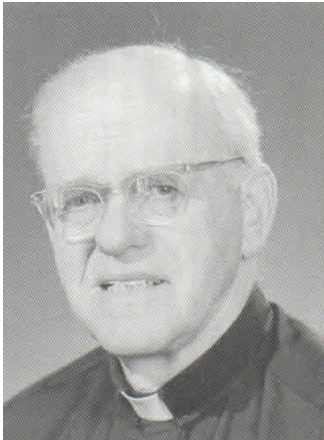


May 4

Fr GEORGE ORR

30 October 1918 – 4 May 2006



George Orr was born in Dublin and educated at St George's, Weybridge, England, run by the Josephites. He joined the BSAP in 1939 but was scared of horses! He would ride a horse out of the camp but, when they were out of sight, he would exchange it for one of the accompanying police's bicycles.

He joined the novitiate in 1946, but a fellow novice, Frank Hull, found his conversation on a novitiate walk, about the attributes of God, 'exhausting.' Ordained in 1955 he was sent to Manghura in 1959 but the following year he returned to Britain and a life (43 years) of supply work, filling in for priests who were away on holiday or for some other reason.

This work brought him all over the country – and the world, (Las Vegas, Honolulu, Singapore, Samoa, Fiji, etc.) He developed a reputation for eccentricism and upsetting housekeepers and being highly opinionated. But others, Bernard Parkin for instance, appreciated his availability and kindness to elderly Jesuits.