Drimnagh native ordained Auxiliary Bishop

ENRICHED: Archbishop Dermot Farrell placing the Mitre on the new Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin during the Mass. Photo: John McElroy

DRIMNAGH native Fr Donal Roche was ordained as an Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin at a ceremony in St Andrew's Parish Church on Westland Row last Sunday, May 26, *reports Aideen O'Flaherty.*

He is a well-known figure in Dublin, particularly in the south of the city, having spent eight years as a chaplain in St Mark's Community School in Springfield, Tallaght.

Bishop Roche also spent seven years as a parish priest in Lucan South, which was his first appointment after he was ordained into the priesthood in 1986 in his home parish, Mourne Road.

At his ordination into the bishophood on Sunday, Bishop Roche reflected on his path to his latest calling within the church.

"I am quite overwhelmed and feel undeserving of the honour that has been bestowed on me," said Bishop Roche.

"I thank my priest friends and colleagues from the diocese and from all over the country for your support and encouragement.

"But most of all I want to thank you, my family, friends and parishioners from all the various appointments I have had on the way to this day.

"They say that when you are dying, your life flashes before your eyes.

"It feels a little like that today to see people from every stage of my life assembled here together: brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, in-laws and cousins; friends from my schooldays, and friends I have made along the way – from schools in Coolock and Tallaght, parishes of Lucan South, Wicklow and Cabinteely; friends made during many summers in Donegal, and various others who were part of my journey.

"I am thankful for all the conversations and celebrations, the breaking of bread in various kitchens and dining rooms as well as sharing at the table of the Eucharist in so many places and on so many occasions.

"I have been greatly enriched by all these encounters and I thank you all sincerely for the great blessing you have been in my life.

"I am very thankful to my late parents, for all they have given me, but particularly for the gift of faith."

The service, which was led by Archbishop of Dublin, Dermot Farrell, also included the welcoming of Bishop Paul Dempsey as Auxiliary Bishop in Dublin.

"My hope is to remain faithful to the Gospel myself and continue to preach it to the best of my ability," said Bishop Roche in his address at his ordination.

"I hope that, with Bishop Paul, I will be a support to Archbishop Farrell and to the priests of the diocese as we plan for a future that is going to look very different from the church into which we were originally ordained.

"I hope to be a source of hope and encouragement to the faithful of the diocese who are living out their baptismal calling in parishes throughout the diocese.

"And I hope to be able to make connections with young people who are open to the call of God, those who are seeking faith, those who may be disillusioned or hurt or wounded."

Upgrade of Old Courthouse

UPGRADE: Opening of the old Rathcoole Courthouse at the weekend

THE OLD Courthouse in Rathcoole was officially opened after the completion of major capital upgrade works by South Dublin County Council, to conserve and protect the original Old Courthouse building and add a new extension to provide for additional community space.

The Old Courthouse – a historically significant and conserved structure located on the Main Street of the village – has played a key role in the life of the local community since before the turn of the 1900s, performing a variety of roles throughout the years. Originally a court of petty sessions up until 1924, the old courthouse became the site of a local library until the early 1970s and then a key community hall facility and home to a variety of local community groups under the stewardship of the Rathcoole Community Council right up to the early 2000s.

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South Dublin County Council

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (SECTION 179A) REGULATIONS 2023 (S.I. 101/2023) – (PART 8 TEMPORARY EXEMPTION)

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL – NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION S179A OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED).

Location: Site at Lynch's Lane, Clonburris, Co. Dublin.

Nature and Extent of the Proposed Development: Pursuant to the requirements of Section 179A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), South Dublin County Council (SDCC) hereby give notice to construct a Traveller Accommodation Group Housing Scheme to comprise of demolition of existing Traveller accommodation units at Kishogue Park, associated boundary walls and ancillary buildings. Construction of 15 no. units and 1no. homework room on the site of the existing Traveller accommodation; and as an amendment to SD228/0003 the provision of 3no. residential social/ affordable purchase units and all associated site and development works at Lynch's Lane, Clonburris, Co. Dublin. The proposal also comprises 15 temporary mobiles home bays, a temporary homework room and associated site works for the duration of the construction of the above group housing scheme.

The proposed development shall consist of:

- Demolition of existing Traveller accommodation units at Kishogue Park, associated boundary walls and ancillary buildings.
- 3 no. Residential social / affordable purchase units consisting of 2no. 3 bed 2-storey houses and 1 no. 4 bed 3-storey house.
- 10 No. 4 Bedroom 3-storey houses (detached)
- 3 No. 4 Bedroom bungalow houses (1no. medically adapted)
- 2 No. 2 Bedroom bungalow
- 1 Homework Room
- 15 Temporary Mobiles Homes
- 1 Temporary Homework room
- The works include landscaping works to boundaries and all necessary associated ancillary works on the site and to adjacent areas including all carpark spaces within the curtilage.

The plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy from 30th May 2024 up to and including 29th July 2024 during office opening hours at:

South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24, D24 A3XC.

The plans and particulars of the proposed development are available for inspection online during the same period on the Council's Public Consultation Portal website (http://consult.sdublincoco.ie)

A screening for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has been carried out and concludes that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development. A determination has been made that an EIA is not required.

A screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) has been carried out in respect of the proposed development and concludes that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on a European site or sites. A determination has been made that an AA is not required.

A person may question the validity of any decision of the planning authority by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986), in accordance with sections 50 and 50A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Signed: Director of Housing, Social and Community Development, South Dublin County Council.

Date Public Notice: 30th May, 2024.

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