



## **Father Gerard MARSHALL**

**(1923 - 1986)**

*Died 31 March 1986, in Belfast (Northern Ireland)  
aged 63, with 39 years of Religious Profession.*

Father Gerard (Gerry) Marshall died in Belfast on 31 March 1986, after a long and painful illness, which he endured with exceptional courage and abandonment to Providence.

He was born into a family which was solidly Catholic, and which gave four sons to the Church. One of his brothers, Clement, is also a Montfort Missionary.

Born in Belfast on 1 February 1923, Gerry did his secondary studies at Romsey and entered the novitiate in Totton, where he made his first vows on 8 September 1946. He was ordained priest at Church Stretton on 8 March 1952. He immediately began his missionary life, being sent to Malawi, where he spent 30 years of his life in the service of the Church, either teaching (he taught for 16 years at Nankhunda seminary) or in parish work (in Zomba and Sitima). During his later years he returned to teaching, this time in the preparatory school of St. Stanislas in Thondwe. It was only the fact that his health was seriously impaired by an inoperable cancer that forced this valiant missionary to leave his beloved mission in Malawi, and to return home to his native town of Belfast (Northern Ireland), where his suffering ceased with his life on the Monday of Easter week 1986. May the Risen Lord welcome him into peace!

**MAY HE REST IN PEACE**