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## Fr PHILIP HOBART

3 March 1877 – 26 February 1945



Born at Chiswick, near London, Philip Hobart went to Mount St Mary's Jesuit school. He entered the novitiate in 1897 and went to teach at Beaumont in 1903. He took a great interest in the 'playroom' of which he was in charge and had various imaginative ways of engaging the boys' interest. He was noted for his emphasis on elocution at a time when public speaking was encouraged.

In 1913 he went to St Aidan's and was active in caring for the victims of the virulent flu epidemic that reached Grahamstown in 1917. He was especially concerned about the victims in the black people's quarters where the conditions were 'extremely bad'.

He suffered from thrombosis and returned to England in 1922. He did parish work based at St Ignatius, Stamford Hill, London, visiting the parishioners, including the 'lapsed'.

He became superior of the Oxford residence, 1926-32, and then moved to Dalkeith, Scotland, in 1932, where he cared for the outstations.

He retired to the Mount, where he had been as a boy and died in 1945.