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Fr PATRICK DALY

1 April 1876 – 20 October 1945



Born in Kilkenny, Ireland and educated at Mungret College, Limerick, Patrick Daly entered the Society in 1897. Ordained in 1910 he went to St Aidan's in 1911 until 1917 when he changed to St George's Bulawayo. In 1922 he became a pastor at Salisbury and used to go everywhere on his bicycle. He got a nasty bite from a Mamba once and it seems to have done some permanent damage. He was very caring of the sick. He tried to persuade Msgr Parry not to go on his fatal visit to Northern Rhodesia where he succumbed to malaria while investigating, at Fr General's behest, why others were dying of the dreaded fever.

In the time of Parry's successor, who happened to be absent, he lay hold of a chance to buy the plot where the Cathedral in Harare now stands.

In 1924 his health called for a change and he went to Cape Town but the seasonal rains aggravated his asthma and he was sent back to the UK where he was pastor variously in Wakefield, Leigh, St Helen's and Preston. He finally retired to the Mount where he died. He was a man 'always bright and full of fun.'