Churches closed since 1870</i>
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DIOCESE OF CLOYNE

<i>Cloyne Union</i>	<i>Aghada, Ballintemple, Ballycurranny, Ballyspillane, Bobillane, Britway (pt.), Clonmult, Cloyne, Gurranekeennefeake, Inch, Inchinabackey, Kilmacdonagh, Kilmahon, Lisgool, Middleton, Mogeesha (pt.), Rostellan, Templebodane, Templenacarriga, Titeskin, Trabolgan</i>	<i>Cloyne Corkebeg Middleton Gurranekeennefeake</i>	<i>Aghada Dungourney Inch Inchinabackey Lidgool Templenacarriga Titeskin</i>
<i>Cobb and Glanmire Union</i>	<i>Cabirlag, Carrigtwohill, Clonmel, Killaspugmullane (pt.), Kilquane (pt.), Kilroan (Ballydelober), Mogeesha (pt.), Rathcooney, Rushbrooke, St. Lappan, Templerobin, Templeusque</i>	<i>Rathcooney Rushbrooke St. Lappan</i>	<i>Carrigtwohill Clonmel Kilroan Mogeesha</i>
<i>Fermoy Union</i>	<i>Aghacross, Aghern, Ardnageehy, Ballydelonghy, Ballyboohy, Ballynoe, Brigown, Britway (pt.), Castlehyons, Clondulane, Coole, Derryvillane, Dunbullogue, Dunmahon, Farahy, Fermoy, Glanworth, Gortroe, Kilcrumper, Kildorrery, Kilgullane, Kilaspugmullane (pt.), Killathy, Killeenemer, Kilpbelan, Kilquane (pt.) Kilshanahan, Kilworth, Knockmourne, Leitrim, Litter, Macrone, Marshalstown, Mogeely, Natlash, Rathcormac, St. Michael, Templebodane, Templemolaga, Whitechurch</i>	<i>Ardnageehy Ballyboohy Fermoy Knockmourne</i>	<i>Aghern Ballynoe Brigawn Castlehyde Castlehyons Clondulane Dunbullogue Farahy Glanworth Gortroe Killaspugmullane Kilworth Litter Marshalstown Mogeely Natlash Rathcormac Whitechurch</i>
<i>Mallow Union</i>	<i>Aglishdrinagh, Ardskeagh, Ballyclough, Ballyhea, Bregoge, Bridgetown, Buttevant, Cabirduggan, Carrigamleary, Carrigdownane, Castlemagner, Castletownroche, Churchtown, Clenoe, Clonfert, (including Kanturk), Clonmeen, Cooliney, Doneraile, Donoughmore, Drishane, Dromdowney, Dromtariffe, Impbrick, Kilbolane, Kilbrin, Kilbroney, Kilcorcoran, Kilcorney, Kilcummer, Kilbrogan, Kilmaclenine, Kilroe, Kilsbannig, Knocktemple, Lackeen, Liscarroll, Mallow, Monanimy, Mourneabbey, Raban Rathgoggan, Roskeen, Sbandrum, Subulter, Templeroan, Tullylease, Wallstown</i>	<i>Castletownroche Doneraile Mallow</i>	<i>Ballyclough Ballyhea Bridgetown Buttevant Carrigamleary Castlemagner Churchtown Clenoe Clonfert Clonmeen Donoughmore Drishane Dromtariffe Kanturk Kilbrin Kilsbannig Knocktemple Monanimy</i>

<i>Cure</i>	<i>Parishes included as at Disestablishment</i>	<i>Churches</i>	<i>Churches closed since 1870</i>
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Diocese of Cloyne (continued)

<i>Mallow Union (continued)</i>			<i>Mourneabbey Rahan Tullylease Wallstown</i>
<i>Youghal Union</i>	<i>Ardagh, Ardmore, Ballycotton, Ballyoughtera (Cabirultan), Castlemartyr, Clonpriest, Dangandonovan, Gortroe, Ightermurragh, Kilcredan, Killeagh, Youghal</i>	<i>Ardmore Castlemartyr Youghal</i>	<i>Ardagh Ballycotton Clonpriest Ightermurragh Kilcredan Killeagh Kilmahon Templemichael</i>

