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Br NICHOLAS McHUGH 19 March 1892 – 12 October 1972



Nicholas McHugh came from Co Meath in Ireland and worked in Pilkington's Glass Foundry in St Helen' Lancashire, NW England, where he was a keen and noted rugby league player. He then drove lorries in the army and with Guinness.

Gradually he found his way to the Society and entered in 1923. His contemporaries noticed his shyness, even nervousness. He did not like being in charge of anything – even in the novitiate!

He came to Gokomere in 1926 moving from there to Driefontein four years later. He was in Monte Cassino from 1936 until he moved to Chishawasha in 1939. Always, he was a

blacksmith in charge of cars and farm machinery.

He was kind and willing help, cheerful and humble and 'full of Irish wit and humour.' But he was scrupulous and his mental condition deteriorated – 'an overcrowding of his mind.'

He got sunstroke and had to return to England where he worked steadily and routinely at St Beuno's for 20 years. He loved to play bridge and visit some of the old members, like Fr Coughlin, in their rooms. They appreciated his visits and chat.

He retired to Ireland for medical treatment and when he died the Irish province gave him a great send-off.