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**Fr PETER MOLLOY** 21 February 1874 – 23 March 1932

Born in Liverpool and having entered the Society in 1894, Peter Molloy found his metiér at Hodder, the junior school for Stonyhurst. He worked with Fr Francis Cassidy who was a ‘saintly arch-bluffer’ of small boys and the locals were wont to say, ‘Them two could do owt with lads.’ ‘Owt’ implying ‘anything’!

Ordained in 1908, he went to St Aidan’s in 1912. He was minister and prefect and liked to go for walks with boys and scout for ‘birds, animals and reptiles.’ A kindly man he was not beyond a little guile. He arranged for two senior



boys to dress up as police and wait at night for a suspect member of staff to finish work and go to his house. The ‘police’ challenged him as to what he was carrying and sure enough a nice piece of beef was being removed from the school.

No reason is given for his return to England in 1920. He started a hectic round of missions and retreats and his health gave way in 1928. He lingered on for a while, dying four years later.