<i>Cure</i>	<i>Parishes included as at Disestablishment</i>	<i>Churches</i>	<i>Churches closed since 1870</i>
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DIOCESE OF ROSS

<i>Abbeystrewry Union</i>	<i>Abbeystrewry, Aghadown (pt.), Caberagh, Castlehaven, Creagh, Tullagh (including Clear)</i>	<i>Abbeystrewry Caberagh Castlehaven Tullagh</i>	<i>Clear Island Creagh</i>
<i>Kilgariffe Union</i>	<i>Abbeymahon, Desert, Donoughmore, Island (pt.), Kilgariffe, Kilmalooda (pt.), Kilnagross, Kilsillagh, Lislee, Templebryan, Templeomalus, Templequinlan, Timoleague</i>	<i>Courtmacsberry Kilgariffe Kilmalooda Timoleague</i>	<i>Abbeymahon Kilnagross Lislee Templeomalus</i>
<i>Ross Union</i>	<i>Ardfield, Castleventry, Island (pt.), Kilfaughnabeg, Killkerranemore, Kilmacabea, Myross, Rathbarry, Ross</i>	<i>Castleventry Kilfaughnabeg Kilmacabea Myross Ross</i>	<i>Ardfield Rathbarry</i>

* Churches scheduled for closure in Report of Commission on Church Buildings, 1989

+ Proprietary Church

Parishes constituted since Disestablishment:-

Douglas Union with Frankfield: *Douglas (1875)*
 Frankfield (1899)
 St. Michael (1872)

St. Anne's Union: *St Luke (1872)*

Appendix II

Cathedral Statutes

General Synod, Chapter IV of 2018

Cork Cathedral Act 2018

Definitions

1. In this Statute –
 - a. “the Bishop” means the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross;
 - b. “the Cathedral” means the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork;
 - c. “the Cathedral Board” means the board of the Cathedral as provided for in section 36 hereof;
 - d. “Chapter III” means Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland.
 - e. “Chapter VII” means Chapter VII of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland.
 - f. “the Dean” means the Dean of Cork;
 - g. “the Dean of Cloyne” means the Dean of the Cathedral Church of St Colman, Cloyne;
 - h. “the Dean of Ross” means the Dean of the Cathedral Church of St Fachtna, Rosscarbery;
 - i. “Ecumenical Canon” means a minister or accredited preacher of one or other of such Christian denominations not in full communion with the Church of Ireland as may from time to time be specified by the House of Bishops;
 - j. “Honorary Canon” means a person (lay or ordained) who has proven expertise in a particular area, determined by the Bishop, in consultation with the Dean, to be of interest or of current importance to the diocese and/or the Cathedral, including but not limited to the areas of social justice, mission, outreach, theological research and education. An Honorary Canon may be a member of the Church of Ireland, or of a Church that is in communion therewith, or of such Christian denomination not in full communion with the Church of Ireland as may from time to time be specified by the House of Bishops.

Amendments and Repeals

2. For Section 18 of Chapter VII there shall be substituted:

“18. None of the foregoing provisions in this Chapter contained shall apply to or affect the Cathedral Church of St Patrick, Armagh; the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity (commonly called Christ Church), Dublin; the Collegiate and Cathedral Church of St Patrick, Dublin; the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Down or the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre Cork; or the prerogatives, rights, privileges, or constitution of any of them; or the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast, so far as any of the said provisions are inconsistent with the Statute Chapter V of 1944 as amended.”
3. Section 1 and Section 4 of the Statute, Chapter X of 1972 are hereby repealed.

Regulation of the Cathedral

4. The Cathedral shall be regulated by the provisions of this Statute.

Saving of Existing Appointments

5. The existing Dean, Dignitaries, Prebendaries and Chapter Clerk of the Cathedral shall (subject to the provisions of the Irish Church Act 1869) continue to hold their respective offices therein, and shall retain the same rights, powers and privileges as they have heretofore enjoyed, and shall be liable to the discharge of all duties to which they have hitherto been subject, except so far as the same may be extended or modified by the provisions of this Act.

