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## Fr THOMAS WARRINGTON

15 February 1901 – 22 May 1974



Born in Liverpool, Tom Warrington went to the city's Jesuit school of St Francis Xavier where he 'was not an academic but a good full back.' But he had a way with the English language and once, when teaching, wrote in a boy's report 'he makes good use of his bad English'.

Tom entered the Society in 1918 and was ordained in 1933. Arriving in Africa in 1936 he went to Driefontein where he stayed for eleven years. He then went to Monte Cassino where he had a car accident. He broke his arm and it never healed and was permanently impaired.

From 1949-59 he was minister at St George's for two years and then at St Aidan's for eight. In 1964 we find him at Marondera and he returned to Monte Cassino in 1967 for three years where this writer met him and retains a vague memory of his quickness of wit. There was a story of his response to an assertion of a scholastic years earlier fantasising about what sort of person he would marry if there was an option. 'I couldn't marry someone below me in culture or intelligence.' To which Tom shot back, 'No, you couldn't!'

His versatility and ability to change job was appreciated and he 'was a most companionable man'. His 'safe calm consoling voice was always reassuring'. His last posting was to St John's as chaplain. He died at St Anne's.