

FR. DANIEL McCLOSKEY. S. D. B.

Father Daniel, a member of the Lansdowne community, died on the 14th October 1981 in South Africa at the age of seventy-four. Fr. Dan was born in Ancoats, Manchester and, having applied to join the Salesians Congregation, he went, as an aspirant to the Salesian House, Cowley, Oxford. The novitiate was also sited in that house and he started his novitiate in 1928 and eventually made his first profession on the 14th September 1929. He studied Philosophy, again at Oxford, for the next two years. He then acted as the aspirants assistant and teacher for the following three years before going to Shrigley in order to start his study of theology in 1934. After two years theology at Shrigley he went to Turin to continue his theological studies and he was ordained there on the 3rd July 1938. After returning to England he spent a year at Battersea acting as the Provincial Secretary for Fr. Tozzi. When the Battersea school was evacuated to Oxford, Fr. Daniel went with them and he taught at the newly founded Salesian College at Oxford for three years.

In 1942 he was asked to go to South Africa as the bursar at the Salesian House, Lansdowne and he remained there until 1947. He then returned to England and joined the Bolton Community as a member of the teaching staff. He then spent a year in Shrigley before returning to Lansdowne in 1953, again as bursar. By 1969 Fr. Dan's health had deteriorated and he went to stay in Nazareth House in Cape Town, where the good Sisters looked after him until his death. He had spent fifty-two years of his life as a Salesian, forty-three of them as a priest. God will surely reward his generous self-giving. May he rest in peace.