The Chapter

6. The Chapter of the Cathedral shall consist of the Dean, Precentor, Chancellor, Treasurer, Archdeacon of Cork, Cloyne and Ross and four Canons occupying the Prebendal Stalls of Dromdaleague and Kilnaglory, St Michael's and Inniskenny, Kilbrittain and Holy Trinity and Desertserges and Killanully, the Ecumenical Canon (if any) and the Honorary Canons (if any).
7. The Bishop shall be the Ordinary of the Cathedral and shall have the right of appointing the Dean and, except as may otherwise be provided herein, shall have the right of appointing each and every of the dignitaries, prebendaries and canonries of the Cathedral and shall make choice in respect of such dignitaries, prebendaries and canons from amongst the beneficed or licensed clergy of the diocese. In making such appointments the Bishop shall have due regard to the abilities and qualifications required for the proper performance of the duties of each such office.
8. The Dean of Cloyne shall also hold the Precentor's Stall in the Cathedral.
9. The Dean of Ross shall also hold the Chancellor's Stall in the Cathedral.
10. The Prebendary of Tymothan in the National Cathedral of St. Patrick, Dublin shall also hold the Treasurer's Stall in the Cathedral and shall hold such Stall notwithstanding the fact that he or she may also be the Dean of one of the cathedrals in, or the Archdeacon of, the United Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.
11. In respect of any appointments made after the coming into force of this Statute, the Bishop shall determine the period of time for which each of the Prebendaries of Dromdaleague and Kilnaglory, St. Michael's and Inniskenny, Kilbrittain and Holy Trinity and Desertserges and Killanully shall be appointed.
12. The Dean and Chapter shall have power to make rules and regulations for the times and conduct of meetings of the Chapter and the discharge of its responsibilities. Meetings of the Chapter shall be presided over by the Dean or, in the absence of the Dean, by the member of the Chapter next in order of precedence who is present.

The Functions of the Dean and the Prebendaries

13. The Dean shall be subject to the authority and control of the Ordinary. The Dean shall order the services of the Cathedral and, in matters pertaining thereto, shall direct the clergy and officials. Unless hindered by reasonable cause, the Dean shall attend and assist in the services of the Cathedral on Sundays and week-days.

14. The Dignitaries shall undertake the customary duties pertaining to their office. Each Dignitary, the Archdeacon of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, and each Prebendary shall undertake, by arrangement with the Dean, not less than one Sunday in-residence each year in the Cathedral. The Dignitaries, the Archdeacon and the Prebendaries shall also undertake any other duties as decided from time to time by the Dean and Chapter.

The Ecumenical Canon and the Honorary Canons

15. Having consulted with the Dean in order to identify the mind of the Chapter and the needs of the Cathedral, the Bishop may appoint an Ecumenical Canon and not more than two Honorary Canons.
16. Neither the Ecumenical Canon nor an Honorary Canon shall be entitled to a salary.
17. The appointment of an Ecumenical Canon or an Honorary Canon shall not be effective unless and until that person shall make and subscribe before the Bishop the relevant declaration contained in the Schedules I and II hereto annexed.
18. The Ecumenical Canon and the Honorary Canons may be removed by the Bishop for cause shown. The Ecumenical Canon or an Honorary Canon, if not so removed, shall hold office for a term of five years from the date of appointment or until such Canon shall resign from such office. An Ecumenical Canon or Honorary Canon who has served five years may be reappointed.
19. The Ecumenical Canon and the Honorary Canons shall each have a designated stall in the Cathedral while holding such office.
20. The Ecumenical Canon and the Honorary Canons shall be non-voting members of the Chapter and shall not be eligible for election to the Cathedral Board nor may they chair meetings of the Chapter.
21. The Ecumenical Canon may be invited by the Dean or the Bishop to perform all or any of the following duties insofar as the same are consonant with the provisions of Canon 10 –
 - a. To say or sing Morning or Evening Prayer or the Litany;
 - b. To read the Holy Scriptures at any service;
 - c. To deliver an address at any service;
 - d. To assist at a Baptism, Marriage or Funeral Service or at the Celebration of the Holy Communion;if the Ecumenical Canon is authorised to perform a similar duty in his or her own Church.
22. An Honorary Canon may be invited by the Dean or the Bishop to perform all or any of the following duties insofar as the same are consonant with the provisions of Canon 10:-
 - a. To say or sing Morning or Evening Prayer or the Litany;
 - b. To read the Holy Scriptures at any service;
 - c. To deliver an address at any service;
 - d. To organise lectures, study groups, or educational activities on behalf of the diocese;
 - e. To engage in research on behalf of the diocese;
 - f. To assist the diocese to engage with social justice issues;
 - g. To support or develop mission and outreach programmes in the diocese;
 - h. To engage in with such other matters in the Cathedral or the diocese as may be specified by the Dean;provided that such activities are approved by the Bishop, in consultation with the Dean and provided that same are consonant with the doctrines of the Church of Ireland.

23. The Court of the General Synod shall have authority to determine all questions and disputes that may arise respecting the appointment or removal of the Ecumenical Canon or the Honorary Canons.

The Chapter Clerk

24. The Chapter may appoint a Chapter Clerk, who shall be a member of the Church of Ireland and shall be a licensed priest or deacon, or registered vestryperson, in the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.
25. From the next vacancy in the position, the Chapter Clerk shall be appointed by the Chapter and shall initially hold office for three years. The Chapter Clerk may be appointed for further three year periods as determined by the Chapter. The Chapter Clerk shall not be a member of the Chapter.
26. The Chapter Clerk shall, in consultation with the Dean, notify Chapter members of the date, time and venue of Chapter meetings, record minutes of all Chapter meetings, and circulate agendas, minutes and any other documentation as requested by the Dean and Chapter from time to time.

The Dean's Vicar

27. There may be one Dean's Vicar, appointed by the Dean, subject to the approval of the Bishop.
28. The Dean's Vicar shall be in priest's orders and shall be paid a stipend.
29. The Dean's Vicar shall perform such functions in the Cathedral and its parish as may from time to time be determined by the Dean in consultation with the Bishop.
30. The Dean's Vicar shall hold office for a term of five years, but shall be eligible for re-appointment and may be removed by the Dean for cause shown with the approval of the Bishop.

Minor Canons

31. There may be up to four Minor Canons, with or without salaries, appointed by the Dean and Chapter. The Minor Canons shall be clergy licensed or beneficed in the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. Appointments of Minor Canons shall be notified to the Bishop. Minor Canons may from time to time be removed by the Dean and Chapter for cause shown, with the approval of the Bishop.

Vestry Members

32. There shall be vestry members for the Cathedral, and in this regard the provisions of Chapter III shall apply save and insofar as the same are inconsistent with the provisions of this Statute.
33. The general vestry shall consist of (i) all the clergy of the Church of Ireland having stalls in the Cathedral and (ii) all those entitled to be registered vestry members of the Cathedral parish.
34. The Registered Vestry Members shall annually, at the Easter General Vestry, elect twelve Select Vestry Members, and triennially four Parochial Nominators and four Supplemental Parochial

Nominators, and they shall also elect triennially Synod Members and Supplemental Synod Members to sit as members of the Diocesan Synod of Cork, Cloyne and Ross; and the said Nominators and Synod Members shall be elected in the same manner and have same privileges as Nominators and Synod Members elected for parishes. The number of Synod Members shall be such as determined by the Diocesan Synod of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

35. The Dean (or the Incumbent of St Fin Barre's Union of Parishes, if the said incumbency is not held by the Dean) shall annually, at the Easter General Vestry, appoint one Cathedral Warden and one Glebewarden and the Registered Vestry Members shall annually appoint one Cathedral Warden and one Glebewarden, and those Wardens shall have the same powers, rights and privileges as Churchwardens and Glebewardens elected by parishes unless otherwise ordered by the Cathedral Board.

