

Statement by Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, on the death of Bishop William Lee RIP, Bishop Emeritus of Waterford and Lismore.

It is with sadness that today I learned of the death of Bishop William Lee, RIP.

I ask you to join with me in praying for Bishop William and in offering his family members, Bishop Alphonsus Cullinane, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, the priests and people of the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore, our heartfelt condolences and our prayers over the coming days.

Bishop William was a priest of the Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly. A native of the parish of Newport, Birdhill and Toor. He was ordained to the priesthood in Maynooth on the 19th June 1966.

He was President of St. Patrick's College, Thurles from 1987 until his appointment as Bishop of Waterford and Lismore in 1993. He was consecrated Bishop on the 25^{th of} July, 1993 and was deeply committed to the ministry entrusted to him as Bishop.

I thank God for the years of ministry and service of Bishop William and entrust him to the care and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ whom he served throughout his life.

I invite all to pray that Bishop William may enjoy eternal rest.

Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly

