

FATHER CORNELIUS O'CALLAGHAN. SDB.

Please pray for the soul of Fr. Cornelius who died suddenly on Thursday, 16th February 1961, at St. Patrick's Sliema, Malta.

Fr. Cornelius was born at Dowlais, Glamorgan in 1908, and came to Battersea as an aspirant in 1927. After his novitiate at Oxford in 1929, he made his first profession on the 13th September 1930. He then studied Philosophy from 1930-32 and afterwards went to Battersea to join the teaching staff there. After three years of practical training he started his theological studies in 1935. He spent a year at Shrigley, a year at Blaisdon, and then two years at Turin. He was ordained a priest in Turin by Cardinal Fossati on the 2nd July 1939.

After ordination he taught at Blaisdon, Shrigley, Burwash, Cowley, Battersea and again at Shrigley, holding the office of catechist most of the time. A particularly fruitful stage in his priestly life was reached in 1951 when he became assistant in the parish of St. Anne's Chertsey, Surrey.

In 1958 he went to the Catacombs of St. Callistus in Rome as an English-speaking guide and a few weeks before his death took up parochial work once more, this time in Malta.

Fr. O'Callaghan's great kindness, his willingness to help anywhere and his zeal made him a valued member of any community and endeared him to his parishioners. He was interested in all sports and he was exceptionally good at football and this was a great help in his friendly contact with young people. He will always be remembered for his constant smile and his encouraging manner which conveyed so well and underlined the spirit of Don Bosco, which he had so much at heart.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE.