13 January

Fr JOHN GILLOOLY 27 October 1896 – 13 January 1937



John

John Gillooly was born in Glasgow and joined the Jesuits in 1915. Ordained in 1928, he came to Southern Rhodesia in 1930 and went to Driefontein. Two years later he was in Gokomere as superior. He then returned to Driefontein, this time as superior, in 1935. There is nothing in the record about what he did but 'his heart and soul were in the missions.'

Fr General heard of his abilities and wanted him to do an audit of the books in the Southern Africa houses but he became ill with kidney problems. John did not think it was serious and wondered about all the fuss. But it was serious. The surgeon was reluctant to operate, presumably because he had little hope he could do anything, and he was right. The operation did not help and John died aged just 40.