



Father William CONNOLLY

(1920 - 1977)

*Died 17 January 1977, in Nankhunda (Malawi)
aged 56, with 32 years of Religious Profession.*

William Connolly was born on 1 March 1920 in Sutton Manor, Lancashire, England. He made his first profession of vows at St Joseph's, Totton on 8 September 1944, and his perpetual profession on 19 March 1947. He was ordained priest at Montfort College, Romsey (only the second priest to be ordained there) on 21 September 1947.

After many years spent as a missionary in England, a ministry in which he had great success, Fr Connolly became chaplain to the Sisters of Nazareth in Southampton, while at the same time teaching Greek at Montfort College. He volunteered to go to Malawi, where, from the end of 1975 onwards, he taught in Nankhunda seminary.

With regard to the circumstances of his death, we know only that on the morning of 17 January, he felt ill. Taken as a matter of urgency to the hospital in Zomba, he died a short time later. He is buried in the small cemetery at Nankhunda.

A serious man, very capable and with a great loyalty towards the Congregation, his death is a great loss to the Province of Gt Britain and Ireland, and to the mission of Zomba.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE