



Father William JENKINSON

(1944 - 1993)

*Died 30 April 1993, in Liverpool (England)
aged 48, with 28 years of Religious Profession.*

Father Bill Jenkinson was born in Garston, Liverpool, on 12 May 1944. He went to the junior seminary at Romsey before making his noviciate at St Joseph's Ashurst. He made his first profession on 8 September 1964. He studied for the priesthood at Church Stretton and Heythrop College (Oxford and London). He was ordained priest on 7 March 1971.

After spending some time gaining pastoral experience in the parish in Hayes, Middlesex, he went out to Malawi. There he taught for eight years at Nakhunda Seminary. He taught mainly English. He was in charge of the football team and for a time he was the bursar of the Seminary as well. He was a great asset to the seminary because he put his heart and soul into everything he did and he had a deep interest in and care for all the students.

After a year spent in England doing further studies in education and theology, he went back to Malawi to become parish priest of Liwonde Parish. Again because of Bill's wholehearted approach and his very good work, the Bishop asked him to become the parish priest of the Cathedral Parish (Zomba). Once more Bill worked very hard in a parish of over 20,000 parishioners. He was keen to set up basic Christian communities and renew the many outstations in the parish. At this time he also taught in the senior seminary. One of his final tasks in Malawi was to help in arranging for a group of Malawians to go on a pilgrimage to Lourdes. Bill was very proud of this.

Bill's health had not been very good for some time and in 1991 he came back to England. After a short stay in Hendon, he went to work in the parish of Our Lady of the Assumption, Gateacre, where he was working until a few weeks before his death from cancer. He enjoyed this work.

He will be greatly missed by many people, not least for his total commitment to everything he did, his care for people and his sense of justice.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE