



We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay respect to the elders past, present and emerging of the Kulin Nation.

PENTECOST SUNDAY 2021

Many of you know that my 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood is on this very week-end of Pentecost. I think back to 22nd May 1971, a Saturday morning in St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne and I still hear, ringing in my ears, the sound of the trumpets, signalling it was time for the ceremony to begin. My feet barely touched the ground of the long Cathedral centre aisle. Twelve of us were ordained that day, after almost 8 years of seminary training. Our families supported us and loved us and our friends were there to celebrate with us.

A month or two after Ordination, we newly ordained priests were invited to the annual Corpus Christi Priests Dinner. We were introduced to the gathering of many priests and the Dinner in particular honoured the priests who were celebrating their silver anniversary and golden anniversary. I looked at the 25 years priests and thought they look old and when it came to congratulate the golden jubilarians, I thought they look absolutely ancient.

How time moves on and in my own vocabulary I have become one of those ancient priests. I don't feel ancient, although I know I look as if I've been around a long time. When children ask me 'how old are you', they are really saying 'you're an old person' and I am pleased to accept this. How fortunate I have been to have lived 50 years as a priest and I look forward to continuing to live the story.

For most of my years as a priest I have been in Parish Ministry and I have been so blessed to work with wonderful communities of faith and friendship. I have only really wanted to be in Parish and my appointments have given me the chance to dream the dream I had held from childhood, 'to be priest in parish ministry'. Thirty three of these years have been as Parish Priest, where I have been leader of the Parish community and I can truly say it has been my delight to be a Parish Priest. Not without its challenges and not without its lonely and painful times, but such a gift in meeting so many wonderful people and coming close to them in whatever story of life we all bring to the table of life. And talking about the table of life, I think of the dinner table where so many have invited me to share food and drink and the gift of friendship. And I think of the privilege of presiding at Eucharist, eating and drinking together of the very life of the Risen Jesus. This time of table communion has always been at the centre of my life as priest.

So it's Pentecost Sunday where we celebrate the life of the Spirit of God within us. We remember the story of the apostles taking to the streets of life, leaving their locked doors of fear and doubt and speaking the language of the Spirit in ways that everyone could understand.

We are people today entrusted with the gift of the Spirit as we seek to live the ways of the Spirit in a very different world and Church to 50 years ago, let alone almost 2000 years ago, when the apostles preached about the marvels of God.

Our world is still in the grip of a pandemic we know as Covid-19. Our world is technologically so different. And sadly the gap between rich and poor has only increased and the hungry and homeless are even more locked out of living with dignity and equality.

The scandals of sexual abuse and cover up have damaged our Church story. Our parishes have not recovered from the lockdowns of Covid-19 and the Church of Melbourne has a new plan for the parishes of the future. These are just some of the issues facing us.

It is a long time since 22nd May 1971 but the language of the Spirit of God really never changes. Listen to St Paul's words to the Galatians:

'What the Spirit brings is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, truthfulness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control.'

Yes, it is a long time since May 22nd 1971, but for however long God blesses me with life and for however long we are all blessed with life, may we too speak the language and live the way of the Spirit of God.

And let me in conclusion thank you, the people of St Francis Xavier Montmorency and Our Lady's Eltham, for the beautiful ways you have been the Spirit of God in loving and supporting me over this past 15 years of my journey as priest. **Terry**

Parish Blessing Prayer

**May God's Joy be in your heart
And God's Love surround your living
Each day and night
And wherever you roam
May you know God's presence
In joy and in sorrow,
In friendship, in Solitude
In beginnings and endings,
May God keep you and Bless you,
All the days of your life. Amen**

This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

For more information visit pol.org.au/eltham or pol.org.au/montmorency.

We support the recommendations of the Royal Commission into institutional abuse and pray for all the survivors.



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OUR PEOPLE & OUR CONTACT DETAILS



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Collections: 16 May 2021

Community	Thanksgiving	Presbytery
OLHC	\$376.00	\$534.55
SFX	\$560.00	\$554.80



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<https://bit.ly/CDFpayEltham> or <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMontmorency>



*Let us pray for all those who have gone
before us marked with the sign of faith ...*

Montmorency

For the recently deceased:

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

*Tom Barnsley Snr, Vincenza Bellini, John Carmody
Valentina Di Benedetto*

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

Debbie Edgley (nee Vanderwert), Estelle Levy

Eltham

For the recently deceased:

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Pedro (Pete) Gapayao Futol - 1 year anniversary

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

*Violetta, Denise Donnellan
Lidia Marazzato, Tom Nolan, Christine Scott,
Ibyszek Wojciechowski, Sylvek Zylevycz*

To include an anniversary please contact Parish House
9435 2178 or eltham@cam.org.au.

RECONCILIATION

available upon request

please call the Parish Office 9435 2178



**Congratulations to all who celebrate
their sacraments this weekend:**

Saturday 22 May

St Francis Xavier, 6pm

Mitchell Haase

Leah Malcolm

Sage Payne

Olivia Rizzi

Confirmation

Confirmation

Confirmation

Confirmation

Sunday 16 May

St Francis Xavier, 8:30am

Lachlan Gates

Sebastian Gross

Matthew Reedy

Billy-James Rheinberger

Confirmation

Confirmation

Confirmation

Confirmation

Our Lady Help of Christians, 10am

Luke Galgano

Carl Galgano

Allegra Schwef

Confirmation

Confirmation

Confirmation

St Francis Xavier, 12 noon

Harriet Allender

Heidi Hargrave

Hunter Hargrave

Cody Keys

Baptism

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Prayers of the Faithful for 23 May 2021

Pentecost

Celebrant: We ask that the Holy Spirit hear the prayers of our community as with open hearts we pray:

Let us pray for all those who work to sustain the Church's mission of service and healing including Pope Francis, bishops, priests and all who serve in ministry.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Fr Terry as he celebrates his 50th anniversary of ordination. We give thanks for his gift of priesthood and leading our community along its spiritual journey. We pray that our gentle and loving God will continue to bless Fr Terry.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those affected by covid-19 and all the challenges this pandemic brings to our world. We pray that compassion, care and kindness through the Holy Spirit will ease the global suffering.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those affected by war in their countries. We pray for peace and the opportunity to rebuild.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for healing by the Holy Spirit for all people who face racism or discrimination. We pray that all people are treated with dignity and respect.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray this weekend especially for those young people who are to be Confirmed. As they receive the fire of the Spirit into their lives today, may they have the courage to go forth and spread that fire of God's love wherever they go.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the sick, we pray that You will ease the pain of those who are ill, and bless them and those who care for them.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including *Tom Barnsley Snr, Vincenza Bellini, John Carmody, Valentina Di Benedetto* and *Pedro Futol*. We pray for those family and friends who mourn the loss of a loved one, and take comfort in the eternal life they now share in Christ.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Holy Spirit, we ask that you strengthen us in faith, hope and love.

All: Amen.



We Are the Beloved

Theme: [Mystical Marriage](#)

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM



Saint Bonaventure taught that we are each “loved by God in a particular and incomparable manner, as in the case of a bride and groom.” Francis and Clare of Assisi knew that the love God has for each soul is unique and made to order, which is why any “saved” person feels beloved, chosen, and even “God’s favourite”. Many people in the Bible also knew and experienced this specialness. Divine intimacy is always and precisely particular and made to order - and thus “intimate”.

The inner knowledge of God’s love is described as joy itself (see John 15:11). This inner knowing is the Indwelling Presence. Which comes first? Does feeling safe and held by God allow us to deal with others in the same way? Or does human tenderness allow us to imagine that God must be the same, but infinitely so? I do not suppose it really matters where we start; the important thing is that we get in on the big secret from one side or the other.

Yes, “secret”, or even “hidden secret”, is what writers like the Psalmist (25:14), Paul, Rumi, Hafiz, Bonaventure, Dame Julian, and many mystics called it. And for some sad reason, it seems to be a well-kept secret. Jesus praises God for “hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them only to the little ones” (Matthew 11:25). Well, what is it that the learned and the clever often cannot see?

The big and hidden secret is this: an infinite God seeks and desires intimacy with the human soul. Once we experience such intimacy, only the intimate language of lovers describes the experience for us: mystery, tenderness, singularity, specialness, changing the rules “for me”, nakedness, risk, ecstasy, incessant longing, and of course also necessary suffering. This is the mystical vocabulary of the saints. Saint Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) puts it beautifully:

Who could explain the benefit that lies in throwing ourselves into the arms of this Lord of ours and making an agreement with His Majesty that *I look at my Beloved and my Beloved at me ... Let Him kiss me with the kiss of His mouth*, for without You, what am I, Lord? If I am not close to You, what am I worth? If I stray a little from Your Majesty, where will I end up? Oh, my Lord, my Mercy, and my Good! And what greater good could I want in this life than to be so close to You, that there be no division between You and me? With this companionship, what can be difficult? What can one not undertake for You, being so closely joined?

Spousal Prayer

Theme: [Mystical Marriage](#)

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM



The soul who deeply desires to remain in Christ’s holy company, and is sincerely grateful for the intimacy with him that is possible, and finds herself truly in love with this Lord who does so much for us - is the soul whom I consider to be most evolved. - St. Teresa of Avila, *The Book of Her Life*

Spiritual teacher and psychologist John Welwood has written extensively about intimate human relationships as a “path of conscious love”. To engage deeply with another, we must allow the spontaneous nature of passion to bloom within us. He writes, “Since our very being is open to begin with, it naturally resonates and wants to connect with what is greater than ourselves - the vastness of life itself. Passion is the feeling of life wanting to connect with life... Unconditional passion has no agenda. It is like the freely radiating energy of the sun”. Though we may need to be careful about where we direct our life-force in our everyday lives, we needn’t hold back any passion we experience for divine life itself! Passion is essential to our relationship with God.

Tessa Bielecki, a modern mystic, friend, and author, writes about how this type of passionate love, which she calls “spousal prayer”, is available to all - no matter what our relationship “status”.

Contemplation and mysticism are synonymous terms. They both mean *loving experiential awareness of God*: not ideas in the head or on the lips, but personal living experience. In the Teresian tradition, this experience takes a special form [sometimes called] ... “spousal prayer”... In spousal prayer we come to know God the way a human spouse knows the spouse, the way a friend knows a friend, the way a lover knows the beloved. Spousal prayer is for men and women, for married couples and celibates, for people raising children or living in monasteries...

Spousal prayer does not make God the divine rival of a human spouse. Human love prefigures divine love. Spiritual matrimony with God may be the goal of our human longings. Is this our real desire when we marry another human person? In the deepest relationships, lovers do not turn each other into idols, but recognise one another as icons, leading them through their love into the very bosom of the Godhead...

Spousal prayer lies at the very heart of the Christian mystical tradition...

We will never know God spousally if we think this prayer is impossible, improper, or unimportant. Even if we accept the reality of spousal prayer in general, we may preclude it by saying, “But it’s not for me”. For many years I believed that this particular kind of prayer was not meant for everyone. But St Teresa has convinced me of the opposite. She insists that everyone is called to this prayer to some degree or another, at one time or another.

May nothing hinder us from begging God for this Intimate friendship. We need ardent desire and what Teresa calls “holy daring”. She chides us for being content with so little. God want to give us absolutely everything. Why do we settle for less?

