

— A Special Publication recording the Christmas Day Fire 2009 —

# St. Mel's Cathedral

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*Christmas Day 2009 will forever be remembered by the people of Longford town and the Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois as the day that fire took hold of our beloved Cathedral. St. Mel's played a very central role in the lives of generations of our parish and diocesan community - our loss is immense. We are fully committed to restoring St. Mel's Cathedral into the beautiful and gracious building that it was. We are aware that it will take a lot of work over some years but we look forward to having a wonderful re-opening one day and having a worthy place for our worship for generations to come. This publication aims to give you a comprehensive overview of the fire, the events that took place immediately afterwards and the progress that has been made in beginning the restoration of St. Mel's Cathedral.*

