

20 September

Br WALTER ELLIS

24 November 1879 – 20 September 1926



Born in Glasgow, Walter Ellis went to the Cape where he worked as a lay Protestant missionary for 13 years. He came in contact with Catholics and, on a visit to England, was received into the Church in Buckfast Abbey. See photo.

He entered the Jesuit Novitiate in 1923 and two years later was one of a party of 13 going the Mission: 8 brothers, 4 priests and one scholastic.

Walter went to Kutama but the particularly good rainy season that year was too much for his fragile health and he was sent to St Aidan's. This did not help and he was sent back to England where he survived only a short time before dying of consumption (TB) in Hackney in the care of the Sisters of Charity.