

Rescheduled Date Announced For Ordination Of Fr Paul Dempsey, Bishop-Elect of Achonry

Father Paul Dempsey, Parish Priest of Newbridge and Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Achonry has issued the following statement today, Wednesday 17 June:

“It is a source of joy for me to know that we now have a rescheduled date of Sunday 30 August for my Episcopal Ordination as Bishop of Achonry.

“I requested the postponement of the ceremony, which was originally scheduled for 19 April, in light of the coronavirus pandemic. It was a difficult decision but I felt it would not have been appropriate to proceed with the ordination at that time.

“I am grateful to Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, and to the priests, religious and faithful of the Diocese of Achonry for their patience and understanding as we have been dealing with the unprecedented consequences of Covid-19 in our country and in our world. I am especially grateful for the support of Father Dermot Meehan who has administered the diocese over these challenging weeks and months.

“As I prepare to leave Kildare and Leighlin Diocese, I offer my renewed thanks to Bishop Denis Nulty and to the people and priests of the diocese, especially the people of Newbridge Parish, for their support at this time.

“I ask for your prayers as I prepare to take on the role of shepherd in the Diocese of Achonry.”

Fr Paul Dempsey