Br JAMES FEELEY

18 December 1906 – 7 January 1963



James Feeley was born in the magnificently named Ashton-in-Makerfield, in Lancashire NE England, and trained as a painter and decorator before joining the Society in 1927. His brother remembered him as one who did everything with a smile.

He arrived in St Aidan's in 1930 and was immediately at home with his responsibilities in the infirmary, the chapel and the refectory. It annoyed him when the minister of the house interfered with his carefully thought-out arrangements in the infirmary.

He knew every boy in the school and their families and to them he was a personal friend they called 'Bru'. David Dryden, who was a student at St Aidan's, tells us he had the reputation of being a very loving man and being loved by all who knew him.

After 22 years at the school, his health broke down and he went back to England for treatment. But he longed to return and when he recovered sufficiently, he had a heart attack on the eve of his planned departure.

He received a great welcome when he did return and continued his old work but he was still weak. One day when he was out for a walk he suddenly collapsed and died.

