Roman Catholic Clergy in St. Munchin's Parish

Succession of Curates in St. Munchins Parish until 1900

Part Two by John Carroll

1824 – David Neagle. According to a clerical report in 1824 Fr. Neagle (or Nagle) is listed as C.C. of St. Munchin's parish. He left St. Munchin's parish sometime after 1826 to take up curacy duties in St. Michael's parish and remained there until 1834 when he was appointed P.P. of Effin. He died in 1847 and is interred in Effin church, which he built at the commencement of his ministry there.

1824 – Bernard McMahon, a native of Limerick city, is also listed in the 1824 report as being C.C. of St. Munchin's parish. The next record we find of him is in 1836 when he was C.C. in the combined parish of Glin and Loughill. It is possible that he may have ministered in Glin for some time prior to 1836. In 1840 he was promoted to P.P. there. He died in Limerick city at the residence of his brother-in-law; Mr. P. Farrell, on 26 June 1847 aged 51,[1] and is interred in Loughill church.

1826 – William Moloney. According to Archdeacon Begley, he was ministering in St. Munchin's parish in 1826 and possibly could have succeeded Fr. McMahon, as in that year Fr. McMahon is not mentioned for the parish. Fr. Moloney subsequently became a Jesuit and lived to a good age.[2]

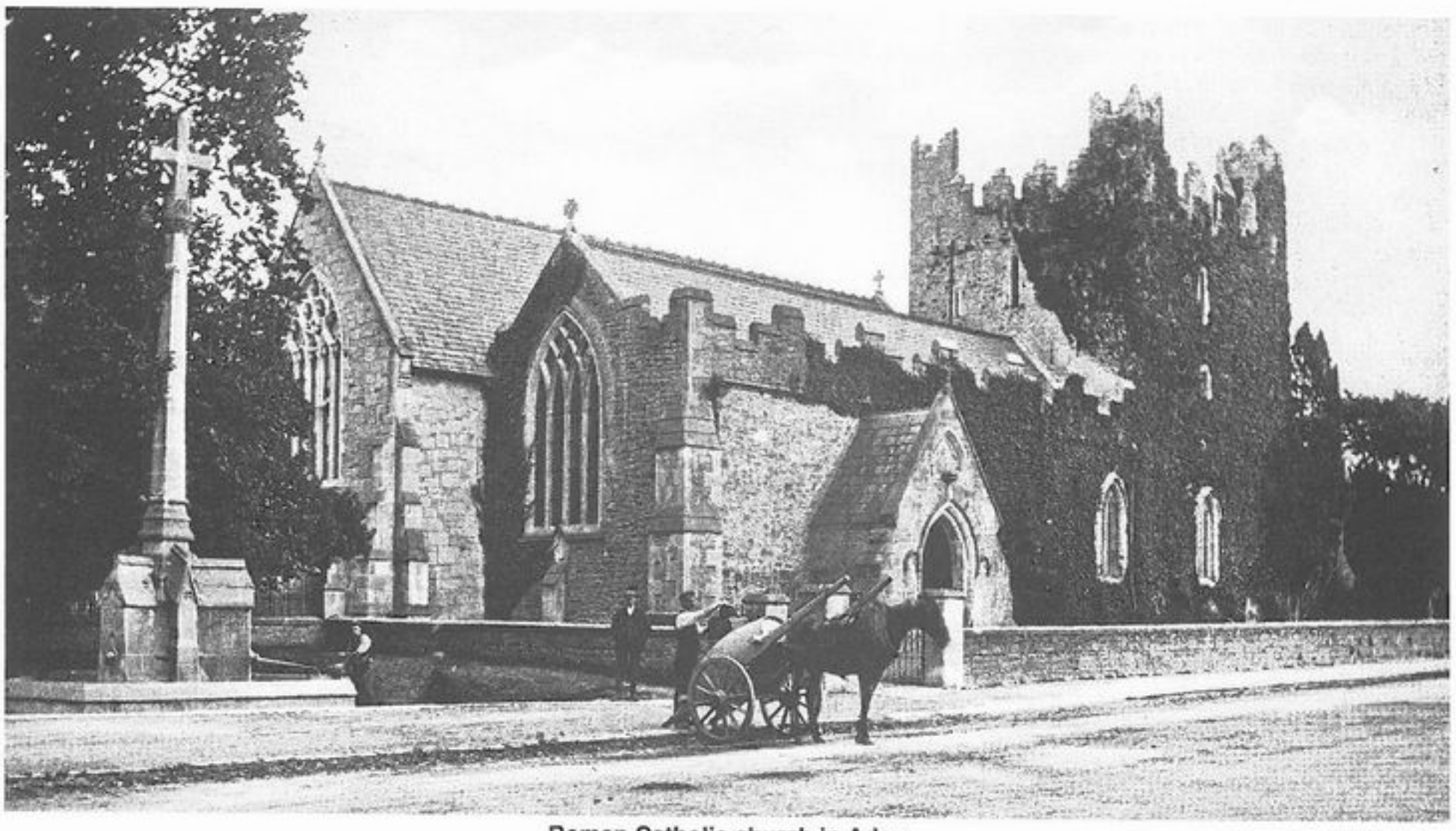
1835 – Michael Ryan. *The Limerick Chronicle* dated 6 May 1835 reported his death as follows: 'At Farranshone, in the North Liberties, after a short illness of fever, the Rev. Michael Ryan, Roman Catholic Curate of Thomond gate Chapel.' No other information is available pertaining to him.

