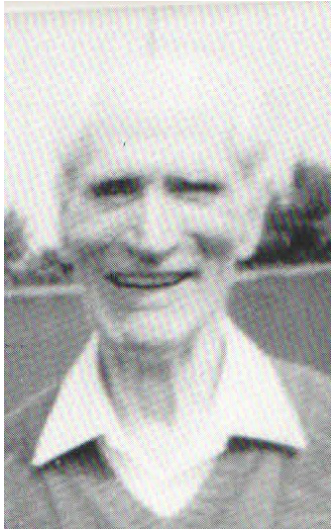


17 August

## **Fr FELIX McGOWAN**

11 June 1914 – 17 August 1993



Felix McGowan only spent two years (1949-50) in St Aidan's and no information about his time there is easily available. But he is 'on the list' so gets a brief mention here. His main work was in the UK as a teacher and later as a gifted retreat director based at Craighead.

Born in Glasgow, educated at St Aloysius, he entered in 1932 and was ordained in 1946. He also taught at Mount St Mary's and St Ignatius in London. His obituarist says he 'shared the pawky (I had to look that up in the dictionary) wit of his nation (Scotland)'. Leaving a moral theology class in the old Heythrop, he murmured, 'If my mother knew what we were taught at this school, she would take me away.'

He suffered from indifferent health. Each hip was replaced and then replaced again. His death came after a stroke after he had given a retreat.

His Jesuit cousin, Phelim McGowan, preached at his funeral: 'Every day was Easter Day for Felix.'