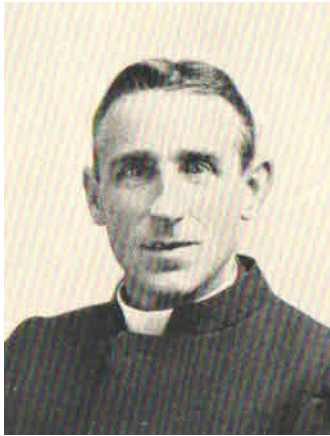


10 April

Fr GEORGE CANNING

13 July 1860 - 10 April 1927



George Canning was born in Madrid where his parents were posted at the time. They both died when he was young and a relative sent him and his brother to school at Mount St Mary's in England. George entered the Society in 1877 but the climate did not suit him and he was sent to South Africa where he taught at St Aidan's after his novitiate.

He returned to England to complete his studies and also to teach at Stonyhurst. He 'got the best out of his students' and 'was a most helpful coach at the disposal of all'. He went on to be professor of Ethics at the Jesuit philosophate at St Mary's Hall.

For 22 years from 1905 he was at the parish, and helping in the school, at St Wilfred's Preston and entered fully into the life of the city in educational and social initiatives. He was a founder of the Catholic Ladies Association for Child Welfare.