

17 November

Br HUGH BRADLEY

2 February 1878 – 17 November 1959



The monotonous ‘terrible duties of everyday’ (Pius XI) filled the life of High Bradley on the farms in which he worked in Southern Rhodesia. He was born in Carn, Co Derry, Northern Ireland, on a farm where he worked for years before entering the Society in 1910, aged 32. He arrived at Dunbrody just at the time the bottom was falling out of the Ostrich market – one of the factors that hastened the final abandonment of the mission. He moved to St Aidan’s in 1925 and shortly after to St George’s which then had a farm. He was particularly interested in cattle and was

suspected of ‘stealing’ from the community so as to feed his calves! He was always ‘at’ work, mostly alone and always quiet – even to the extent of silence for days.

When the farm was overtaken – presumably by the need for playing fields - he moved to Makumbe in 1942 where he stayed for seventeen years until his death.