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## **Fr STANISLAUS JONES** 18 November 1882 - 21 December 1960



Stan was the ‘identical’ twin brother of Fran Jones, born at Arundel. When they joined the Society together in 1901, Fr Considine, the novice master, told his mother who was on a visit, he could easily tell them apart. ‘Here comes Stan’, he said confidently to her. ‘No, that’s Fran’, said the mother.

Stan did four years regency at St Francis Xavier, Liverpool, and Stamford Hill, London. In both places he was known for the theatricals he produced. Ordained in 1915, he became a military chaplain in 1916 and served in Egypt and France. In 1921, he was sent to St Aidan’s but no information is immediately available about his time there. When he returned to England, he did parish work in a variety of places before becoming rector of St Michael’s, Leeds. There he flourished and took a keen interest in every member of the community. ‘He liked Jesuits and believed in them – and they reciprocated. He was always jovial and in high spirits.

He was unsatisfied with the drabness of the buildings at St Michael’s and planned a whole new college on a bigger site. By dint of searching and prayer he found and bought an ideal site of 62 acres, called Cookridge. But it was wartime and there were no resources to fulfil his dream. Yet they blessed him ever after for Cookridge provided excellent sports fields.

Stan was a ‘humble, kind, English gentleman’ with an aversion to all things French! He disliked what he called French piety and calling people ‘Fr’. He wanted ‘the rector, the headmaster’, not Fr Rector, etc.

After Leeds, he moved to a variety of places and died at the novitiate at Roehampton, London.