Cathedral Board

36. From the date of the Easter General Vestry in 2019, there shall be a Cathedral Board comprised as follows:
- a. The Dean (ex officio);
 - b. The Honorary Treasurer of the Select Vestry;
 - c. Two Representatives of the Select Vestry elected annually at the meeting of the Select Vestry immediately following the Easter General Vestry.
 - d. Four Chapter Canons, nominated triennially by the Chapter.
 - e. Two Representatives from the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, nominated triennially by the Bishop, and approved by the Diocesan Council. Before nominating the two said representatives, the Bishop shall have consulted with the Dean, who shall in turn have consulted with the Chapter and Vestry Representatives.
 - f. Two Lay Community Representatives, co-opted annually by the other members of the Cathedral Board.
37. Members of the Cathedral Board shall be eligible for re-election or re-nomination, as the case may be.
38. Casual vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment which has given rise to the vacancy.
39. The Cathedral Board shall have power to co-opt additional non-voting consultant members for the duration of special projects as required. A consultant member may only attend such portions of meetings of the Cathedral Board as relate to any project with which that consultant member is involved.
40. The Cathedral Board shall be chaired by the Dean or, in the absence of the Dean, by the member of the Chapter next in order of precedence who is present, such chair having both an ordinary and a casting vote.
41. The Cathedral Board shall have power to make rules and regulations for the times and conduct of its meetings and the discharge of its responsibilities.
42. A special meeting of the Cathedral Board may be summoned by the Dean or, in the absence of the Dean, by the most senior Chapter Representative, or at any time on the written requisition of five members of the Cathedral Board.

43. The Cathedral Board shall have the control, charge and management of the following:
- a. All financial, legal and insurance matters pertaining to the Cathedral; provided that the Cathedral Board may delegate such financial matters to the Select Vestry as it may from time to time determine.
 - b. The preservation, restoration, repair and conservation management of the fabric of the Cathedral and all permanent structures therein and of all other properties in the Cathedral parish; provided that the Cathedral Board may delegate such functions in relation to the preservation and repair to the Select Vestry as it may from time to time determine.
 - c. The ornaments of the Cathedral, the monuments, tablets, windows and brasses to be placed in the Cathedral; provided that none shall be erected or placed in the Cathedral, or removed therefrom, without the consent or approval of the Dean, the Chapter, the Select Vestry and of the Bishop.
 - d. The appointment, management and removal of staff and lay officials of the Cathedral.
 - e. Formulation, review and implementation of Cathedral policies and procedures.
 - f. Strategic planning, marketing and promotion programmes for the Cathedral.
 - g. Oversight of the Cathedral's archives, including their conservation and location.
44. The Select Vestry, the Cathedral Board and the Chapter shall together, and by a two-thirds majority of each, agree and enact bye-laws to regulate the working relationships between each such body and to facilitate efficient and regular communication between each such body. The said bye-laws shall not come into effect unless and until approved by the Diocesan Council.

Miscellaneous

45. Matters relating to the Cathedral not provided for herein or by the law of the Church of Ireland, shall be determined by the Board.
46. It shall be lawful for the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross to make regulations for carrying this Statute into effect.
47. Nothing contained in this Statute shall affect the provisions of Statute, Chapter I of 1890 or Statute, Chapter I of 1892.

Citation

48. This Statute may be referred to as the Cork Cathedral Act 2018.

SCHEDULE I

DECLARATION FOR SUBSCRIPTION (ECUMENICAL CANON)

I, A.B., do hereby solemnly declare that:

1. I am a minister or accredited preacher of Church.
2. I agree to be bound by the provisions of Part II of Chapter VII of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland and, to that extent only, I submit myself to the authority of the Church of Ireland, and to the laws and tribunals thereof.
3. I do declare that I will perform Canonical obedience to the Ordinary of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork and his successors, Bishops of Cork. I will observe the statutes and ancient customs of the Cathedral Church, so far as they are not repugnant to the laws of the Church of Ireland, and will keep private and undisclosed the secrets of the Chapter.

