

# Catholic News

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## Loss to the Diocese

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### Death of Rev J, Kelly, P.P., Templeglantine

One of the most beloved priests in the Diocese of Limerick, Rev John Kelly, P.P., Templeglantine, died at his residence on Saturday night aged 71 years. Deceased priest was a class mate in Rome, where he was ordained of the late Most Rev Dr Byrne, Archbishop of Dublin. He was a member of the original Coiste Gnotha of the Gaelic League, and was a brilliant Irish scholar. He took a prominent part in the independence movement, and presided at an historic meeting in Newcastle West of Irish Volunteers addressed by Sean Mac Dermott on St Patrick's Day, 1915. During the conscription crisis in 1918 he spoke at a huge gathering in the Square, Newcastle West, and newspapers which published his speech were promptly suppressed. He was for many years curate in Newcastle West, and he was beloved by the poor, particularly in the many parishes in which he ministered—Fathkeale, Monagea, Newcastle West and Templeglantine.

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