

FR. PATRICK CORCORAN. SDB.

Fr. Patrick was born on the 10th June 1928 in Limerick, Ireland.

He came over to England in August 1949 in order to start his novitiate year at Beckford and, after successfully completing the year he made his first religious profession in September 1950. During the novitiate, as was the custom, the novices were given the opportunity of volunteering for missionary work and Patrick said that he would willingly volunteer. On the conclusion of his study of Philosophy Bro. Patrick was asked to go to the Philippines where he went through his practical training at Tarlac and Mandaluyong. He enjoyed this experience and adjusted well to the conditions there. In 1956 he returned to England and after making his final profession on the 7th July he started the study of Theology at Melchet Court, Hampshire in September and he was finally ordained as a priest in 1960.

Fr. Patrick returned to the Chinese Province that same year and he taught with great enthusiasm at the Salesian School, Hong Kong where he was highly esteemed by pupils and fellow students alike. After a short break in his native Ireland for health reasons in 1965 Father made his way back to the Salesian School, Hong Kong, where he was again very popular as a capable teacher. However, his heart started giving him trouble. In spite of this, even after moving to Hong Kong Tang King Po College, he went on working hard for the sake of his students, who loved him dearly. The end came suddenly on October 5th 1971, when his boys waited in vain for him to turn up for his lessons. Father had already left this world stricken by a heart attack. He was only 43 years of age. May he rest in peace.