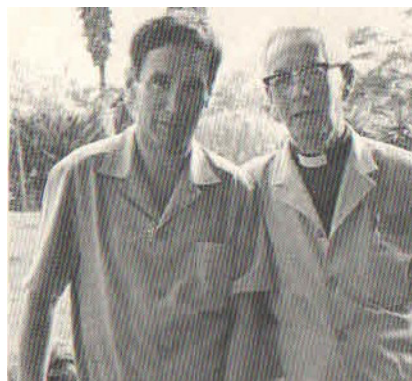


June 24

Br MARTIN CARROLL

20 January 1908 – 24 June 1984



Martin Carroll (pictured here with Tony Montfort, who was director of Jesuit Missions, London, for more than forty years) was a Glasgow man and ‘Celtic-daft all his life’ (Divers). He was educated by the Marists and worked in the fish trade for three years before joining the Society in 1927. In 1932 he was a cook at St George’s, Salisbury, for five years. He then went to Gokomere for two years where he came under the influence of Br Mellon

and became a builder. A succession of missions followed: Umtali, the Seminary, Chishawasha, Makumbi – all for about a year - and then he went to Monte Cassino for five years where he and Br Mellon built the two storey ‘monastery’.

From 1949 to ’51, he was building the new church at St Michael’s Mhondoro. He then went to Mutoko, where he was builder and factotum, for eleven years before going to St Aidan’s to take care of the chapel and house (1964-68). He went to Scotland then for a year but the next year he was back and at St George’s where he looked after the sacristy and the domestic staff.

Besides Celtic, Martin had a big interest in chess and encouraged the boys to improve their skills as he was unbeatable. Frustrated at the lack of local competition in the game, he took on one of the earliest computers where, it seems, he met his match.

The write of his obituary says, ‘in his latter years his outlook and personality appeared to have undergone a marked change. He became far more out-going and cheerful with the community, the staff and the boys. His enjoyment of life increased.’