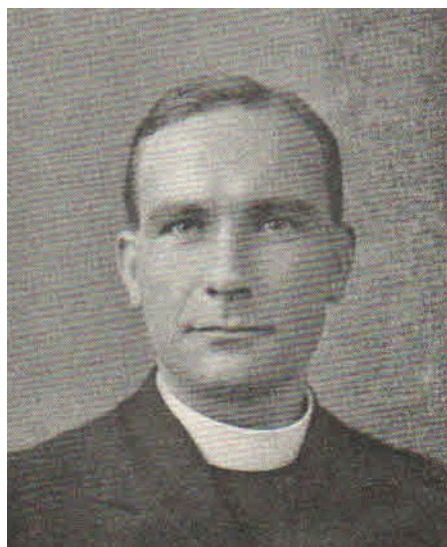


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## Fr JOSEPH DINLEY

15 February 1914 – 13 April 1990



Born in Worcester, Joseph Dinley was head boy of the Mount 'for lack of competition' (his words) and entered the Society in 1932. He did his philosophy in Jersey and was studying languages in Frankfurt in August 1939 when he got a message to go to South Africa to teach at St Aidan's. He just got out of Germany in time. He used to go to Rhodesia during the holidays and spent time with Fr Charles Daignault at Mhondoro. They travelled together to the out schools in the Sabi valley and he used to spend the evening in the homes of the local people

being entertained with their songs.

Theology beckoned in 1943 and he was ordained in 1947 and again went to St Aidan's to teach from 1949-50. After tertianship, he was switched to Guyana, rather casually it seems, and he was not at home there. He returned to the UK in 1954 and worked in the retreat house in Corby Hall. He had suffered from meningitis when he was three and Br Bob Bulbeck thinks it effected his whole life. He was often hesitant in taking initiatives and waited for others to do things. 'But he was solid and trustworthy, a good man to have around when there were difficulties.' Bob remembers a sermon Joe preached in the '40s where he said 'it is good to list the things that make up one's cross but then focus on the cross and throw the list away.'

Felix McGowan also says Joe had a low self-image and liked to fit into a team run by others as he did in Roehampton when the present writer was a novice and greeted him a few times and noticed he could be weighed down with life. Tom Smalley said, 'he would take offence where none was meant but would soon bounce back'. When his health deteriorated he ended his days in Boscombe.