

Clergy who served in Upper Creggan



In penal times parishes as we know them did not exist, but areas were assigned to a priest to administer and he would have to say Mass in places hidden from the “Redcoats” of English law. In Creggan Graveyard there is a plaque commemorating Fr David McGilmurray of Carnally who was ordained by St. Oliver Plunkett at Ardpatrick near Louth Village, and who laboured in this area.

This area was known as Creggan and it was only in 1795 that the area was divided into the current parishes of Lower Creggan and Upper Creggan. It is from this date that we have our list of clergy who served in the parish.

Parish Priests (1795 – present)

Raymond O’Hanlon	1795-1796	James McKeone	1933-1947	Hugh O’Neill	1982-1991
Nicholas Murphy	1796-1829	Harry Murray	1947-1960	Thomas McGeough	1991-2006
Michael Lennon	1829-1871	Joseph McEvoy	1960-1963	Joe McKeever	2006-2016
John Rafferty	1871-1909	Joseph Kelly	1965-1979	Dermot Maloney	2017-
Peter Sheerin	1909-1932	Tomás O’Sabhaois	1979-1982		

Curates (1795 – present)

Patrick Hanratty	1796	Patrick Quinn	1885-1907	Thomas Mallon	1956-1959
James Mallon	1797	W.J. Connell	1890-1907	John Keelan	1959-1972
Daniel Gartland	1799-1801	Felix McNally	1893-1895	James Quinn	1970-1976
Daniel Laverty	1815-1816	P.J. McArdle	1895-1907	Gerard McGinnity	1972-1972
Michael Lennon	1824-1829	Felix McNeece	1907-1915	Kevin Moran	1972-1982
James Hughes	1826	Michael Kerr	1907-1910	Brian McNiece	1973-1973
William Maguire	1827-1838	Luke Donnellan	1910-1938	Donal Sweeney	1973-1993
Owen O’Hare	1830	Joseph MacOscar	1915-1925	Thomas Mallon	1976-1985
J. Campbell	1834-1858	John V. Ward	1925-1933	John Flanagan	1982-1982
Thomas Loye	1838-1860	Francis Terry	1930-1933	P.J. O’Hanlon	1982-1994
Charles McShane	1858-1873	Patrick McGrath	1933-1934	John Reid	1985-1997
Michael Tally	1860-1866	Joseph McDonnell	1939-1939	Stephen Duffy	1993-1996
Laurance Byrne	1865-1866	James Cullen	1934-1939	John Russell	1994-1999
B.J. Lavery	1866-1869	Patrick McDonnell	1939-1939	Peter Clarke	1996-2006
John McVeigh	1866-1875	P.V. Cooney	1939-1949	Joe McKeever	1999-2006
Rev. McElroy	1869-1872	Michael McCrory	1930-1940	Rory Coyle	2006-2008
Jim Loughran	1872-1890	Bernard Donnelly	1940-1952	Barney King S.M.	2006-2018
P. Hanratty	1875-1877	Francis McFadden	1941-1967	Liam McKinney*	2008-2017
Bernard Mooney	1877-1885	Patrick Halpenny	1952-1972	Kevin Cullen PE, AP	2017-

* Temporary Administrator October 2016-August 2017

Deacon

Paul Casey	2014-
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