



Fr. Joseph James WAREING
(1921-1999)

*Died 2 August 1999, in Blackpool (England)
aged 77, with 55 years of Religious Profession.*

Joseph Wareing was born in Bootle (England) on 10 November 1921, into a very good Catholic family which produced another priest, Fr. Peter Wareing, C.M.F. After his primary education in Bootle, he attended St. Francis Xavier's Jesuit College in Liverpool for six years before going to the Junior Seminary at Montfort College, Romsey, to complete his secondary education. Owing to the outbreak of war, he began his study of philosophy at Leagram Hall, Chipping, before making his novitiate at St. Joseph's, Ashurst, where he made his first vows on 8 September 1943. He then returned to Leagram Hall to continue his priestly studies there and in Church Stretton. He was ordained a priest in Waterloo, Liverpool, on 19 March 1947.

His first appointment was to Montfort College, Romsey, where for many years (1947-1963) he taught a variety of subjects: Latin, Mathematics and English. In 1960 he was made superior of Montfort College, a post he held for three years, and was then appointed (1963) to the scholasticate in Church Stretton to teach Moral Theology. In 1964 he was made superior of the scholasticate, and continued to teach Moral Theology until the scholasticate was moved in 1968 to Heythrop Park in Oxfordshire, where it was affiliated with the Jesuit scholasticate. When the Jesuits moved to London in 1970, the Montfortian scholasticate also made the move, and Fr. Wareing continued as superior for a few months afterwards.

After just over one year spent at St. Joseph's, Ashurst, from where he taught part-time at Romsey, and a couple of months as chaplain to the Sisters of Nazareth in Southampton, he returned to Montfort College, Romsey, where he spent five years as superior and Latin teacher. He was then appointed to Sandymount Retreat House in Liverpool, where, with the collaboration of the Daughters of Wisdom, he organised and gave retreats for the next sixteen years (1977-1993). He was also, during this period, much involved with the meetings of the REM (Rencontres Européennes Montfortaines).

In 1993, after a few months spent as assistant priest in the parish of Our Lady & St Dominic run by the Montfort Missionaries in Homerton, London, he was appointed as assistant priest to the parish of Our Lady of the Assumption in Gateacre, Liverpool, where he spent the next five years (1993-1999). His eyes began to cause him difficulties during this period, and he had to give up driving. When the Montfort Missionaries withdrew from this parish in February 1999, Fr Wareing happily went to become chaplain to the Daughters of Wisdom in Lytham St Anne's (Lancashire). He had been there only a few months, however, when he suffered heart problems and had to be hospitalised. He died after a few weeks in the hospital in Blackpool, on 2 August 1999.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE