



**RESOURCES FOR PARISHES IN ADVANCE OF THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION  
OF THE VERY REVEREND MARTIN HAYES  
AS BISHOP OF KILMORE ON SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**SUGGESTED PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Saturday 19/Sunday 20 September 2020**

1. We pray for Fr. Martin Hayes who will be ordained as our new bishop *tomorrow/this afternoon* in the Cathedral in Cavan. May Christ the Good Shepherd keep him always in his steadfast and enduring love. Lord, hear us.
2. We pray for the priests, deacons, religious and lay people of our diocese as we prepare to welcome our new bishop among us. May we all become more aware of our vocation to be Christ's disciples and make him known to those with whom we live and work by the example of our lives. Lord, hear us.
3. We pray for our parish community here in (*name of parish*) that we will experience the joy of belonging to your family in faith. Lord, hear us

**A PRAYER FOR OUR NEW BISHOP  
for publication in parish newsletters this weekend and for possible recitation after the  
distribution of Holy Communion at Masses for the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Saturday 19/Sunday 20 September 2020**

God, eternal shepherd, you tend your Church in many ways and rule us with love.

You have chosen your servant, Fr. Martin Hayes, to be shepherd of your flock in the  
Diocese of Kilmore.

Give him a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love.

By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care,  
may he build your Church as a sign of salvation for the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN

## A FURTHER & FINAL UPDATED NOTICE FOR PARISH NEWSLETTERS

The Episcopal Ordination of the Very Reverend Martin Hayes as Bishop of Kilmore takes place this Sunday (20 September 2020) in the Cathedral of SS. Patrick & Felim, Cavan at 3:00p.m.

The principal consecrator will be Archbishop Eamonn Martin of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland. He will be assisted by the Papal Nuncio to Ireland, Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, and Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly SMA of Cashel and Emly as co-consecrators. Archbishop Martin will be the homilist.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the numbers attending the ceremony will be greatly reduced and will be by invitation only with only his immediate family and a few friends attending.

The ceremony itself will be live-streamed on the internet and may be viewed at [www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral](http://www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral)

There will also be a digital broadcast of the ceremony on Northern Sound which may be accessed from its website, [www.northernsound.ie](http://www.northernsound.ie)

Additional information has been published on the diocesan website, [www.kilmorediocese.ie](http://www.kilmorediocese.ie), regarding the ceremony itself, the new bishop's coat of arms and motto, and details of his crozier, ring and mitre – the symbols of his role as bishop as well as a copy of the Mass booklet which can be downloaded. Photographs and a report on the ceremony will also be available on the diocesan website from Sunday night/Monday morning.

You are cordially invited to watch the ceremony either on the live-stream provided or to listen to the digital broadcast.

Let us pray for Fr. Hayes in a special way this weekend as he prepares to be ordained as our new bishop and to take up his new ministry as shepherd of God's flock in the Diocese of Kilmore.