

Franciscan Guardians in Co. Kildare 1629-1872

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To understand the following lists, one may need to know something about the titles used. The information will be useful to anyone researching things Franciscan.

The Franciscans in Ireland form a province of the order. They hold provincial chapters to elect some, and appoint other, superiors, local and provincial (national). The head of the order in a province is called the minister provincial, or provincial for short. He is helped by a small group of consultors called definitors (formerly spelt diffinitors), from the Latin *definitor*.¹ In the past, an effort was made to choose provincials in rotation from the Irish territorial provinces: a Munsterman, a Leinsterman, etc. Provincial chapters were (and are) held every three years approximately, under the presidency of a representative of the head of the order in Rome, the minister general. In between the triennial chapters, others (once called middle chapters) took place, at which local appointments were made by the provincial and definitors already in office.² In the lists given here, the letters pc (provincial chapter) and mc (middle chapter) are placed before the dates of the chapters at which the guardians named were appointed or re-appointed. That often gives us exact dates for their terms of office; but not when guardians left office between chapters, which sometimes happened. Occasionally these letters are replaced by cc or dc, standing for capitular congress (or meeting) and definitorial congress. These terms are used especially when a new provincial and new definitors are appointed directly by the pope and the minister general in Rome, and then hold meetings to select guardians and others, such as, lecturers, preachers, confessors, etc. Middle chapters were held ideally about midway between two provincial chapters. But it happened sometimes that less than twelve months separated a middle from a provincial chapter (for example note 9).

A guardian is a local superior who presides over a community of friars in an officially founded friary. Sometimes the local superior is called *praeses* or president, instead of guardian, because all the legal requirements for an official friary are not fulfilled. Among religious, the name guardian (as distinct from abbot, prior, warden, etc.) is specifically Franciscan, and always denotes a member of the order of friars minor (OFM or Capuchin or Conventual). Even as once used by the directors of Ireland's old Unions, Poor Houses and Leper Hospitals, it may possibly reflect some original Franciscan influence. Franciscan houses, called *conventus* in Latin, should be called friaries, not abbeys, even when they are merely old ruins. Tourists and writers in the last century often referred to such old houses as abbeys, and the name has stuck to some of them.

It has often been said that the Irish Franciscans have complete lists of the local superiors in their friaries from the early seventeenth

century. But, with the help of the letters *pc* and *mc* before the dates on the lists here, it can quickly be seen that there are many breaks in the lines of succession. Not all the chapter bills, or lists of guardians and other officials, have survived or been found. Not all the names on the lists are those of actual, residential guardians. Many, from about the mid-eighteenth century, are titular only. When the friars were forced to leave a place, they often went on appointing guardians to the vacated friary, although those actually lived elsewhere. They kept the title and their right to the place. The titular guardians could attend the provincial chapters, with a right to vote there. In some cases, the title of guardian of a vacated friary can be a clue for researchers into an individual friar's place of birth. For example, a titular guardian of some old friary in County Kildare might turn out to be a Kildareman. He might even be a native of the district where the friary is, or a temporary resident or a missionary there. An end was put to such titular guardianships shortly before the chapter of 1873, when Rome woke up to the fact that nearly all the Irish Franciscans, then much reduced in numbers, were guardians and voters at the chapters. That is why our lists for the County Kildare friaries end with the year 1872.

At the chapter of 1872, out of the number of guardians appointed, twelve were actual local superiors in active friaries (Dublin, Cork, Waterford, Limerick, Galway, Wexford, Athlone, Clonmel, Drogheda, Carrick-on-Suir, Ennis and Multyfarnham); and thirty-five were titular only; seventeen other friaries were marked 'vacant', that is, they had no guardians of any kind appointed to them. Out of the sixty-four friaries named, fifty-two of them were actually vacant or in ruins. A list published the following year (1873) gives the names of fifty-seven friaries formerly with titular guardians – adding Kilcullen, Slane, Stradbally, Stradbane and Derrynaflan to the fifty-two names that appeared on the chapter bill for 1872. There were fifty-five friars named on that chapter bill; forty-seven guardians, four definitors, the minister provincial and his vicar (called *custos provinciae*) and two ex-provincials (called *patres provinciae*). There could not have been many friars left at home in the eleven active friaries outside Dublin; perhaps just one in each house, giving a total for Ireland of sixty-six Franciscans – OFM or OSF (Order of St Francis) as they were called then. In those days they had not fully recovered from the devastating effects of persecution, penal legislation and even ecclesiastical restrictions against them. For comparison, one might note that the total number of Irish Franciscans (OFM) at home and abroad in 1963 was four hundred and thirty-three.³

A brief word about the friaries in County Kildare. Castledermot, always named Disart or Disert Diarmada on the official lists or chapter bills, is probably the oldest Franciscan foundation. A fortified place on the route from Waterford and Kilkenny to Dublin, it was convenient for the newly arrived friars from England, who came here with the Anglo-Normans (as they are called), to accept an invitation to start a friary there. The first reference to them that we have is from the year 1249, when they received an alms from King Henry III of England. A Riddlesford and De La Hide are

named as early benefactors or founders. A few years later (c. 1254) they were invited to stay at Kildare town, and at Clane in 1258 or so. The Fitzgeralds had a hand in that; though the Sturton family are also named as patrons at Clane. Two hundred years and more after that (c. 1486), Roland FitzEustace, Baron of Portlester set them up near the new bridge over the River Liffey at Kilcullen, in the lists, the friary is called *monasterium novum* and *conventus novus*, the new friary. We are given the names of only three superiors there, one a Eustace and another a Fitzgerald.⁴ Not on the lists, three other places may be mentioned where Franciscans are said to have ministered: Oakpark across the border near Carlow, said to have been a place of refuge for the friars when they had to leave Castledermot; also Conal and Allen.

The names of places where chapters were held are important. They indicate among other things localities where the friars were able to gather in numbers; and they show the presence of Franciscans in friaries which we might otherwise think of as having been abandoned. For example, Athlone, where the friars were forced to leave the friary when the town was attacked and taken by the Puritan forces in 1650-51. They took up residence nearby at Friars Island, Lough Ree, and hosted four chapters before 1685.

The first four chapters on our lists were held in different provinces of Ireland, perhaps according to a rota system used in earlier times. Then, in the more troubled part of the seventeenth century, the choice of place was probably dictated by pressure from circumstances outside the friars' control. From 1645 to 1690 most of the chapters were held in Athlone (four) and west of the River Shannon, in County Galway in particular, at the friaries in Galway city, Kilconnell, Ros Riala (Ross, near Headford), Meelick and Kilnalahan; also in the friary of St John the Baptist at Ballinasaggart, County Longford, in 1658 (strangely translated as Johnstown in the chapter heading published in *Liber Lovaniensis*, p. 52). Two were held at Jamestown, County Leitrim, in 1659 and 1661, and one at Elphin in County Roscommon, 1672. The other chapters held prior to 1690 were at Limerick, Armagh, Killeigh, County Offaly, and Kildare (1639, the only one there on record).

Three chapters in the early 1680s were held in a "place of refuge", without a placename being given on the lists. Such places, throughout Ireland, could have been near the original friary or some miles away, even across a county border, as Curaheen or Aglish in County Waterford, the place of refuge for the friars from Youghal friary, which retained its name on the chapter lists although the friars lived elsewhere. The same was true of other friaries. Following on the 1697 Act banishing the clergy from Ireland, two chapters were held in Leuven (Louvain), Belgium, in 1699 and 1700. After that, up to 1831, the chapters were held in places of refuge (R) around Dublin and Athlone, with three exceptions: Cavan, Kilconnell and Kilkenny in 1702, 1716 and 1806 respectively. The last time that the words 'place of refuge' was used was at the chapter of 1831 – showing that the slogan 'Catholic Emancipation' meant something in practice, even though the friars and other religious were excluded by the text of the Act of 1829.

The names on the lists given here are taken from *Liber Lovaniensis* and *Liber Dubliniensis*,⁵ with the exception of entries for the year 1635, which come from a manuscript in the Belgian Franciscan archives at Sint-Truiden.⁶ The older records of the friaries were destroyed or lost in the long years of wars and penal laws.

