Bishop Séamus.  
RIPBishop Freeman's brother  
Tommy read the readings at  
the funeral massThe psalm was sung by  
Martina Burke

Attending St Mary's Cathedral for the funeral of Bishop Seamus Freeman: Archbishop Eamon Martin (Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland), Sr Maria Comerford RSM, Sr Ena Kennedy RSM and Bishop Denis Nulty (Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Ossory)

School at Thurles CBS, as a postulant of the Pallottine Minor Seminary.

He entered the Society of Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines) in Thurles, Co. Tipperary and made his first Pallottine Consecration in 1965. He studied philosophy at the National University of Ireland, University College Dublin and Theology at St.

Patrick's College, Thurles. He was ordained a priest on 12th June 1971.

Subsequent to his ordination, he was sent to the Jesuit University of Detroit to pursue studies in psychology but was called to Rome not long afterwards to act as personal secretary to the Rector General of his Society, Fr. Nicholas Gor-

man. Two years later he returned to the USA and completed his studies at the Catholic University of America, Washington DC. In 1975, he was appointed Rector of the Church of San Silvestro in Rome, "a Church with a long tradition of welcoming the stranger to Rome", a Church designated by Pope Leo XIII (1885) to the pastoral care of English-speaking visitors and residents in Rome. During this time, in May 1978, he was elected a member of the Provincial Council of the Irish Province of the Society. In 1981 he returned to Ireland to take up the post of Rector and Director of Formation at the Pallottine College in Thurles.

While participating as delegate in the General Assembly of his community

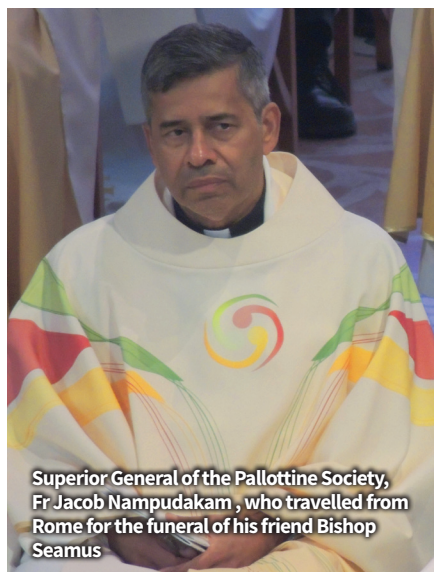
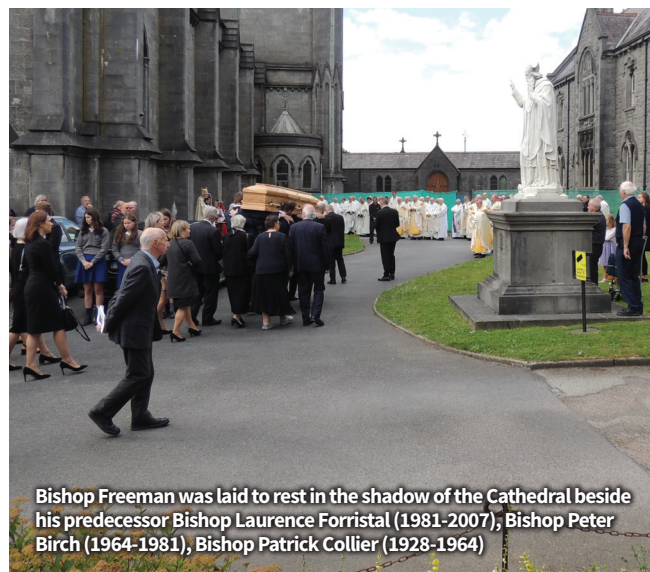
in 1983, Bishop Freeman was elected to the General Council of the Pallottines for a term of six years in Rome, a community dedicated to the pastoral and missionary role of all the baptized in the life and mission of the Church. In 1989 he was elected Vicar General of the Society. Barely three years later, in 1992, Fr. Martin Juritsch, the then Rector General of the Society, fell gravely ill and submitted his resignation. At the subsequent Extraordinary General Assembly, Bishop Freeman was elected to succeed him. He was re-elected for a second six-year term in 1998.

In 1994 he took part as an "auditor" in the 1994 Synod of Bishops, dedicated to the theme of "Consecrated Life and its Mission in the Church and in the World". During his term as Rector General, on the 28th October 2003, the Pallottine Family, known as the "Union

of Catholic Apostolate", was declared a "Public Association of the Faithful, of Pontifical Right" by the Pontifical Council for the Laity. At an International Assembly of the UCA, held in Rome in December 2005, Bishop Freeman was unanimously re-elected President of the General Coordination Council for a term of three years.

At the conclusion of his second term as Rector General of the Society of Catholic Apostolate, he spent a year with the Irish Pallottine Community of San Silvestro in Rome after which, on 7th October 2004, he was appointed Parish Priest of the parish of St. Vincent Pallotti in Rome (13,000 people approx). That's where he served the Church, striving, with the collaboration of two Pallottine priests from Brazil, to involve all the baptised in the life and mission of the Church of Jesus Christ. He was appointed Bishop

of Ossory by the Holy Father on 14th September 2007 and ordained Bishop on 2nd December 2007 in St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny. During his time in Ossory Bishop Séamus continued this work for the increased realisation of the mission of the lay faithful by implementing the Ossory Diocesan Pastoral Plan; a plan which still guides the Diocese today and through his work chairing the Episcopal Commission for Pastoral Renewal and Faith Development in Ireland. Bishop Séamus also worked tirelessly for the restoration of the beautiful St Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House, Blessed Sacrament Chapel and surrounding campus. This work, which continues today, has served to enhance the faith life of the Diocese and remains as a fitting piece of the legacy that he leaves behind. *REST IN PEACE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT*

Bishops and priests accompany  
the coffin of Bishop Seamus to his  
resting placeSuperior General of the Pallottine Society,  
Fr Jacob Nampudakam, who travelled from  
Rome for the funeral of his friend Bishop  
SeamusBishop Freeman was laid to rest in the shadow of the Cathedral beside  
his predecessor Bishop Laurence Forristal (1981-2007), Bishop Peter  
Birch (1964-1981), Bishop Patrick Collier (1928-1964)