

# Dean of Limerick Dead

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## Right Rev Monsignor O'Donnell Passes Away

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### A Distinguished Churchman

We regret to announce the death of Rt. Rev. Monsignor Michael O'Donnell, P.P.V.C., Dean of Limerick Diocese, which took place at the Parochial House, Rathkeale, on Monday night.

Mons. O'Donnell, who was born at Croom in 1854, was educated at Carlow and the Irish College in Rome. Ordained in Limerick nearly 60 years ago, he acted as curate at Ardpatrick and Bruff, and was professor at the old St. Munchin's Seminary at Limerick, when the late Bishop O'Dwyer, then a young curate, was in charge. Monsignor O'Donnell was administrator of St. Michael's, Limerick, for some time, and while there he was instrumental in getting St. Joseph's Church built. From St. Michael's he went to Rathkeale as parish priest 36 years ago.

He was made Domestic Prelate by his Holiness the Pope in 1920, and was Vicar Capitulator of Limerick Diocese from 1923 to 1924. He was Procurator of the Chapter of the Diocesan Synod, Maynooth, in 1927, and was made Dean of Limerick early in the present year.

Mons. O'Donnell was a saintly priest and an eminent Churchman. He had an extra capacity for work and lived an active and austere life, striving incessantly for the spiritual and temporal needs of his flock. He took a keen interest in education, and was Chairman of the Desl Drainsage Committee, which had several thousand acres of land drained near Rathkeale a few years ago. Mons. O'Donnell was in his 83rd year.

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