

FATHER JOHN CHADWICK. S. D. B.

The death took place, at the Salesian School, Blaisdon Hall, Glos. on Thursday, the 22nd of June 1972, of Fr. John Chadwick at the age of sixty-five years.

Father John was born at Ballancolig, Co. Cork, Ireland, on the 4th April 1907. He entered the Salesian Novitiate at Cowley, Oxford in 1926 and made his first profession there in the following year. He was perpetually professed at Battersea in 1933.

After his philosophical course, he taught for some years at Chertsey, Shrigley and Burwash. He then began his theological studies at Shrigley in 1932 and he was sent to Turin, Italy for the final two years of his course. He was ordained a priest in the Basilica of Mary, Help of Christians, Turin, on the 5th July 1936.

On his return to England after ordination, he spent the next four years as a teacher at Chertsey and Battersea. Then began a long parochial apostolate. For some twelve years or more, from 1941 onwards, he served as assistant priest in the Salesian parish at Cowley, Oxford and he was particularly associated with the work for the development of the Littlemore area, which later became a separate parish. The association of this work with Cardinal Newman had a strong appeal for him. In 1956 he was appointed the parish priest at Burwash, Sussex, where he worked with his usual enthusiasm and he was the main motivating force in support of the idea of building new churches at Hurst Green and Burwash Village. The two churches were built during his time there.

In 1967 ill health forced his temporary retirement to Blaisdon but, after a year, he resumed active work as Parish Priest at Blaisdon and Newent. He did much good work there until his last illness and death in 1972.

Requiem Mass was celebrated at Blaisdon on Monday, the 26th June, and the interment followed at the Salesian Cemetery at Beckford, Gloucestershire.

May he rest in peace.