1836 – John Shine is listed as serving in St. Munchin's parish in 1836, and the following year was transferred to Adare where he remained until 1838. No further information is available on him.

1838 – Michael McCormack studied at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and the Irish College in Paris prior to his ordination in March 1834. In 1836 he is listed as C.C. of Fedamore and in 1838 was appointed to St. Munchin's parish. In 1840 he returned to Fedamore as C.C. and remained there until 1858 when he was appointed P.P. of Manister, a position he held until his death on 9 June 1885 aged 85. He is interred at Manister church grounds and was the first P.P. of Manister because prior to 1858 Manister formed part of Fedamore parish.

1840 – Timothy Shanahan served as C.C. of Donoughmore from 1836 until 1838 when he was transferred to Fedamore. He was assigned to St. Munchin's parish in 1840 where he remained until 1843 when he was appointed C.C. of Bruff. No records exist regarding his other appointments, if any, after his departure from Bruff in 1844.

1841 – John Bunton was C.C. of Kilmallock from 1836 until 1838 and of Effin from 1838 until his transfer to St. Munchin's parish in 1841. Upon his appointment St.



Roman Catholic church in Adare *(Limerick Museum)*

Munchin's became a two-curate parish. In 1845 he was transferred to St. Michael's parish as C.C. until 1849 when he was transferred to St. John's parish. In 1855 he was appointed P.P. of Glin, a position he held until his death in 1874. While in Glin he built the present parish church in 1858, and was the first P.P. of Glin parish as it is known today, as prior to 1855 the parish of Glin was joined with Loughill.

1843 – Henry (Michael) O'Farrell studied at the Irish College, Rome, and was ordained on 2 February 1842. His first assignment was as C.C. to Kildimo until he was transferred to St. Munchin's parish in 1843, succeeding Fr. Shanahan. He left St. Munchin's parish in 1850 to take up curacy duties in St. Michael's parish where he remained until 1857. He is not recorded again until 1861 when he was C.C. of Kilmallock. During his time in St. Munchin's parish, his Christian name is given as Michael. In 1864 he was appointed P.P. of Cratloe and held this position until his death on 22 January 1888. He was known as a hard worker for both the poor and the sick, and a plaque to his memory is erected in Cratloe church.

1846 – Daniel (John) O'Connor, D.D. received his education at Rome and was ordained in March 1845. His first assignment was to St. Munchin's parish in 1846, succeeding Fr. Bunton. In 1853 he took up curacy duties in Parteen until 13 April 1863 when he was appointed P.P. of Ardagh. He was transferred to Askeaton on 25 July 1871 and remained there until his retirement from the priesthood in 1885. He died in Cork on 24 September 1886 aged 66. The *Irish Catholic Directory* entries for the period 1846 to 1863 give his Christian name as John.

1850 – Daniel Leahy served as C.C. of Askeaton from 1838 until 1840 when he took up similar duties in Glin, succeeding Fr. Bernard McMahon who was promoted to P.P. there. In 1845 he was appointed C.C. of Adare, a position he held until 1847 when he was transferred to Ardagh, and remained there until 1850 when he succeeded Fr. O'Farrell in St. Munchin's parish. He returned to Ardagh from 1851 until 1853 when his name disappears from the clergy listings.

1851 – James Lynch Roche, a native of Kilmallock, was C.C. of Bulgaden from 1847 (probably after his ordination) until 1851 when he succeeded Fr. Leahy in St. Munchin's parish. While in the parish, his Christian name was given as Thomas. In 1852 he was appointed C.C. of Effin and the following year was transferred to Ballingarry. In 1859 he took up curacy duties in Croom and two years later became C.C. of Rathkeale. In 1863 he was appointed to Coolcappa and in 1865 returned to Rathkeale as C.C. where he remained until his appointment as P.P. of Banogue on 8 January 1868. On 9 September 1876 he was transferred to Dromcollogher and remained there until April 1891 when he took up parochial duties in Glin. While there he served as chaplain to Glin Workhouse and Glin Industrial School. He died on 13 May 1920 aged 97, having been created Archdeacon in February 1900, and is interred at Glin church grounds.

1852 – Michael Ryan served as C.C. of St. John's parish from 1841 to 1843 and of St. Michael's parish from 1843 until 1847 when he returned to St. John's parish, where he remained until his appointment to St. Munchin's parish. He served as C.C. of St. Mary's parish from 1853 until 1859 when he took up curacy duties in Kilfinane. In 1861 he took up similar duties in Granagh-Ballingarry until 1863 when he was transferred to Dromin-Athlacca. In 1865 he was appointed P.P. of Colmanswell, a position he held until 1871 when he took up parochial duty in Ardpatrick. Colmanswell, which is now joined with Ballyagran, was at this time a separate parish. Fr. Ryan remained in Ardpatrick until his death in 1873 and is interred in its church.

1852 – William (Edmund) Connery studied at Maynooth and was ordained on 11 July 1850. From then he served in Fedamore parish until 1852 when he was appointed to St. Munchin's parish. The following year he was transferred to Effin and remained there until 1858 when he took up curacy duties at Kildimo-Pallaskenry. In 1864 he was transferred to Shanagolden until 14 January 1873 when he was appointed P.P. of Ardpatrick. He returned to Effin, this time as P.P. on 18 April 1879 and served in Effin until his death on 25 January 1889. He is listed as Edmund in the *Irish Catholic Directory* between 1851 and 1853, while in all other records he appears as William. His brother, Michael, was P.P. of Coolcappa from 1877 until his death in 1882. The Connerys were relatives of Fr. Gerard Fitzgibbon, P.P. of St. Munchin's from 1815 until 1817.

1853 – Patrick Duhigg served as C.C. of Fedamore in 1848 and of Rathkeale from 1849 until 1853 when he was transferred to St. Munchin's parish. He was transferred to Cratloe in 1856 and the following year took up curacy duties in St. John's parish until 1859, when he disappears from the clergy listings.

1853 – William Molony. (see list of parish priests in part 1).

1856 – Timothy Shanahan succeeded Fr. Duhigg as C.C. (see list of parish priests in part 1).

1857 – Timothy Halpin was a native of Donoughmore parish. He studied at Maynooth and was ordained on 15 October 1857. His first assignment was to St. Munchin's parish, succeeding Fr. Molony. In 1858 he was transferred to Knockaderry until 1860 when he took up curacy duties in Ballingarry. The following year he was appointed to St. Patrick's parish and from there ministered for a short time in St. John's parish. On 3 February 1862 he was transferred to Mungret as C.C., a position he held until 24 November 1871 when he was appointed P.P. of Colmanswell. On 18 December 1876 he took up parochial duty in Glenroe and on 4 October 1878 was transferred to his native parish of Donoughmore, where he resided at Clonlong House until his death, following a short illness, on 15 May 1900 aged 78. He is interred in Knockea church grounds. He was a member of an illustrious clerical family as two of his brothers, John and Jeremiah, were parish priests of the parishes of Rathkeale and Banogue respectively at the time of their deaths in 1894 and 1904.

1858 – John (James) Mulcahy served as C.C. of Kilmallock from 1852 until 1857 and of Shanagolden until his appointment to St. Munchin's parish in 1858. He served as C.C. of Killeedy from 1860 until 1863, of Loughill until 1865, and of Manister until 1867 when he took up curacy duties in Monagea. In 1869 he was appointed C.C. of Cratloe until 1873, when he disappears from the clergy listings. While at Kilmallock, his Christian name is recorded as James.

1858 – John (James) O'Sullivan is first recorded upon his appointment to St. Munchin's parish in 1858. In 1861 he was transferred to St. John's parish and two years later became C.C. of Rathkeale. In 1866 he was appointed to Newcastle West and remained there until 1871. No other information pertaining to him is available. During his tenure in St. Munchin's parish, his Christian name is given as James. He is not to be confused with his namesake who was C.C. of Rockhill in the mid-1860's and who later became P.P. of Ballybricken in the archdiocese of Cashel and Emly.

1860 – Martin Slattery studied at Maynooth and was ordained on 25 August 1860. He was appointed to St. Munchin's parish upon ordination, succeeding Fr. Mulcahy. In 1870 he was transferred to Coolcappa and on 26 November 1873 took up curacy duties in Mungret, succeeding Fr. Timothy Halpin there. He left Mungret in 1876 and spent a year on retreat at Mount Melleray until October 1877 when he was assigned curacy duties in Ballyagran. He died on 22 January 1880.

1861 – Charles McDonnell succeeded Fr. O'Sullivan. In 1863 he was transferred to Monagea, in 1865 became C.C. of Tournafulla and in 1867 took up curacy duties in Glenroe-Ballyorgan until 1869. No further information is available on Fr McDonnell. He is possibly a relative of his namesake who was P.P. of the parishes of Cappagh and Ardagh respectively prior to his death in 1852.

1863 – John Stokes was appointed to St. Munchin's parish in 1863. He remained there until 1865 but disappears from the records at this point.

1865 – William Sinclair succeeded Fr. Stokes in 1865. He left St. Munchin's parish in 1866 and no other record is available in the diocese.

1866 – Stephen Nicholl commenced his curacy duties in St. Munchin's parish in 1866, succeeding Fr. Sinclair. The following year he took up similar duties in St. John's parish and after a short time was appointed to Bruff. He left Bruff in 1870 but no other record is available after this time. While in Bruff, he was noted for being a keen handball enthusiast.

1867 – Patrick Carroll, a native of Dromin, studied at Maynooth and was ordained on 12 July 1863. After ordination he served as C.C. of Cappagh before being transferred to Tournafulla the following

July. He was appointed to Dromcollogher in 1865 and remained there until he succeeded Fr. Nicholl in 1867. On 18 December 1876 he was appointed P.P. of Colmanswell and remained there until he was transferred to Croagh-Kilfinny on 11 July 1883. He died on 23 August 1887.

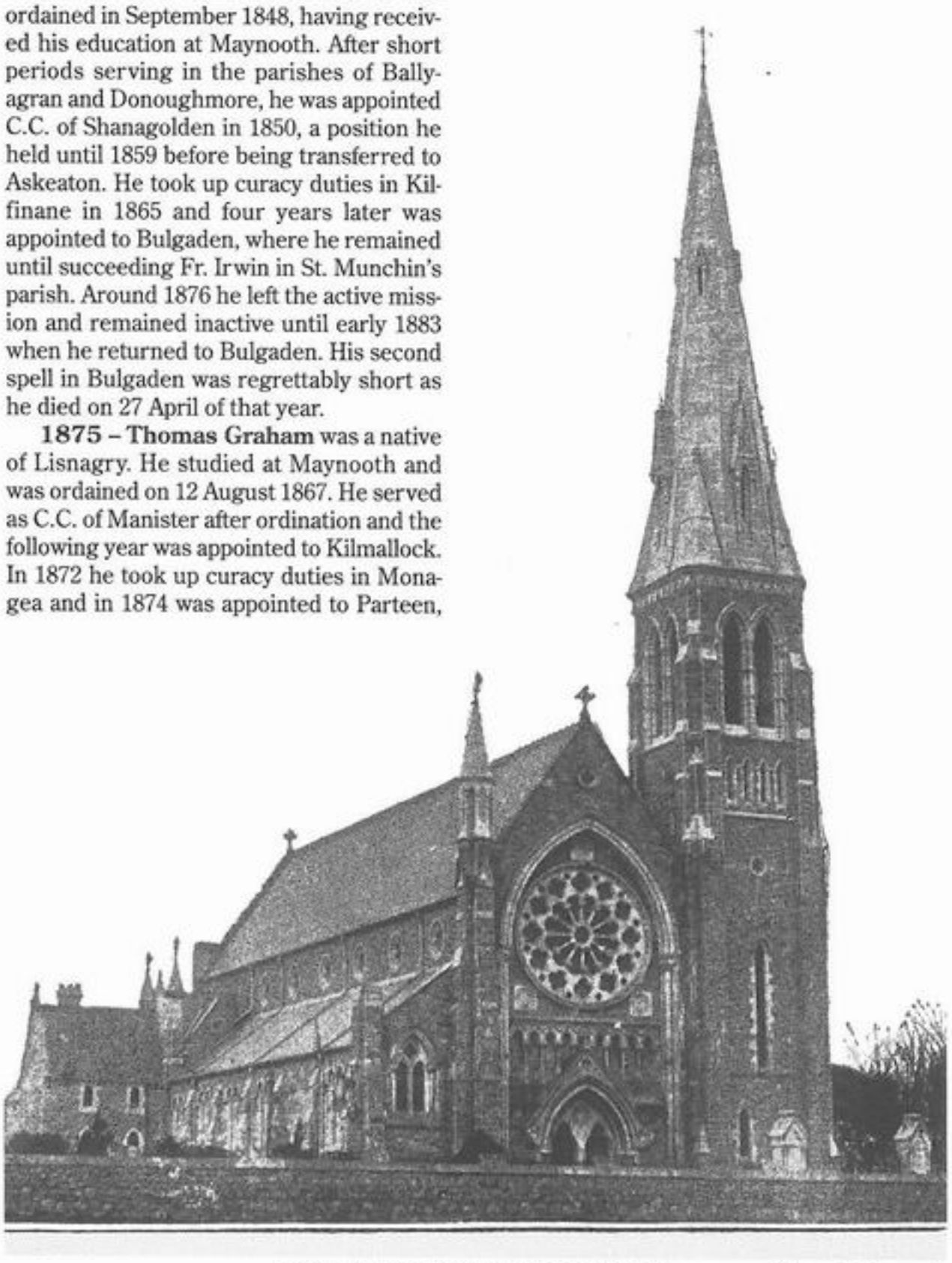
1870 – Michael Irwin was born on 10 April 1837. A native of Feenagh, he studied at Rome and was ordained in St. John's Cathedral on 14 May 1863. After ordination he served at Tournafulla and on 23 July 1864 was appointed C.C. of Cappagh. In 1865 he was transferred to Coolcappa and remained there until succeeding Fr. Slattery in 1870. On 4 March 1873 he was transferred to Banogue and the following December took up curacy duties in Effin. On 18 September 1877 he was appointed P.P. in Mahoonagh on 17 January 1880 remaining there until his death on 30 January 1919 aged 81. He had been created Canon on 10 June 1912. He is interred in Castlemahon church grounds. His nephew served as a priest in Australia, while a relative, Fr. Jerome Irwin, was Sub-Provincial of the Cistercians at Mount St. Joseph's, Roscrea.

1873 – Edmund O'Donohue was ordained in September 1848, having received his education at Maynooth. After short periods serving in the parishes of Ballyagran and Donoughmore, he was appointed C.C. of Shanagolden in 1850, a position he held until 1859 before being transferred to Askeaton. He took up curacy duties in Kilfinane in 1865 and four years later was appointed to Bulgaden, where he remained until succeeding Fr. Irwin in St. Munchin's parish. Around 1876 he left the active mission and remained inactive until early 1883 when he returned to Bulgaden. His second spell in Bulgaden was regrettably short as he died on 27 April of that year.

1875 – Thomas Graham was a native of Lisnagry. He studied at Maynooth and was ordained on 12 August 1867. He served as C.C. of Manister after ordination and the following year was appointed to Kilmallock. In 1872 he took up curacy duties in Monagea and in 1874 was appointed to Parteen, until August 1875 when he was transferred to St. Munchin's parish. The following year he was appointed to Bruff. On 2 October 1886 he became Administrator of Cratloe and two years later was appointed P.P. there, until 29 August 1900 when he was transferred to Ardpatrick. On 13 March 1919 he took up parochial duties in Donoughmore. He died on 12 August 1926 in St. John's Hospital aged 90 and is buried in the old ruin opposite Donoughmore Church. He was a nephew of Dean Thomas Hammond who was P.P. of Newcastle West from 1885 until his death in 1898.

1876 – Patrick Riordan succeeded Fr. O'Donohue. He could possibly have been the pastor of the same name who served in the parish of Bruff from 1867 until 1875. This priest died on 1 December 1876 aged 35 and is interred in Bruff Church.

1876 – Solomon Frost was baptised on 20 February 1851. He studied at Maynooth and was ordained in St. John's Cathedral on 30 July 1876. His was first assigned to St. Munchin's parish where he remained until 27 September 1877 when he was transferred to Fedamore. On 22 December 1881 he took up curacy duties in Coolcappa until 1889 when he was transferred to Dromin-Athlacca, a position he held until 1902 when he was appointed Administrator of Banogue, becoming P.P. there two years later. He remained in Banogue until his death on 24 November 1922 aged 71 and is interred in Banogue church grounds. He is possibly related to his namesake, Fr. Solomon Frost, who was C.C. of Cratloe from 1838 to 1840.



Kilmallock Roman Catholic church *(Limerick Museum)*

1876 – William Fitzgerald, a native of St. Patrick's parish, was born on 7 February 1851. He studied at Rome and was ordained there on 20 February 1875. His first assignment was in the parish of Garrison (Clogher diocese) until 18 December 1876 when he returned to the Limerick diocese upon his appointment to St. Munchin's parish. On 6 July 1881 he was transferred to Ballingarry and on 14 September 1887 took up curacy duties in Bulgaden until 13 February 1900 when he was appointed P.P. of Mungret. On 12 December 1921 he took up parochial duty in Shanagolden and was also created Canon. He died on 1 August 1935 aged 84. Canon Fitzgerald – who was created Vicar Forane in 1925 – was a brother of Canon John Fitzgerald who was P.P. of Coolcappa at the time of his death in 1942.

1877 – Thomas Mangan was baptised on 2 October 1851. After education at Maynooth he was ordained at the Presentation Convent, Limerick, on 23 July 1876. Following his ordination he served in Tydavnet (Clogher diocese) until the following May when he was appointed temporary C.C. of Rathkeale. On 27 September 1877 he was transferred to St. Munchin's parish and remained there until 21 October 1878 when he received his excardination from the Limerick diocese and joined the Redemptorist Order. He then served in Liverpool until 8 December 1879, but no further record of him exists between then and the time of his death in Teigmouth, England, on 6 April 1885.

1878 – James Molony, a native of Manister parish and a brother of the aforementioned Fr. William Molony, was baptised on 27 December 1843. Fr. James was ordained on 28 July 1867 having pursued his education at Maynooth, and commenced his ministry as C.C. of Fedamore. On 10 March 1868 he took up curacy duties in Rathkeale until 2 November 1871 when he was transferred to Donoughmore. On 28 September 1877 he was appointed to Shanagolden as C.C. and on 22 October 1878 he was transferred to St. Munchin's parish, succeeding Fr. Mangan. While in St. Munchin's, his parish priest was his brother William. On 6 January 1886 he was appointed P.P. of Cappagh until 13 January 1892 when he took up parochial duty in Pallaskenry. He died on 15 July 1904 aged 60 and is interred in Pallaskenry church grounds.

1881 – William Mulcahy was baptised on 10 November 1848. After receiving his education at Maynooth, he was ordained in St. John's Cathedral on 3 August 1873. Due to no pastoral vacancies existing in the Limerick diocese at the time of his

ordination, his first clerical assignment was in Clones (Clogher diocese) until 26 August 1875 when he returned to the Limerick diocese, taking up curacy duties in Killeedy. On 3 October 1877 he was transferred to Abbeyfeale until 5 March 1879 when he was appointed to Ardagh. The following October he was transferred to Granagh-Ballingarry until 7 July 1881 when he was appointed to St. Munchin's parish, succeeding Fr. Fitzgerald. In 1884 he became C.C. of Mungret until 14 September 1887 when he was assigned similar duties in Dromin-Athlacca. On 20 July 1889 he was transferred to Shanagolden until 11 March 1891 when he was assigned to St. Mary's parish. On 4 October 1892 he was appointed P.P. of Croagh-Kilfinny, a position he held until his death on 7 December 1927 aged 79. He is buried in Croagh church grounds, having been in poor health for some time prior to his death.[3] He was a gifted preacher and writer, a great temperance advocate and author of several brochures dealing with the Irish temperance movement.[4]

1884 – Richard O'Kennedy, a native of Coolcappa, was born on 17 March 1850. He studied at Maynooth and was ordained in the Convent of Mercy, Limerick, on 1 November 1873. His first assignment was in Killanny (Clogher diocese) until 27 October 1877 when he took up curacy duties in Ballingarry. The following 11 April he was transferred to Feenagh and on 16 November 1882 he was appointed to Mungret, a position he held until succeeding Fr. Mulcahy in 1884. Coincidentally, Fr. Mulcahy replaced him in Mungret. He became C.C. of Patrickswell-Ballybrown in 1888 and remained there until he was appointed P.P. of Fedamore on 23 August 1893. He was created Canon on 10 June 1912, and died in Fedamore on 26 March 1925 aged 74. He is interred in Fedamore church grounds. In Fedamore, he was in charge of a Latin class which was based in the church sacristy, and while there was offered other parishes but opted to remain in Fedamore.[5] A keen temperance advocate, he was the author of several literary works.[6]

1886 – Daniel Daly studied at Maynooth and Paris prior to his ordination on 21 July 1872. After a temporary spell as C.C. of Kilfinane, he took up curacy duties in Donoughmore on 21 October 1872 and remained there until 18 September 1876 when he was transferred to Manister. On 22 October 1879 he was appointed C.C. of Ardagh and the following September was transferred to St. Patrick's parish until 21 March 1881 when he took up curacy duties in Glenroe-Ballyorgan. On 6 May 1884 he was transferred to Knockaderry until 1886 when he succeeded Fr. Molony in St. Munchin's parish. On 4 September 1887 he was transferred to Shanagolden until 23 April 1890 when he was appointed P.P. of Colmanswell. On 29 August 1892 he took up parochial duty in Templeglantine and remained there until his death on 13 August 1910 aged 64. He is interred at Templeglantine church grounds, and was a relative of Fr. Eugene Sheehy, who served as P.P. of Rockhill from 1884 to 1908 and who played a prominent part in the Land War of the 1880's. Following Fr Daly's departure from Colmanswell in 1892, it was joined with Ballyagran parish once again.

Rathkeale Roman Catholic church *(Limerick Museum)*

1887 – John Quinlan studied at Maynooth and was ordained in the Convent of Mercy on 13 July 1879. His first assignment was in St. Patrick's parish until June 1880 when he took up duty in Croom. While there he ministered under the pastorate of his uncle, also named **John**, who was P.P. of Croom from 1861 until 1892. The former Fr. Quinlan remained in Croom until 14 September 1887 when he was appointed to St. Munchin's parish, succeeding Fr. Daly. On 19 February 1890 he was transferred to Mungret, but after a brief period there was assigned to Newcastle West where he remained until 7 October 1901 when he was appointed P.P. of Glenroe. On 14 August 1904 he took up parochial duty in Kildimo – succeeding Fr. James Molony - and remained there until his death on 18 January 1907 aged 54. He is buried in Pallaskenry church grounds.

1889 – Laurence Curtin, a native of Monagea, was ordained in Rathkeale on 7 July 1878. His first assignment was in the parish of Aughintain (Clogher diocese) until 17 May 1879 when he returned to the Limerick diocese as C.C. of Cratloe. On 19 April 1880 he took up curacy duties in Loughill-Ballyhahill and on 7 July 1881 was transferred to Killeedy. On 16 November 1887 he was appointed C.C. of Dromcollogher until 1889 when he succeeded Fr. O'Kennedy in St. Munchin's parish. In 1892 he was transferred to Kildimo-Pallaskenry and remained there until September 1900 when he returned to Cratloe, this time as P.P. In April 1909 he took up parochial duties in Feenagh-Kilmeedy, a position he held until his death on 20 August 1924 aged 70. He had been in failing health for some time prior to his death. He was a brother of Fr. Daniel Curtin who also served as curate in several county Limerick parishes until his death on 1 November 1913 aged 75.

1890 – Mortimer McCoy hailed from Coolcappa and was baptised on 2 March 1851. He was ordained in the Convent of Mercy, Limerick on 30 June 1878 having received his education at Maynooth. On 10 October 1878 he commenced ministry in Donoughmore, remaining there until 3 June 1881 when he took up duty in Ardagh. On 6 March 1883 he was transferred to Fedamore and exactly four years later became C.C. of Dromin. In 1888 he was transferred to Mungret and remained there until he succeeded Fr. Quinlan in St. Munchin's parish on 19 February 1890. On 14 June 1892 he was transferred to Askeaton and the following year was assigned to Ballingarry, a position he held until 14 March 1919 when he was appointed P.P. Ardpatrick. He remained there until his death on 30 September 1927 aged 76 and is interred in Ardpatrick church grounds.

On 30 August 1924, he had been appointed P.P. of Feenagh but resigned it immediately and returned to Ardpatrick. He was a brother of Fr. James McCoy who served in St. John's parish, as C.C. and Administrator, from 1863 to 1886 and who was P.P. of Bulgaden from 1886 until his death in 1906. Another brother, Richard, served as Lord Mayor of Dublin in the early 1890's.[7]

1892 – Daniel Bresnahan pursued his studies at Rome and Maynooth and was ordained in St. John's Cathedral on 5 July 1885. After a brief period as temporary curate in St. John's parish, he was appointed C.C. of Manister the following September. He remained in Manister for a year until he was transferred to Knockaderry until 19 February 1890 when he was appointed to St. Patrick's parish. On 4 October 1892 he was appointed to St. Munchin's parish until 2 April 1895 when he temporarily retired on sick leave. The following year he returned to Manister and remained there until 1897 when he was appointed C.C. of Monagea. In 1900 he took up curacy duty in Feenagh-Kilmeedy and the following year was transferred to Coolcappa. In 1907 he was appointed C.C. of Donoughmore and remained there until 1920 when he was transferred to Banogue. He ministered as C.C. of Banogue until his death on 12 April 1925 aged 66.

1892 – Robert Fitzgerald was a native of Knockderk in the parish of Knockainey, which is in the Cashel and Emly archdiocese, and was ordained for the diocese of Limerick in June 1888 having received his education at Maynooth. After ordination he served on temporary mission in Liverpool until 1891 when he was appointed C.C. of Ballyagran. The following year he was transferred to St. Munchin's parish and in 1893 took up curacy duties in St. Mary's parish. On 5 May 1895 he was transferred to St. John's parish, becoming Administrator there in 1914. In 1917 he was appointed P.P. of Effin and in 1926 was created Canon. He died in the Bon Secours Home in Cork on 26 May 1930 aged 67 and is buried in Effin church grounds. A brother of his, Thomas, was also ordained for ministry and spent his entire priestly life in Kansas, U.S.A., until his death on 9 November 1945.

1894 – Martin Carroll studied at Maynooth and was ordained in St. John's Cathedral on 16 November 1890. After ordination he taught in St. Munchin's College until 17 August 1891 when he was assigned curacy duties in Bruff. He became C.C. of Mahoonagh on St. Patrick's Day 1892 until 1894 when he was appointed to St. Munchin's parish, succeeding Fr. Fitzgerald. He was briefly C.C. of Croagh-Kilfinny in 1898 before being transferred to Croom. In 1900 he fell ill and remained on sick leave until 1902 when he took up a temporary teaching position in St. Munchin's College. He fell ill again in 1903 and did not return to ministry until 1918 when appointed C.C. of Knockaderry. He left Knockaderry in 1920 and again took sick leave until 17 January 1925 when he was appointed C.C. of Monagea. He retired from the priesthood in June 1927 and died in St. John's Hospital on 7 October 1934 aged 68. His brother John ministered in the diocese of Plymouth (England) and another brother, Cornelius, ministered in the archdiocese of Birmingham.

1895 – John Conway attended Maynooth and was ordained in the Presentation Convent, Limerick, on 23 July 1876. After ordination he served in Eskra in the diocese of Clogher, until 27 September 1877 when he was appointed C.C. of Templeglantine. On 22 October 1878 he took up curacy duties in Tournafulla until 19 April 1880. After brief periods in Manister and Parteen parishes, he was transferred to Knockaderry in June 1881 and remained there until 6 May 1884 when he was appointed to Glenroe. On 5 March 1887 he took up curacy duties in Glin and the following September was transferred to Croom. In 1892 he was appointed C.C. of Effin until 2 April 1895 when he took up duties in St. Munchin's parish, succeeding Fr. Bresnahan. In 1903 he was transferred to Croagh-Kilfinny and remained there until 23 June 1908 when he returned to Tournafulla. On 11 October 1918 he was transferred to Bulgaden-Martinstown and the following February was appointed P.P. of Mahoonagh where he remained until his death on 12 September 1929. He was a nephew of Fr. John Conway who was P.P. of Feenagh-Kilmeedy from 1877 until 1898. Three of his first cousins, John, another John, and Patrick, also served as priests in the diocese, with Patrick being P.P. of Glenroe-Ballyorgan at the time of his death in 1931.

1898 – Jeremiah O'Shea succeeded Fr. Carroll as C.C. of St. Munchin's parish in 1898. A native of Ballingaddy, Kilmallock, he was baptised on 6 June 1863. He studied at Maynooth and was ordained there on 24 June 1889. His first assignment was in the Sacred Heart parish in Liverpool, a position he held until 1893 when he returned to the Limerick diocese, taking up curacy duties in Askeaton where he remained until his St. Munchin's appointment. On 5 September 1899 he was transferred to St. John's parish until 3 October 1905 when he took up curacy duties in St. Michael's parish. During his tenure in St. John's parish he served as chaplain to St. John's Hospital, the Presentation Convent and the Good Shepherd Convent. Owing to ill-health he was transferred from St. Michael's to Athea in 1912 and remained there until June 1917 when he was appointed P.P. of Cappagh. In March 1924 he took up parochial duty in Glin and held this position until his death on 29 October 1928 aged 65. He is interred in Ballingaddy church grounds alongside his brother Fr. John, who at his death in October 1939 was P.P. of St. Mary's Church, Adair, St. Louis, (U.S.A.).

1898 – John Begley, a native of Monagea, was baptised on 1 August 1861 and was author of the three volume *History of the Diocese of Limerick*. He studied at Maynooth and was ordained there on 24 June 1888. After ordination he served in St. Andrew's parish in Argyll (Scotland) until he was appointed C.C. of Coolcappa in 1890. He was C.C. of Tournafulla from 1893 until he succeeded Fr. Conway in St. Munchin's parish in 1898, and remained there until May 1915 when he was appointed P.P. of Cappagh and was also created Canon. He was transferred to Dromcollogher on 29 June 1917 and remained there until 28 March 1927 when he was appointed to Kilmallock, also becoming Vicar Forane. He was transferred to Bruff on 18 May 1932 when he was also created Archdeacon. On 18 June 1937 he was made Vicar General. He died on 10 June 1941 aged 79 and was interred in Bruff cemetery, which had been opened in 1937.

1899 – Edmund O'Leary was born on 1 June 1857. He received his education at Rome and was ordained there on 8 March 1884. He was first assigned to the Westminster archdiocese (London) until 1887 when he took up curacy duties in Kilmallock. The following year he was transferred to Monagea and in 1889 was appointed to Feenagh. In 1893 he was appointed to Ardagh and on 10 February 1896 took up curacy duties in Knockaderry, but after a short time there was transferred to Newcastle West where he remained until he succeeded Fr. O'Shea on 5 September 1899. On 6 October 1902 he returned to Newcastle West as C.C. and held this position until his death on 1 November 1905 aged 48. A native of Bruree, he was a brother of Canon Arthur O'Leary who served as P.P. of the parishes of Mungret and St. Patrick's respectively prior to his death in 1940.

NOTES

Information on curates is sketchy until 1836, when the Irish Catholic Directory commenced publication. As a result of this, only the curates pre-1836 who there are records of are mentioned. It is possible that in the case of some pastors, on whom there is little information available, may have been on temporary missions from other dioceses.

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