

Canon Forster said, “I am deeply humbled and honoured to have been invited by the Archbishop to be the next Dean of Armagh. It is a great responsibility, and I am acutely aware of the historical significance of Armagh as the ecclesiastical capital of Ireland, the place where St Patrick built his first ‘Great Stone Church’. I am grateful to the parishioners of Ballymore for the support and encouragement they have offered to me and my family over the last fifteen years and look forward now to new opportunities and challenges as the cathedral community and indeed the whole church begins the recovery process following the coronavirus pandemic. Strong links already exist between the cathedral, the parishes of the diocese, other churches, and the wider community within the city and hopefully and prayerfully in the years to come I will be able to help develop these important relationships and in faith enable them to grow and flourish”.

### **Biography**

Head Chorister and then Dean’s Verger of Belfast Cathedral

Educated: Methodist College, QUB, TCD

Qualifications: B.A. (Hons); B.Th; M.Phil (Reconciliation Studies)

Ordained Deacon 1996; Priest 1997

Curate-assistant of Drumglass Parish 1996 - 1999

Rector of Donaghmore and Donaghmore Upper 1999 – 2006

Rector of Ballymore 2006

Prebendary of Yagoe in St Patrick’s National Cathedral, Dublin

Executive Chaplain to the Archbishop of Armagh

Assistant Diocesan and Provincial Registrar (Armagh)

Married to Kathleen (2000)

Children: Timothy (age 12) & Emma (age 9)