

## Papers of Dr James Keefe, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin

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| <b>Context</b>                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Administrative & Biographical History | <p>Dr James Keefe (c 1702-1787) was the son of Edmond Keefe of Carranareny (now Currane), Borris, Co. Carlow. He studied for a Doctor of Divinity at the Sorbonne, Paris. Dr Keefe served as Bishop of Kildare &amp; Leighlin (1752-1787). For the most part, he resided at Tullow, Co. Carlow, and was also parish priest there. He co-founded Carlow College, St Patrick's, which opened to students on 1 October 1793, with his Coadjutor, Dr Daniel Delany (c 1747-1814).</p> <p>Dr Keefe died on 18 September 1787 and is buried at The Graves on the Barrow Track, Carlow.</p> |
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| Scope & Content                       | Includes letters and texts of sermons. The author(s) of most of the sermons is unknown. Many of the letters are to or from priests of the diocese.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Arrangement                           | Arranged in chronological order.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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