I subscribe the above declaration to be appointed to the office of Ecumenical Canon of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork.

This day of 20....

SCHEDULE II

DECLARATION FOR SUBSCRIPTION (HONORARY CANON)

I, A.B., do hereby solemnly declare that:

1. I am a member of Church.
2. I agree to be bound by the provisions of Part II of Chapter VII of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland and, to that extent only (unless already otherwise so bound), I submit myself to the authority of the Church of Ireland, and to the laws and tribunals thereof.
3. I do declare that I will perform Canonical obedience to the Ordinary of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork and his successors, Bishops of Cork. I will observe the statutes and ancient customs of the Cathedral Church, so far as they are not repugnant to the laws of the Church of Ireland, and will keep private and undisclosed the secrets of the Chapter.

I subscribe the above declaration to be appointed to the office of Honorary Canon of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork.

This day of 20

General Synod, Chapter X of 1972

The appointment to Dignities and Canonries in the United Dioceses is regulated by Statute of the General Synod, Chapter X of 1972, as follows:-

To reduce the number of clergymen holding dignities, prebends and canonries in the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

WHEREAS the Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Fin Barre, Cork, consists of seventeen members, viz., Dean, Precentor, Chancellor, Treasurer, Archdeacon, and twelve Canons occupying the Prebendal Stalls of Kilbrogan, Killaspigullane, Cahirlag, Liscleary, Holy Trinity, Inniskenny, Killanully, Kilnaglorry, Kilbrittain, St Michael, Desertmore and Dromdaleague; six of the aforesaid Canons being also members of the Chapter of the Cathedral of St Colman, Cloyne, and the remaining six being also members of the Chapter of the Cathedral of St Faughnan, Ross:

AND WHEREAS the Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Colman, Cloyne, consists of six members, viz., Dean, Precentor, Treasurer, Archdeacon, and two Canons occupying the Prebendal Stalls of Donoughmore and Brigown; all of whom are also members of the Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Fin Barre, Cork:

AND WHEREAS the Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Faughnan, Ross, consists of six members, viz., Dean, Precentor, Treasurer, Archdeacon, and two Canons occupying the Prebendal Stalls of Timoleague and Island; all of whom are also members of the Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Fin Barre, Cork:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to reduce the number of clergymen holding dignities, prebends and canonries in the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, but at the same time to preserve a record of prebends and canonries now existing:

AND WHEREAS the Synod of the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross at its meeting held on 25th November, 1971, approved of the provisions hereinafter set forth:

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 1972, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. The Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Fin Barre, Cork, shall ultimately consist of nine members, viz., Dean, Precentor, Chancellor, Treasurer, Archdeacon, and four Canons occupying the Prebendal Stalls of Kilbrittain, St. Michael, Desertmore and Dromdaleague.
2. The Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Colman, Cloyne, shall ultimately consist of four members, viz., Dean, Archdeacon, and two Canons occupying the Prebendal Stalls of Donoughmore and Brigown; all of whom shall also be members of the Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Fin Barre, Cork.
3. The Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Faughnan, Ross, shall ultimately consist of four members, viz., Dean, Archdeacon and two Canons occupying the Prebendal Stalls of Timoleague and Island; all of whom shall also be members of the Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Fin Barre, Cork.
4. (1) The Dean of the Cathedral of St. Colman, Cloyne, shall also hold the Precentor's Stall in the Cathedral of St. Fin Barre, Cork.

(2) The Dean of the Cathedral of St. Faughnan, Ross, shall also hold the Chancellor's Stall in the Cathedral of St. Fin Barre, Cork.

(3) The Prebendary of Tymothan in the National Cathedral of St. Patrick, Dublin, shall also hold the Treasurer's Stall in the Cathedral of St. Fin Barre, Cork, and he shall hold such Stall

notwithstanding the fact that he may also be the Dean of one of the cathedrals in, or the Archdeacon of, the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

(4) Upon the occurrence of the next vacancy in any of the offices of Precentor, Chancellor, or Treasurer of the Cathedral of St. Fin Barre, Cork, or if any such offices is vacant on the date of enactment of this Statute, an appointment shall not be made thereto, and the office shall be filled as by this section provided.

5. Upon the occurrence of the next vacancy in each of the following offices, or if any of such offices is vacant on the date of enactment of this Statute, viz., Precentor of the Cathedral of St. Colman, Cloyne, Treasurer of the Cathedral of St. Colman, Cloyne, Precentor of the Cathedral of St. Faughnan, Ross, Treasurer of the Cathedral of St. Faughnan, Ross, an appointment shall not be made thereto, and the right of appointment thereto is hereby suspended.
6. (1) There shall ultimately be one Archdeacon of the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, who shall be a member of the Chapter of each of the cathedrals.
 (2) Upon the occurrence of the next vacancy in each of the offices of Archdeacon of Cloyne and Archdeacon of Ross, or if either of such offices is vacant on the date of enactment of this Statute, an appointment shall not be made thereto, and the Archdeacon of Cork shall succeed to each office.
 (3) If a vacancy should occur in the office of Archdeacon of Cork before this section is fully implemented, an appointment may be made to such office from among the beneficed and licensed clergymen of the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.
7. Upon the occurrence of the next vacancy in each of the Canonries of the Cathedral of St. Fin Barre, Cork named in the second column of the schedule to this section, or if any such Canonry is vacant on the date of enactment of this Statute, an appointment shall not be made thereto, but it shall be held in conjunction with the office the title of which is printed opposite to it in the first column.

SCHEDULE

Precentor	-	Kilbrogan
Chancellor	-	Killaspigmillane
Treasurer	-	Cahirlag
Archdeacon	-	Liscleary
Canon of Kilbrittain	-	Holy Trinity
Canon of St. Michael	-	Iniskenny
Canon of Desertmore	-	Killanully
Canon of Dromdaleague	-	Kilnaglory

8. The provisions of this Statute shall be without prejudice to the right of any existing Dean, or the holder of any dignity or canonry, or to the powers, rights and dignities of any of the Chapters herein referred to, and they shall not give to any member the right to a second vote in any of the said Chapters.
9. (1) Section 4 of, and Schedule No. II to, the Statute of the General Synod, Chapter I of 1890, are hereby repealed.
 (2) Nothing contained in this Statute shall affect the remaining provisions of the Statute of the General Synod, Chapter I of 1890, or any of the provisions of the Statute of the General Synod, Chapter I of 1892.

General Synod, Chapter I of 1892

The voting rights of Canons in the United Dioceses are regulated by Statute of the General Synod (30th April, 1892), as follows:

Statute to regulate the Voting of Canons in the Dioceses of Cork Cloyne and Ross.

WHEREAS the Diocesan Synod of the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, is composed of the United Synods of the Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross respectively:

AND WHEREAS, for certain purposes, the Clergy and Synodsmen of the Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross vote separately in the Synods of the respective Dioceses:

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter I of the Statute of the General Synod, 1890, it is lawful for a beneficed or licensed clergyman of the United Dioceses to hold at the same time a Dignity and Canonry, or two Canonries, as set forth in the said Statute:

AND WHEREAS it is not desirable that a clergyman shall have a double vote in the Synod of the United Dioceses:

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 1892, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- I. When a Dignity and Canonry, or two Canonries, are held by a clergyman having cure of souls in the United Dioceses, such clergyman shall be entitled to sit and vote only in the Synod of the Diocese in which the said cure is situated.
- II. When a Dignity and Canonry, or two Canonries, are held by a clergyman licensed, but not having cure of souls in the United Dioceses, such clergyman shall be entitled to sit and vote only in the Synod of the Dioceses in which he resides.

General Synod, Chapter I of 1890

Statute for the reduction of the number of Clergymen holding Dignities, Prebends, and Canonries in the United Diocese of Cork, Cloyne, and Ross.

