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## **Br FRANCIS McGINTY** 2 November 1882 – 27 November 1954



Francis McGinty was a steelworker from Cambuslang, Glasgow, who joined the Society in 1904. His first task was prefect at St Mary's Hall and in 1913 he went to Africa working in the Kitchen and the house at St George's, Bulawayo. In 1916 he moved to Chishawasha where he again was prefect and he also taught English to the scholars. It was there that he lost an eye

from a flying stone.

In 1922 he went to Dunbrody, again to teach English. There he admired and loved Fr Lallemand. When he moved to Musami in 1929 it was to the same teaching task. From there he went to Monte Cassino in 1931 and a little later Kutama.

In 1933 he moved back to the UK and worked at Heythrop until 1941 when he went to Preston and finally Manchester in 1946. There he had a kidney removed.

He loved his teaching and cared for his students especially in their life in the spirit. When shopping in Harare (Salisbury) he loved to make a good bargain. His two constant books were the New Testament and the Imitation of Christ. In the inside cover of the former, he transcribed the words of St Robert Southwell SJ:

Who lives for love  
Loves least to live,  
And long delay doth rue,  
if Him he loves by whom he lives,  
to whom all love is due.

Who for our love  
Did choose to live  
And was content to die,  
who loved our love, more than his life,  
And love with life did buy