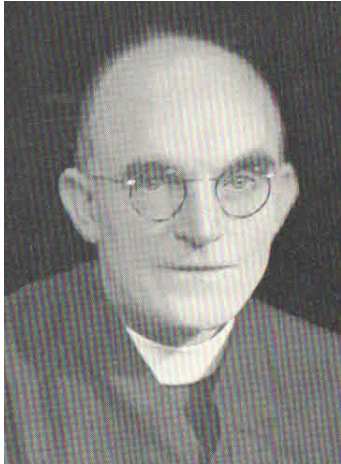


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## **Fr NICHOLAS RYAN**

6 October 1986 – 17 March 1952



The eldest of seven boys, three of whom became Jesuits, Nicholas Ryan was brought up in Liverpool. He entered the Society in 1904 and found his metier as a Maths teacher at Stonyhurst. He was also passionate, it seems, about the Officer Training Corps as it appealed to him as a way of forming young people.

In 1927 he was at St Aidan's but had to return to England in 1931 after an operation. When he had recovered, he went to St Aloysius, Glasgow, where he developed a reputation as a painstaking teacher. Though shy and reserved, a former student noted afterwards, 'he was wonderful for the man-to-man way he helped me discern my future. It was gratifying and reassuring to an adolescent.'

In 1944, he became rector and set to reshaping the church and parish after the war years. But he had a stroke in 1949 and had to be taken off. He died at the old people's home in Petworth three years later.