

FATHER MICHAEL REDMOND. SDB.

The death took place at St. Anthony's Hospital, Cheam, Surrey, as a result of a heart attack, on Monday, 14th January 1974, of Father Michael Redmond of the Salesian College, Chertsey, Surrey.

The deceased priest was born in Everton, Liverpool on the 26th November 1905. He was baptised in Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception church, Everton. He was 68 years of age at his death. After early schooling at Our Lady Immaculate Parish School, Everton, he studied from 1916-18 at St. Francis Xavier's College, Liverpool. Michael then thought that he would like to try to become a missionary priest and he spent two years at Saint Peter's College, Freshfield. He eventually left Freshfield but he had not given up the idea of becoming a missionary. Having read the life of Don Bosco, he decided to enquire about the Salesian missions and eventually to ask about the possibility of becoming a Salesian. Michael was accepted as an aspirant at the Salesian College, Chertsey, and soon afterwards he volunteered for and was allowed to go to South America to help with the Salesian missionary work there.

He started his novitiate year at Bernal, Argentina in 1926 and he made his first profession on the 29th January 1927. He started his philosophical studies at Cordoba, then did three years practical training as a teacher at Rodeo del Medio and later at Rosario before completing his philosophical studies at Cordoba. He studied theology at Villada from 1932-35 and Fr. Michael was ordained at Cordoba on the 30th November 1935.

From 1935-6 he taught in the Argentine, but a serious breakdown in health led to his return to England in 1936, and he was destined to be a confirmed invalid for the rest of his days. After many years of mental and physical suffering Fr. Michael was able to return to the community at Chertsey in 1971 and there he spent his last few years. He was never able to resume active work, but he had the joy of concelebrating regularly with his brethren.

The Concelebrated Requiem Mass was held at St. Anne's Church, Chertsey, on Saturday, 19th January. The interment followed in the Salesian plot in the adjoining cemetery.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE.