



Father Wilfred JUKKA

(1916 - 1997)

*Died 2 April 1997, in Liverpool (England)
aged 81, with 60 years of Religious Profession.*

Father Wilfred Jukka was born on 8 February 1916 in Liverpool. He did his secondary school studies at Montfort College, Romsey. He went to Celle-sur-Belle in 1935 for his novitiate and he was professed on 8 September 1936. He studied philosophy at Montfort-sur-Meu. He then went to Rome from 1938 to 1940 to get a degree in theology, returning to England to finish his studies at Leagram Hall. He was ordained on 8 December 1941.

His first appointment was to teach at the Senior Seminary, first at Leagram Hall and then later at Church Stretton. He taught a variety of subjects including philosophy and dogmatic theology, always with great enthusiasm. In 1948 he became the Superior of Montfort House, Liverpool. During this time he was also the Editor of 'Queen and Mother', pushing its sales up dramatically. He also did a great deal of ministry, especially preaching. He is still remembered by many people around there.

In 1954 he moved back to Church Stretton to become a full-time missionary and retreat giver. Again he worked very hard and with much success. In 1962 he went to Malawi to begin another phase in his life but this was not to last long. In 1964 he was summoned back to become Provincial. Again he tackled this job with vigour and enthusiasm in a time of change in the Church and the Province.

When he was coming to the end of his term of office he suffered a heart attack, which meant he had to take some sort of rest. Over the next four years he worked as a curate in various parishes - Kirkby, Chorley and Newton-le-Willows.

In 1974 he became parish priest of St. Paul's, Poynton, Stockport. He spent fourteen years there until his 'retirement', when he went to live in the student house in Hendon. During this time he was in charge of the Montfortian Associates, a task which he took very seriously. He was not very strong in his later years and he died in St. Joseph's Hospice, Thornton, on 2 April.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE