



Father Patrick McKEEVER

(1926 - 1996)

*Died 19 February 1996, in Belfast (Ireland)
aged 69, with 49 years of Religious Profession.*

Patrick James McKeever was born on 5th July 1926 in Belfast. After studying at St Malachy's College he went to Montfort College, Romsey, for three years before going to St Joseph's, Ashurst, to make his novitiate. He was professed there on 8th September 1946. He studied philosophy and theology at St Mary's Scholasticate, Church Stretton, where he was ordained on 8th March 1952.

Although Father Pat had expressed a wish to go on the missions, his first appointment was to teach mathematics at Montfort College. He remained on the staff there for the next 18 years. The last four years he was bursar. After that he became the Rector of the student house in Highgate, London, for three years. He then went to Montfort House, Barrhead, to give missions and preach retreats. He was a good popular preacher. He did this for eight years until in 1981 when he was appointed as assistant priest in the parish of St John the Baptist, Andover. Two years later he was made parish priest and he remained so until he became too ill to continue. He died after a long battle against cancer, during the latter stages of which he was looked after by his family in Belfast. This meant he was buried from the parish church where he had been baptized. He was a family man.

Father Pat was very well respected in the Congregation which he loved. He was on the Provincial Council for the last eight years of his life, during which time he was also Vicar Provincial. He was a caring, compassionate man with a sense of humour. If anyone needed help or a listening ear he was always there. He was loved by the parishioners at Andover. He was a good man and a good priest and will be missed by many.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE