Fr VICTOR BOEHME   17 October 1869 – 29 March 1944

Victor Boehme's family came for Riga, capital of Latvia, (see picture), and he was born in Islington, London, and

became a Catholic in the Jesuit Church in Farm St in 1885.

Four years later he joined the novitiate and in 1896 we find him in Malta. In 1906, he came to St Aidan's and besides teaching in the school he gave retreats. He was considered by his contemporaries as 'not a good preacher. … Too prolix and cumbrous.' But, when he preached at Port Elizabeth, to support the St Vincent de Paul Society there was 'a handsome collection.'

He returned to England in 1910 and went to St Francis Xavier, Liverpool and later St Helen's. He was a great visitor of homes and was called Fr Threepenny Bit as that was his constant gift to people in need.

He was said to be shy but his innate goodness and cheerfulness was always visible.