

## Membership

The Council, in accordance with the Code of Canon Law, will consist of ex officio members:

- The Bishop
- Representative(s) from Council of Priests
- Representative(s) from Pastoral Development Team
- Representative(s) from Youth Ministry Team

and appointed members:

- Parishioners from Killaloe Diocese as nominated through Bishop Fintan.

Membership is time limited to three years with rolling replacement for non ex officio members. No appointed members may serve on the council for more than two consecutive terms. If a member of the Council leaves before the expiry of his / her term of membership the Bishop may appoint a replacement.

## Current Members

Name	Pastoral Area
Alice Kennedy	Odhrán
Bishop Fintan Monahan	Diocese
Denis Bates	Tradaree
Don O'Sullivan	Diocese
Fr. Albert McDonnell	Radharac na nOilean
Fr. Ger Nash	Diocese
Joanne O'Brien	Diocese
Liz Murray	Odhrán
Martina O'Loughlin	Criocho Callan
Maureen Kelly	Diocese
Maureen McMahon	Radharac na nOilean
Tara McEnery	Criocho Callan
Yvonne O'Rourke	Cronan

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**DIOCESAN  
PASTORAL  
COUNCIL**

*Terms Of Reference*



Ennis Cathedral

## Killaloe Diocesan Pastoral Council

The Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) facilitates pastoral reflection and collaborative leadership across the Diocese of Killaloe.

The Council represents a model of Church based on partnership between priests and people. Members are drawn from the laity and clergy from Parishes throughout the Diocese and are appointed by Bishop Fintan.

To respond to the challenges facing the Church in contemporary society, the Diocesan Pastoral Council works closely with the Bishop to: -

- stimulate thinking.
- facilitate collaboration.
- encourage dialogue.
- engage in discernment.
- enable decision-making.
- formulate, promote, and implement practical pastoral initiatives.

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*“Governing the Church is an exercise of communal discernment of spirits, of listening to the Spirit of God”*

**Pope Francis.**

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The Diocesan Pastoral Council works with individuals and groups to investigate and to weigh matters which bear on pastoral activity<sup>1</sup>.

Specific individuals and groups that form part of the DPC’s direct interactions include: -

- Bishop Fintan
- Council of Priests
- Pastoral Area Councils
- Other groups and individuals working on implementation of specific initiatives of the Diocese.



Bishop Fintan Monahan

The Diocesan Pastoral Council will aim to meet once each month (from September to June) according to a schedule established by the DPC Chair, Vice Chair, & The Bishop. Special additional meetings may be called at the discretion of, and with agreement of, the membership of the Diocesan Pastoral Council or specific Subgroups.

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<sup>1</sup> Christus Dominus n. 27