Whereas it is desirable to reduce the number of Clergymen holding Dignities, Prebends, and Canonries in the United Diocese of Cork, Cloyne, and Ross:

And whereas the Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Fin Barre, Cork, consists of seventeen Members, viz.: a Dean, Precentor, Chancellor, Treasurer, Archdeacon, and twelve Canons, occupying the Stalls of Kilbrogan, Killaspigmulane, Cahirlag, Liscleary, Holy Trinity, Inniskenny, Killanully, Kilnaglory, Kilbrittain, St. Michael, Desertmore, and Dromdaleague:

And whereas the Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Coleman, Cloyne, consists of nineteen Members, viz.: a Dean, Precentor, Chancellor, Treasurer, Archdeacon, and fourteen Canons, occupying the Stalls of Donoughmore, Aghultie, Inniscarra, Brigown, Kilmacdonagh, Cahirhultan, Killenemer, Glanore, Ballyhea, Coole, Kilmacleanane, Cooline, Lackeen, and Subulter:

And whereas the Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Faughnan, Ross, consists of ten Members, viz.: a Dean, Precentor, Chancellor, Treasurer, Archdeacon, and five Canons, occupying the Stalls of Timoleague, Templebryan, Island, Curragnemore, and Donoghmore:

And whereas the Diocesan Synod of the said United Diocese has considered and approved of the plan hereinafter set forth:

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 1890, and by the authority of the same, as follows: –

1. When any of the Dignities or Prebends or Canonries of the Cathedrals in the United Diocese of Cork, Cloyne, and Ross shall become vacant, it shall be lawful for the Bishop in appointing thereto, in accordance with the provisions of this Statute, to make choice among the beneficed and licensed clergy of the United Diocese of Cork, Cloyne, and Ross.
2. When a vacancy shall occur in the Chancellorship of the Cathedral of St. Coleman, Cloyne, or in the Chancellorship of the Cathedral of St. Faughnan, Ross, no appointment shall be made thereto, and the right of appointment is hereby suspended.
3. When a vacancy shall occur in any of the Canonries named in Schedule No. I., no appointment shall be made thereto, and the right of appointment thereto is hereby suspended.

Schedule No. I.

Cathedral of St. Coleman, Cloyne—Aghultie, Inniscarra, Kilmacdonagh, Cahierhultan, Killenemer, Glanore, Ballyhea, Coole, Kilmaclenane, Cooline, Lackeen, Subulter.

Cathedral of St. Faughnan, Ross—Templebryan, Curragranemore, Donoghmore.

4. When any of the Canonries in the Cathedral of St. Fin Barre, Cork, named in the second column of Schedule No. II., shall become vacant, they shall be held in conjunction with the Deanery, Precentorship, Treasurership, or Archdeaconry, the title of which is printed opposite to them in the first column of said Schedule; and any Clergyman now occupying or hereafter appointed to said Deanery, Precentorship, Treasurership, or Archdeaconry, shall hold therewith the Stall in the Cathedral of St. Fin Barre hereby connected thereto.

Schedule No. II.

Dean of Cloyne.	Kilbrogan.
Precentor of Cloyne.	Killaspigimullane.
Treasurer of Cloney.	Cahirlag.
Archdeacon of Cloyne.	Liscleary.
Dean of Ross.	Holy Trinity.
Precentor of Ross.	Inniskenny.
Treasurer of Ross.	Killanully.
Archdeacon of Ross.	Kilnaglory.

5. The Stalls named in the first and second columns of Schedule No. III., and opposite the one to the other, shall be so connected together that whichever shall first become vacant shall be held by the Clergyman holding the other, and any Clergyman hereafter appointed to either shall with it occupy the other corresponding to it.

Schedule No. III.

Donoughmore, Cloyne.

Brigown, Cloyne.

Timoleague, Ross.

Island, Ross.

Kilbrittain, Cork.

St. Michael, Cork.

Desertmore, Cork.

Dromdaleague, Cork.

6. These arrangements shall be without prejudice to the rights of any existing Dean, Dignitary, or Canon, or to the powers, rights, and dignities of any of the Chapters herein referred to now or at any time hereafter.