

Category	1959*	1979*	2000*	2010*	2020**
Parochial clergy ¹	13,075	10,662	8,744	7,324	7,210
Archdeacons	106	104	106	109	129
Suffragan bishops ²	70	72	67	58	67
Diocesan bishops ³	43	43	41	39	39
Stipendiary posts ⁴	-	-	9,675	8,501	7,670
Self supporting clergy ⁵	-	-	2,083	3,151	2,880
Readers/licensed lay ministers	6,452	6,575	-	6,856	4,590
Readers/licensed lay ministers including those retired with PTO	-	6,811	10,308	10,056	7,590

Data refer to full-time roles within diocesan framework only (i.e. excludes non-parochial

* roles such as chaplains in HM Armed Forces, prisons, secular charitable organisations, religious communities, theological colleges, etc)

** Data refer to stipendiary roles only (with the exception of self supporting and licensed readers categories)

¹ For 1959, this includes Dignitaries with parochial cures of souls; Incumbents; Ministers-in charge of Conventional Districts; Assistant Clergymen

For 1979 onwards, this includes Incumbents (excluding dignitaries); Incumbent Status; Assistant Curates

² For 1959 to 2000, this includes Suffragan and Assistant Bishops
For 2010 onwards, this includes Suffragan bishops only

³ For 1959, this includes Archbishops and Diocesan Bishops
For 1979, this includes Diocesan Bishops only

⁴ For 2000, this includes full time stipendiary parochial clergy only
For 2010 onwards, this includes all stipendiary clergy

⁵ This includes Non Stipendiary Ministers (NSMs) and Ordained Local Ministers (OLMs)

PTO = Permission to Officiate