LISTS

Castledermot Friary: Guardians 1629-1872

Limerick,	pc	15.08.1629:	vacant
Armagh,	pc	15.08.1635:	not named on list
Kildare,	mc	14.10.1639:	Laurence McGeoghegan
Kilconnell,	mc	08.02.1645:	James Tyrrell
Ros Riala,	pc	05.09.1647:	John Dormer
Cavan,	mc	04.02.1648:	Anthony Eustace
Kilconnell,	pc	17.08.1650:	Anthony Eustace
Ballinasaggart,	pc	09.10.1658:	vacant
Jamestown,	mc	26.02.1659:	vacant
Jamestown,	pc	08.09.1661:	Francis Cuinn ⁷
Meelick,	cc	18.10.1669:	Francis Duin
Athlone,	mc	05.03.1670:	Francis Duinn
Elphin,	pc	21.11.1672:	James Geraldine (Fitzgerald)
Athlone,	pc	23.08.1675:	Anthony Geraldine
Killeigh,	mc	23.01.1676:	James Geraldine
Athlone,	pc	24.08.1678:	Anthony Geraldine
refuge (R),	mc	28.04.1680:	James Wale (Wall)
refuge,	cc	14.03.1681:	Thomas Comerfort
refuge,	mc	13.06.1683:	Francis Dillon
Athlone,	pc	23.08.1684:	James Geraldine (Fitzgerald)
Kilnalahan,	mc	27.01.1685:	James Geraldine
Ros Riala,	pc	15.08.1687:	Anthony MacGeoghegan
Kilconnell,	mc	05.05.1689:	James Geraldine
Galway,	pc	24.08.1690:	James Fitzpatrick
Dublin,	pc	18.02.1693:	Anthony Coghlan
Dublin,	pc	26.07.1697:	Paul Daly
Louvain,	mc	26.07.1699:	Paul Daly
Louvain,	pc	17.10.1700:	John Malone
R Dublin,	mc	09.06.1702:	John de Burgo (Burke)
R Dublin,	pc	13.11.1703:	John de Burgo
R Dublin,	mc	09.06.1705:	Peter Feraldus (Farrell)
R Dublin,	pc	13.11.1706:	James Geraldine (Fitzgerald)
R Dublin,	mc	12.05.1709:	James Geraldine
R Dublin,	pc	12.10.1709:	Francis Hughs (Hughes)
R Dublin,	mc	07.06.1711:	Francis Hughs
R Dublin,	cc	13.10.1714:	Francis Dillon
R Kilconnell,	mc	10.05.1716:	Francis Dillon
R Dublin,	pc	16.10.1717:	Martin Jackson
R Dublin,	mc	13.05.1719:	Martin Jackson
R Dublin,	pc	03.09.1720:	Francis Pettit ⁸
R Dublin,	pc	22.07.1724:	Bonaventure Manderville, STL emeritus

R Dublin,	pc	16.08.1727:	James Nugent, STL
R Dublin,	mc	17.11.1729:	James Commerford
R Dublin,	pc	05.09.1722:	Paul Byrne
R Dublin,	mc	05.03.1735:	Anthony Carroll
R Dublin,	pc	06.09.1736:	Bonaventure Pay (Paye)
R Dublin,	mc	06.03.1738:	Anthony Carroll
R Dublin,	pc	24.07.1739:	Paul Byrne, Jubilarian
R Dublin,	mc	24.05.1741:	John Currin
R Dublin,	pc	16.08.1742:	John Corrin (Cullen, in one manuscript)
R Dublin,	mc	16.04.1744:	Louis O Lary (O'Leary)
R Dublin,	pc	12.08.1745:	John Currin
R Dublin,	mc	12.02.1746:	John Currin
R Dublin,	pc	22.08.1748:	Thomas Moran
R Athlone,	mc	16.02.1751:	John Currin ⁹
R Dublin,	pc	26.08.1751:	John Currin
R Dublin,	mc	26.02.1753:	Thomas McDonogh
R Dublin,	pc	26.08.1754:	John Currine
R Dublin,	mc	24.09.1755:	John Currin
R Dublin,	pc	29.08.1757:	Michael Cleare (Cleere)
R Dublin,	mc	19.02.1759:	James Brennan
R Dublin,	pc	18.08.1760:	Anthony Vaughan
R Athlone,	mc	19.10.1761:	Patrick Kane
R Dublin,	pc	22.08.1763:	John Pettitt ¹⁰
R Athlone,	mc	17.04.1765:	Patrick Kane
R Athlone,	mc	12.11.1767:	Peter Dininey (Dennihy) ¹¹
R Athlone,	mc	08.10.1770:	(Patrick) Kane
R Dublin,	pc	31.08.1772:	Patrick Kirwan
R Athlone,	mc	13.11.1773:	Patrick Kirwan
R Dublin,	pc	01.07.1777:	Patrick Kane
R Athlone,	mc	30.04.1778:	Patrick Kane
R Dublin,	pc	19.07.1779:	James Murray
R Athlone,	mc	29.05.1781:	John Dease
R Dublin,	pc	22.07.1782:	Patrick Keane
R Athlone,	mc	12.05.1784:	James Prendergast, STL
R Dublin,	pc	25.05.1785:	James Murphy
R Athlone,	mc	09.05.1787:	Thomas Grehan
R Dublin,	pc	14.07.1788:	Thomas Grehan
R Athlone,	mc	18.05.1790:	Thomas Grehan
R Dublin,	pc	11.07.1791:	John Molloy
R Athlone,	mc	23.07.1793:	James Murphy
R Dublin,	pc	14.07.1794:	James Murphy
R Athlone,	mc	06.06.1796:	James Murphy
R Athlone,	mc	22.09.1800:	John Kane
R Dublin,	pc	13.07.1801:	John Kane
R Dublin,	mc	13.07.1803:	John Kane
R Dublin,	pc	16.07.1804:	John Kane
Kilkenny,	mc	14.07.1806:	John Keane ¹²
R Dublin,	pc	12.07.1815:	James Purfield
R Dublin,	pc	14.07.1819:	John Kane
R Dublin,	pc	15.07.1822:	John Keane ¹³
R Athlone,	mc	14.01.1824:	John Keane

R Dublin,	pc	13.07.1825:	Francis G. Murphy
R Athlone,	mc	26.09.1827:	Francis G. Murphy
R Dublin,	pc	16.07.1828:	George F. Murphy ¹⁴
R Dublin,	pc	14.07.1831:	George Murphy
Athlone,	mc	11.11.1832:	George Murphy
Waterford,	pc	23.07.1834:	Richard Wormington
Dublin,	pc	13.01.1836:	Richard Wormington
Dublin,	pc	19.07.1837:	Richard Wormington ¹⁵
Dublin,	mc	30.03.1842:	vacant
Dublin,	pc	25.10.1843:	John Murphy
Cork,	mc	20.01.1845:	John Murphy
Dublin,	pc	26.08.1846:	John Murphy
Dublin,	mc	18.01.1848:	John Murphy, ex-definitor
Dublin,	pc	18.07.1849:	John Murphy, ex-definitor
Dublin,	mc	23.01.1851:	John Murphy, ex-definitor
Dublin,	pc	13.10.1852:	John Murphy, ex-definitor
Dublin,	mc	21.09.1853:	John Roche
Dublin,	pc	18.07.1855:	John Roche
Dublin,	mc	14.01.1857:	John Roche
Dublin,	pc	20.04.1858:	vacant
Dublin,	mc	24.01.1860:	Bernard Codd
Dublin,	mc	08.04.1863:	Bernard Codd
Dublin,	dc	06.10.1864:	Bonaventure Hoare
Dublin,	mc	ou.06.1866:	Bonaventure Hoare
Dublin,	pc	26.11.1867:	John Roche
Dublin,	mc	13.04.1869:	John Roche
Dublin,	pc	26.10.1870:	Peter Fitzgerald
Dublin,	mc	23.04.1872:	Peter Fitzgerald

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pc	15.08.1629:	Peter Geoghagan (Geoghegan)
pc	15.08.1635:	Robert Rochfort
mc	14.10.1639:	Richard Barnewall ¹⁶
mc	08.02.1645:	Louis Geraldine (Fitzgerald) ¹⁷
pc	05.09.1647:	Bonaventure Geraldine
mc	04.02.1648:	Anthony Dally (Daly)
pc	17.08.1650:	John Tirell (Tyrrell)
pc	09.10.1658:	Louis Geraldine
mc	26.02.1659:	Louis Geraldine
pc	08.09.1661:	Dominic Dempsy
cc	18.10.1669:	Nicholaus Archbold
pc	05.03.1670:	James Geraldine (Fitzgerald)
pc	21.11.1672:	James Tuite senior
pc	23.08.1675:	James Geraldine
mc	23.01.1676:	Anthony Geraldine (to continue as guardian) ¹⁷
pc	24.08.1678:	James Geraldine
mc	28.04.1680:	James Geraldine
cc	14.03.1681:	Francis Geraldine
mc	14.06.1683:	Francis Geraldine
pc	23.08.1684:	Francis Geraldine

mc	27.01.1685:	Francis Geraldine
pc	15.08.1687:	Francis Geraldine
mc	05.05.1689:	Philip Brady
pc	24.08.1690:	Phillip Brady
pc	18.02.1693:	Hugh Molloy
pc	25.07.1697:	Francis Geraldine
mc	26.07.1699:	Michael O'Sheill
pc	17.10.1700:	Francis Geraldine, ex-definitor
mc	09.06.1702:	Francis Geraldine, ex-definitor
pc	13.11.1703:	Francis Geraldine, ex-definitor
mc	09.06.1705:	Francis Geraldine
pc	13.11.1707:	Francis Kealy
mc	12.05.1708:	Francis Geraldine, ex-definitor
pc	12.10.1709:	James Le Strange
cc	13.10.1714:	Anthony Higgin(s)
mc	10.05.1716:	Anthony Higgin(s), STL emeritus
pc	16.10.1717:	Francis Geraldine, ex-definitor
mc	30.05.1719:	Francis Geraldine, ex-definitor
pc	03.09.1720:	John Segrave ¹⁸
pc	22.07.1724:	Thomas Cruise
pc	16.08.1727:	Richard Hannan
mc	17.11.1729:	Christopher Warren ¹⁹
pc	05.09.1722:	Patrick Archbold
mc	05.03.1735:	Francis O'Brian
pc	06.09.1736:	Francis O'Bryan
mc	06.03.1738:	Francis O'Cahan
pc	24.07.1739:	Patrick Archbold
mc	25.05.1741:	Michael Gainer (Gaynor)
pc	16.08.1742:	Michael Nugent
mc	16.04.1744:	Francis Darcy, ex-definitor
pc	12.08.1745:	James Bryan
mc	12.02.1746:	James Bryan
pc	22.08.1748:	Anthony Fottrell
mc	16.02.1751:	Angelus Crow
pc	26.08.1751:	Angelus Crow
mc	26.02.1753:	Christopher Barnwell, STL
pc	26.08.1754:	Francis Kelly
mc	24.09.1755:	Patrick Kane
pc	20.08.1757:	John Mahon
mc	10.02.1759:	Bonaventure Mackey
pc	18.08.1760:	Laurence Purfield
mc	19.10.1761:	Laurence Purfield
pc	22.08.1763:	Cornelius MacCan(n)
mc	17.04.1765:	Cornelius McCann
mc	12.11.1767:	John Esmond
mc	08.10.1770:	(John) Waldrum
pc	31.08.1772:	J(ohn) Ivory
mc	13.11.1773:	John Fitzgerald
pc	01.07.1776:	Michael Tipper, STL emeritus
mc	13.04.1778:	Michael Tipper, STL emeritus
pc	19.07.1779:	John Molloy
mc	29.05.1781:	Francis Dease

- pc 22.07.1782: Francis Dease
 mc 12.05.1784: James Pentony
 pc 25.07.1785: Michael Fleming
 mc 09.05.1787: Michael Fleming
 pc 14.07.1788: John Con(n)olly, STL
 mc 18.05.1790: John Connolly
 pc 11.07.1791: James Flinn, STL
 mc 23.07.1793: James O'Flynn, STL
 pc 14.07.1794: James Flinn, STL
 mc 06.06.1796: James Flynn, STL
 mc 22.09.1800: James Flynn, STL
 pc 13.07.1801: John O'Brien
 mc 13.07.1803: John O'Brien
 pc 16.07.1804: Andrew McDermot
 mc 14.07.1806: Andrew McDermott
 pc 12.07.1815: Bonaventure Devereux
 pc 14.07.1819: Francis Walsh, ex-definitior
 pc 15.07.1822: Francis Walsh, ex-Definitior
 mc 14.01.1824: Michael Hore
 pc 13.07.1825: Stephen Dowdall
 mc 26.09.1827: Stephen Dowdall
 pc 16.07.1828: Bernardine Finnigan
 mc 28.04.1830: Bernardine Finnigan
 pc 14.07.1831: Bernardine Finigan
 mc 11.11.1832: Bernardine Finigan
 pc 23.07.1834: Bernardine Finigan
 mc 13.01.1836: Bernardine Finnigan
 pc 19.07.1837: Bernardine Finigan
 dc 19.08.1840: Bernardine Finnigan
 mc 30.03.1842: Bernardine Finnigan
 pc 25.10.1843: Bernardine Finnigan
 mc 29.01.1845: Bernardine Finnigan
 pc 26.08.1846: Kildare friary not on the list for this chapter
 and the twelve following ones.
 mc 07.06.1866: Aloysius O'Regan
 pc 26.11.1867: vacant
 mc 13.04.1869: Bernardine Furlong
 pc 26.10.1870: John Magner, ex-definitior
 mc 23.04.1872: John Magner, ex-definitior

Clane Friary: Guardians, 1629-1872

- pc 15.08.1629: vacant
 pc 15.08.1635: not named on list
 mc 14.10.1639: vacant
 mc 08.02.1645: John Flatisburie (Flatisbury)
 pc 05.09.1647: Peter Delamar
 mc 04.02.1648: Peter Gennor (Gaynor)
 pc 17.08.1650: Peter Gennor (Gaynor, to continue)
 pc 09.10.1658: John Bermingam (Birmingham)
 mc 26.02.1659: Bonaventure Mleachlin (O'Meallaghlin)
 pc 08.09.1661: John Tuit(e)

- cc 18.10.1669: left to disposition of vicar provincial²⁰
 mc 05.03.1670: Patrick Porter
 pc 21.11.1672: Peter Lenaghan (Lenihan)
 pc 23.08.1675: James Tuit(e)
 mc 23.01.1676: James Tuite junior
 pc 24.08.1678: James Tuite junior
 mc 28.04.1680: James Tuite junior
 cc 14.04.1681: James Geraldine (Fitzgerald)
 mc 13.06.1683: James Geraldine
 pc 23.08.1684: James Langan
 mc 27.01.1685: Louis Geraldine (to continue)
 pc 15.08.1687: Felix O'Neill junior
 mc 05.05.1689: the present superior to continue
 pc 24.08.1690: Paul Egan (Egan)
 pc 18.02.1693: Paul Egan
 pc 25.07.1697: John Sedgrave¹⁸
 mc 26.07.1699: Francis Cruise senior
 pc 17.10.1700: James L'Estrange
 mc 09.06.1702: Nicholas Kierry (Kiery)
 pc 13.11.1703: Francis Walsh, STL
 mc 09.06.1705: Francis Walsh
 pc 13.11.1706: Francis Geraldine (Fitzgerald)
 mc 12.05.1708: Francis Keally (Kealy), ex-definitior
 pc 12.11.1709: John Porter
 mc 07.06.1711: John Seagrave
 cc 13.10.1714: Michael Nugente
 mc 10.05.1716: Michael Nugent
 pc 16.10.1717: Thomas Harvey, STL
 mc 30.05.1719: Francis Dillon
 pc 03.09.1720: Francis Dillon
 pc 22.07.1724: John Cruise
 pc 16.08.1727: Francis Dillon
 mc 17.11.1729: Michael Dormer, STL
 pc 05.09.1733: Michael Nugent
 mc 05.03.1735: John Coleman
 pc 06.09.1736: Francis Dillon
 mc 06.03.1738: Francis Dillon
 pc 24.07.1739: Joseph Mulvin
 mc 25.05.1741: Joseph Mulvin
 pc 16.08.1742: John Tipper
 mc 16.04.1744: Joseph Mulvin
 pc 12.08.1745: Joseph Mulvin
 mc 12.02.1646: John Cruise senior
 pc 22.08.1748: Joseph Mulvin
 mc 16.02.1751: Christopher Barnwall, STL emeritus
 pc 26.08.1751: Patrick Walsh
 mc 26.02.1753: Francis Kelly
 pc 26.08.1754: John Cruise
 mc 24.09.1755: James Brenan
 pc 29.08.1759: Silvester Nugent
 pc 18.08.1760: Thomas Bracey
 mc 19.10.1761: Thomas Tracy

pc	22.08.1763:	John Waldrum
mc	17.04.1765:	John Waldrom
mc	12.11.1767:	John Ivory
mc	08.10.1770:	(John) Egan
pc	31.08.1772:	P(eter) Deniny (Dinany) ¹¹
mc	13.11.1773:	(John) Waldron
pc	01.07.1776:	Francis Dace (Dease) junior
mc	30.04.1778:	Francis Dease senior
pc	19.07.1779:	Matthew Colfer
mc	29.05.1781:	Thomas Moran
pc	22.07.1782:	Thomas Grehan
mc	12.05.1784:	Thomas Grehan
pc	25.07.1785:	John Ivory
mc	09.05.1787:	Thomas Yore
pc	14.07.1788:	Thomas Yore
mc	18.05.1790:	James Casey
pc	11.07.1790:	Francis Roddy
mc	23.07.1793:	Francis Fitzsimmons (Fitzsim(m)ons)
pc	14.07.1794:	Peter Moran, ex-definitior
mc	06.06.1796:	Peter Moran, ex-definitior
mc	22.07.1800:	Peter Moran, ex-definitior
pc	13.07.1801:	Matthew Colfer
mc	13.07.1803:	Peter Moran, ex-definitior
pc	16.07.1804:	Peter Moran, ex-definitior
mc	14.07.1806:	Peter Moran, ex-definitior
pc	12.07.1815:	John Kane
pc	14.07.1819:	Henry Murray ²¹
pc	15.07.1822:	John Murphy
mc	14.01.1824:	John Murphy
pc	13.07.1825:	John Murphy
mc	26.09.1827:	John Murphy
pc	16.07.1828:	Didacus Ahern
mc	28.04.1830:	Didacus Ahern
pc	14.07.1831:	Didacus Ahern
mc	11.11.1832:	Michael Hore
pc	23.07.1834:	George Murphy
mc	13.01.1836:	George Murphy
pc	19.07.1837:	John Murphy
dc	19.08.1840:	Clement Reville
mc	30.03.1842:	Clement Reville
pc	25.10.1843:	Clement Reville
mc	29.01.1845:	Clement Reville
pc	26.08.1846:	George Murphy
mc	18.01.1848:	George Murphy
pc	18.07.1840:	George Murphy, ex-definitior
mc	23.01.1851:	George Murphy, ex-definitior
pc	13.10.1852:	George Murphy, ex-definitior
mc	21.09.1853:	George Murphy, ex-definitior
pc	18.07.1855:	Anselm Conway, definitior
mc	14.01.1857:	Bonaventure MacLaughlin, STL, ex-custos & definitior
pc	20.04.1858:	Bonaventure MacLaughlin, STL, ex-custos

mc	24.01.1860:	Simon Hore
pc	09.04.1861:	Simon Hore
mc	08.04.1863:	Simon Hore
dc	06.10.1864:	Patrick Keating
mc	07.06.1866:	Augustine Hill, definitior
pc	26.11.1867:	Ambrose Keating
mc	13.04.1869:	Vincent O'Connor
pc	26.10.1870:	Theodosius McNamara
mc	23.04.1872:	Theodosius McNamara

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pc	15.08.1629:	vacant
pc	15.08.1635:	not named on list
mc	14.10.1639:	vacant
mc	08.02.1645:	Anthony Eustace (to continue)
pc	05.09.1647:	Anthony Geraldine (Fitzgerald)
mc	04.02.1648:	Anthony Geraldine
pc	17.08.1650:	Thoms Cantwell, STL
pc	09.10.1658:	vacant (until 16.04.1744, when name of friary is on list for last time)

