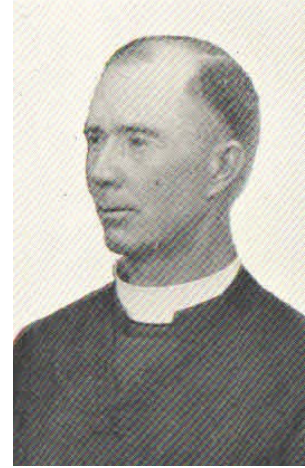


22 July

Fr MAURICE KILROE

7 February 1871 – 22 July 1935

Maurice Kilroe was born in Queenstown, South Africa, and was brought up in Kimberly, the fourth of seven brothers who were educated at St Aidan's. The journey to Grahamstown in those days took a week! He showed an aptitude for Maths and, when he joined the Society in 1891, he followed this up. In 1897, after his years of formation in England, he returned to St Aidan's to teach.



He did his theology in Europe and was ordained in 1904 but his health soon 'broke down'. This phrase is often given in the records without much elaboration. Kilroe returned to South Africa in the hopes it would help him recover and it did – to a degree. He was able to teach at St Aidan's for 25 years and coach cricket and football. He was a man of 'quiet charm'.

In his last days he was cared for by the 'blue' sisters (the Little Company of Mary) at Port Elizabeth.