GLOBAL PRAYER FOR CHINA

GlobalPrayerforChina.org was created by an informal coalition of lay Christians from six continents who have joined together to facilitate a response to Cardinal Bo's Global Call for Prayer for the Church and Peoples of China.

For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD ACTS 4:20

In three weeks, Catholic Mission will share the essential mission work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies during their time of need.

You will have the opportunity to respond to this great work and help Sister Chalaad reach out to more mothers and their babies.

Please come with an open and generous heart.

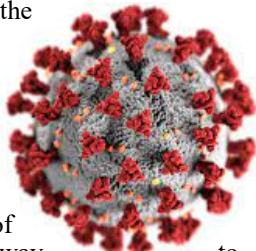


Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand



Many of us know people directly impacted by the devastating second wave of COVID-19 in India and many have asked whether there is something they can do to help. India's health system is now overwhelmed, the peak is yet to come and when it does, it is estimated that the country may see 13,000 deaths a day.

The University of Melbourne Faculty of Medicine has strong clinical training and research links with Christian Medical College Vellore, Emmanuel Hospital Association and The Catholic Health Association of India. They tell us the most impactful way to help is through financial support to allow them to buy emergency medical supplies, PPE and to subsidise the cost of treatment for socioeconomically disadvantaged patients.



If you're in a position to contribute, please consider supporting the fundraising efforts of our partners via the links below:

* CMC Vellore: Upsizing to 1500 COVID-19 beds and requesting support to purchase PPE, medications, ICU equipment and other supplies: <https://givecmcv.org/donate/>

* Emmanuel Hospital Association emergency relief appeal: 20 charitable hospitals in rural India serving the poor. Requesting support to purchase PPE, medications, ICU equipment and other supplies: <https://eha-health.org/about-us>

* The Sister Mary Glowrey Training Initiative: The University of Melbourne is helping increase the Catholic Health Association of India's capacity to respond to COVID-19 through this initiative: <https://mspgh.unimelb.edu.au/engage/community/sister-dr-mary-glowrey-scholars-program>



Seville Mercy Conference Centre Presents

TROPICAL RETREAT IN NATURE

A Five Day Walking Retreat
based in Cairns and Far North Queensland

12 - 18 JULY 2021
Cost \$2200 (inc GST)

(Includes single room accommodation with shared bathroom, all meals, excursions, and guided trips to key places in the Far North.)

To register for the retreat please fill out an application form and send to

Priscilla O'Brien (Ministry Development Coordinator)
Email: priscilla@mcauleyministries.org.au

or call
Tel: 07 4047 8103

Hurry! Places are limited to only 15 participants.

ROSTERS:	
week ending 30 May	
Montmorency	
Cotter, Anne	W8:30
Davidson, John	W8:30
French, Jossie	W6:00
Gaffney, Peter	CLNR
Nolan, Kathleen	PRYR
Ramsdale, Sue & John	ASRC
Eltham	
Dhanasen Family	Pilgrim Rosary Statue
Dopheide, Marlis	Reader
Dunell, Linda	Eucharistic Minister
Hall, Vali	Altar Society
Milwain, Gianna	Altar Society
Scully, Greg	Commentator
Scully, Helen	Eucharist Minister

Monty & Eltham Calendar of Events

Saturday 22

6:00pm Mass (160 people) & confirmations Montmorency

Sunday 23 - Pentecost Sunday

8:30am Mass (160 people) & confirmations Montmorency

10:00am Mass (160 people) & confirmations Eltham

12:00pm Baptisms: Harriet, Hunter, Heidi, Cody
Montmorency

Monday 24 - Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day

9:30am Mass (160 people) - Feast Day School Mass Eltham

Tuesday 25

9:30am Mass (160 people) Montmorency

Wednesday 26

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Mass (160 people) Eltham

Thursday 27

9:30am Mass (160 people) Montmorency

10:30am ASRC food collection & delivery Montmorency

2:00pm Mass St Vincent's Care

Friday 28

9:30am Mass (160 people) Eltham

Saturday 29

6:00pm Mass (160 people) & confirmations Montmorency

Sunday 30 - Trinity Sunday

8:30am Mass (160 people) Montmorency

10:00am Mass (160 people) & confirmations Eltham

12:00pm Baptisms: Isabelle, Zara, Beatrice, Everly
Montmorency

Tuesday 1 June

9:30am Mass (160 people) Montmorency

10:00am Craft Group Montmorency

11:00am Prayer Shawl Eltham

Wednesday 2

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Mass (160 people) Eltham

11:00am Small Church Community Montmorency

Thursday 3

9:30am Mass (160 people) Montmorency

10:30am ASRC food collection & delivery Montmorency

7:45pm Book Club Montmorency

Friday 4

9:30am Mass (160 people) Eltham

50 Years a Priest

We have spoken about this event in past weeks... today we say:

Congratulations Fr Terry!

on an amazing and exemplary milestone. We look forward to being able to express our love, gratitude and appreciation to Fr Terry in the upcoming events that have been planned.

There remain spaces at the 'lunches with Terry' on Tuesday 25th May and Friday 29th May at 12 noon, Montmorency RSL. Bookings may be made by phoning 9434 2085 until the actual dates.

Should you wish to speak with anyone about the arrangements, please call us or speak to one of us after Mass:

Noel : 0421 016 105

Vinka : 0418 345 954

Patsy : 0429 439 675

Mary : 9439 5921; or

Barbara : 9439 8594; or

speak to us after Mass.



Let the Celebrations Begin!

For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD
ACTS 4:29

Become a Catholic Mission Parish Ambassador

Catholic Mission invites you to join us in exploring *mission, spirituality* and *formation* together.

Become a Catholic Mission Ambassador for your parish!

Participate in interactive workshops which will focus on:

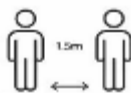
- Contemporary Mission
- Catholic Social Teaching
- Fratelli Tutti

To register your interest please click here: : <https://forms.gle/M45GMzGV6cX1xPeHA>

CovidSafety during Mass:



•Please carry an appropriate **face covering** at all times - and use it when necessary;



•Please **socially distance 1.5m** (families not included) for appropriate spacing;

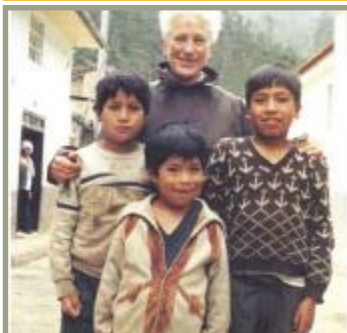


•Please **record your presence** via: QR Code on your phone, or on paper, this is essential for Record Keeping and if necessary, tracing and numbers;



•Please use **Hand Sanitiser** provided or other personal appropriate cleaning agent.

Please note that Density Regulations allow for **160 people** in the Churches of St. Francis Xavier and Our Lady Help of Christians.



Last Friday, May 21 was the 30th anniversary of Josephite, Sr Irene McCormack's death whilst serving as a missionary in Peru after 25 years of service to Catholic education. The link below is to a prayer video compiled by student leaders from 4 Catholic schools who reflect of the gift of Sr Irene's

life as a life offered for love of God and love for the poor of our world. As our young leaders powerfully suggest, hers is a life and legacy for all of us to honour and feel affirmed in our own calling to be followers of Christ in our everyday lives. We invite parishioners to reflect on this prayer video during this weekend or on any other appropriate day that follows in remembrance of Sr Irene and all those who offer their lives for love in overseas missionary service, especially during these COVID-19 times.

Please click on this link:

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/a-life-given-in-love-sr-irene-irene-mc-cormack>



Gospel - John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'



Reflection

For the gospel text we return to Jesus' words of farewell to his disciples. The evangelist John gathers them together in the section of his gospel that extends from Chapter 13 to 17. Today's passage is a combination of two extracts - two verses from Chapter 15 and four from Chapter 16 - both of which make reference to the "Spirit of truth".

The horizons are vast. They extend from the depths of God, where Father, Son and Spirit enjoy an unlimited communion of life, to the depths of the disciples' hearts where the Spirit of truth teaches them all he knows. But this treasure is not to remain hidden from sight. Just as the Spirit bears witness to the Son, so too will the disciples bear witness. And just as the Spirit is sent, so too are the disciples. A little further on Jesus prays to the Father, "As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world" (17:18).

Thus we come to the end of the Easter season, but not to the end of the mission. The mystery of divine love made manifest in the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus and in the sending of the Spirit is ever present. We have revelled in the Spirit these fifty days, and still we pray, "Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth".

Break Open the Word 2021



Fr Terence Michael Kean

- **born** 20 Nov 1946 in Bethesda Hospital, Melbourne
- **primary school:** St Agnes Kostka Hall, Brighton
- **high school:** Xavier College, Kew
- **seminary:** 1964-1971, 4 years at Corpus Christi, Werribee & Glen Waverley
- **ordained:** Sat 22 May 1971, St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne
- **parishes/ministries:**
 - temporary appointment St Thomas, Drysdale
 - 1972-1975: Assistant Priest, St Mary's, Geelong
 - 1975-1977: Assistant Priest, Holy Name, Preston East
 - 1977-1981: Chaplain to Youth Apostolate
 - 1981-1985: Assistant Priest, St Mary's, East St Kilda
 - 1985-Jun 1986: Assistant Priest St Martin De Porres, Avondale Heights
 - Jul 1986-Jan 1998: Parish Priest St Anthony's, Noble Park
 - Jan 1998-Jun 1998: Administrator at St Paul Apostle, Endeavor Hills
 - Jul 1998-Jan 2007: Parish Priest Sacred Heart Parish and Sacred Heart Mission, St Kilda
 - 2000-2007—Parish Priest St Columba's, Elwood
 - 2007 to May 2019: Parish Priest St Francis Xavier, Montmorency
 - May 2019 to current: Pastor in Solidum, St Francis Xavier, Montmorency & Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham

Francis appoints auxiliary bishops for Melbourne

Msgr Ireland (*left*) and Fr Ashe (*right*) will join Auxiliary Bishop Terry Curtin in supporting Archbishop Peter A Comensoli in Australia's most populous diocese.

Msgr Ireland was born and raised in Melbourne. After his ordination in 1987, he served in a number of parishes and undertook further studies, later lecturing in moral theology at the Catholic Theological College and leading the department of moral and practical theology.

He later served as dean of studies and then rector of Corpus Christi College Seminary, before returning to parish ministry. Among many archdiocesan and provincial appointments, Msgr Ireland has served for many years as Melbourne's episcopal vicar for health and aged care and as episcopal vicar for Eastern Region of the Archdiocese.

Fr Ashe was born in Ireland and was ordained in 1978 after completing his studies at the missionary All Hallows College in Dublin. As was customary for newly-ordained priests, Fr Ashe was sent to another part of the world, arriving in Melbourne in September of that year.

In addition to parish ministry, he served as vocations director and within the Marriage Tribunal from the late 1980s. In the 1990s, as well as undertaking further studies, Fr Ashe spent time as moderator and then pastoral director of Corpus Christi College Seminary.

In 2005 he was appointed direct of ministry to priests in Melbourne. In 2012, he was appointed the inaugural parish priest of Christ the Light, taken in Doreen, Kinglake, Mernda and Whittlesea, where he still serves today.

Archbishop Comensoli said he was "delighted with this great news" and "deeply grateful to the Holy Father for these gifts to our Archdiocese".

The episcopal ordination for Msgr Ireland and Fr Ashe is expected to take place in late July.

