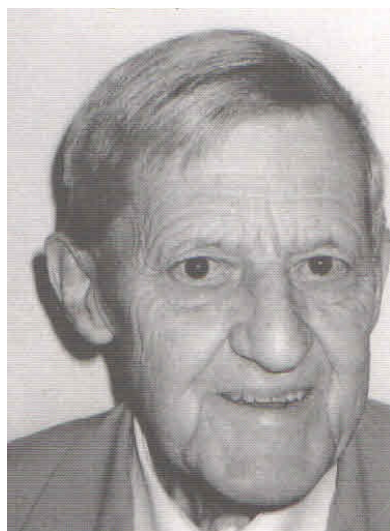


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Fr CEDRIC MYERSCOUGH 7 July 1915 – 22 May 2002



‘Ceddie’, three years younger than his brother, followed Dunstan into the novitiate in 1933. He was born in Ashton on Riddle and was educated at Preston Catholic College. At the old Heythrop, Paddy Moloney tells us, ‘He was happier in the garage pit fixing cars or perfecting an irrigation system than in the classroom’.

After ordination in 1947, he came to Southern Africa (in 1950) and spent three years at St Aidan’s. Then, in 1953, he moved to the seminary in Chishawasha where, despite Paddy’s reservations, he taught Moral Theology and Canon Law for ten years. He then went to Chishawasha in 1964 for four years followed by Campion House for two.

In 1973, he moved to South Africa and became Parish Priest of Braamfontein. This writer called to his room one day in 1976 and found the curtains closed. Seemingly, he liked to live in semi-darkness. Claudio Rossi lived with him and found him ‘selfless’ in his work in the parish and always on the go ‘calmly and steadily.’ He sustained himself with endless cups of stewed tea and cigarettes.

Both in Salisbury and Johannesburg he discovered he had a gift for radio broadcasting and was well received. He was also a man of great compassion, ‘an adviser and confessor’ to many.

He moved to Yeoville parish in 1982 and Cape Town two years later during which he filled his days with reading, especially *Lord of the Rings*. He had a great ‘minder’ then called Con (Mr Conradie) who persuaded him to have his cataracts seen to. Ceddie was thrilled by the result which opened up a new world for him. He ended his days there at Nazareth House.