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7. Francis Cuinn may, possibly, be Francis Duinn who was appointed eight years later; but he may be a different person named Quinn. There was an abortive chapter held in 1666, when there was trouble with the Valesians, devotees of friar Peter Walsh (Valesius) and his Royal Formulary for allegiance to the king, See *Liber Lovaniensis* 72-112.
8. See *Liber Dubliniensis* p. 11, where a James Doran, elected definitior at the provincial chapter of 22 July, 1724, is called the ex-guardian of Disart (Castledermot). He must have succeeded Francis Pettit, and have been appointed at a middle chapter, or at some other time, between September 1720 and July 1724.
9. The middle chapter was delayed until February 1751, and the triennial provincial chapter had to be held the same year, that is, three years after the previous one in August 1748.
10. John Pettit is no the same person as Francis Pettit - as suggested in *Liber Dubliniensis* 379. In August 1741, Francis was at St. Isidore's, Rome (according to the house register there), while John was guardian in Athlone (*Liber Dubl.* 49).
11. Other forms of the names on the lists are Dinany, Dinniney, dennine.

12. There are no chapter bills for the years between 1806 and 1815. The Napoleonic wars were taking place, making communication with Rome difficult.
13. This chapter was invalidly held, without authority from the minister general in Rome, because of the state of affairs on the continent, etc. In January, 1822, it was given a *sanatio in radice* (literally, a healing at the root), making it valid from the start. See FLK, Richard F. Walsh Papers.
14. Francis G. and George F. Murphy are one and the same.
15. Before the 1840 meeting of the definitors, there was an abortive chapter held on 19 September, 1839. It seems that the minister general approved later of the election there of the minister provincial and definitors (FLK, MSS C 119; and James Walsh Papers, letter to him from the minister general, 12 November, 1839).
16. The middle chapter, 1639, was held in the Kildare friary, under the presidency of the minister provincial, who was another Barnewall, John.
17. Friars named Fitzgerald were frequently appointed guardians of Kildare friary up to 1720. Note that, in the middle chapter of 1676, Anthony Fitzgerald is to continue as guardian, although the name given for the friar elected at the provincial chapter of 1675 is James Fitzgerald. It could be that he is also called Anthony in religion. Franciscans sometimes used their baptismal names – which can be confusing for the researcher. In this case, however, a closer look at the guardians for both Kildare and Castledermot shows that James and Anthony are two different persons, alternating as guardians of the two friaries; and that a second James, as well as a Francis Fitzgerald, got into this family stronghold up to 1690: a twenty-year run of Geraldines, who had guardians also at Clane between March 1681 and August 1687. To explain Anthony continuing as guardian in 1676, we must assume that, either James was also called Anthony, or the different Anthony at Castledermot changed places with him after the chapter of 1675. A lesson for researchers: even simple-looking lists have to be carefully checked.
18. John Segrave signed his name Sedgrave on a tiny book for confessors, dated 1607 (FLK, Rare Books, XE 22). But, on a new *Caeremoniale Romanum* or Roman ritual, adapted for the use of Franciscans (1640), he signed himself Segrave five times (XN 72).
19. According to a note taken by the late Fr Cathaldus Giblin, OFM, Oliver Warren died without issue in 1724, and the property (Warrenstown) passed to his brother Christopher, who, when appointed guardian of the friary at Kildare in 1729, sold the property to his brother Peter for five hundred pounds: Reg. of Deeds 63.55.42633; 1729/30. See Eileen MacCarvill, 'Johnsons – lineal descendants of Uí Neill', *North Munster Antiquarian Journal*, xvii, (1975), *Feilscribhinn Eamoinn Mhic Giolla Iasachta*, 60.
20. The vicar provincial (also called *custos* or custodian) acted as head of the province in the absence of a minister provincial.
21. Henry Murray became a Franciscan at the age of thirty-one, when he had passed a year of probation at Multyfarnham friary in Co. Westmeath. He was professed there on 15 November, 1816; and less than three years later he was appointed guardian of Clane. Perhaps he was a priest before he joined the friars. There is a note about him written on the front fly-leaf of an old book (FLK, Rare Books, XM 95).