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## Br TOMASZ KUNSZTOWICZ

20 Dec 1838 – 26 May 1895

We have little information about Tomasz Kunasztowicz except the barest facts. He was a member of Galicia province, then the only Jesuit province in the former area of Poland which was then partitioned between Prussia, Austria and Russia. Br Kunasztowicz lived under Habsburg (Austrian) rule. He was born in Mórka, Poznań, and joined the Society in 1869 and made his final vows in the novitiate at Stara Wieś.

He worked as a cook and gardener in Jesuit communities in Śrem (from 1871 to 1872), then in Laval in France (1872-1876), then, after his return to Poland, in Łañcut (1876-1880) before moving to Stara Wieś (1880-1882), Tarnopol (1882-1883) and Kraków (1883-1884).

In 1884, Tomasz came to Africa where he worked on the Zambezi Mission mainly as a cook. He was in Dunbrody in 1885, St Aidan's in 1888 and Keilands in 1891. In 1893 his health began to fail because of the local climate and the fever and he retired to St Aidan's.

He returned to his home province of Galicia. He worked as a cook in Chyrów (1893-1894) and as janitor (doorman) in Stara Wieś (1894-1895). He died in Stara Wieś on 22 May 1895, at the age of 57 and in 26<sup>th</sup> year of religious life. We have no photo of Tomasz but he must have often gazed at, or swam in, the Sundays River (Photo, about 1886).



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