

IMPRESSIVE OBSEQUIES

Funeral of Late Rev. J. Collier

Huge Gathering of Clergy

The death occurred suddenly at the Convent of St. John of God, Waterford, on Sunday morning, of Rev. James Collier, C.S.S.R., of Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick. Father Collier had arrived at Waterford from Galway the previous night to open a mission.

The late Father Collier was a brother of Most Rev. Dr. Collier, Bishop of Ossory, and also of Very Rev. Daniel Collier, O.M.I., Dublin. He was born at Camross, Ossory, in 1872, and received his early education at St. Kiernan's College, Kilkenny.

He entered the Redemptorist Novitiate at Liverpool, where he was professed in 1894, and he completed his higher studies at Teignmouth, Devonshire. He was ordained in 1900.

NOTED MISSIONER.

For almost 40 years he had been engaged in the work of parochial missions, and he was very much in demand for Retreats to clergy and religious of both sexes. From 1918 to 1921 he held the post of Rector at St. Joseph's, Dundalk, and since 1936 he had been Consultor to the Very Rev. Father Provincial, at Limerick.

The death of Father Collier has been a great loss to his Congregation, and he will be keenly missed by the numerous people who had received his spiritual ministrations throughout Ireland.

THE OBSEQUIES.

Impressive scenes were witnessed at Mount St. Alphonsus Church, Limerick, on Tuesday, when the remains of the late Father James Collier, C.S.S.R., were laid to rest. Over 150 priests from all parts of Ireland were present at the obsequies.

Requiem Mass was celebrated by Most Rev. Dr. Collier, D.D., Bishop of Ossory, brother of the deceased priest, and amongst the huge attendance were numerous clergy from the diocese of Ossory. The deacon was Rev. P. Bourke, C.S.S.R.; sub-deacon, Rev. J. Breen, C.S.S.R. Rev. J. Brassil, C.C. St. John's, was master of ceremonies, and the chanters were Rev. W. Harty, P.P., St. Mary's; Very Rev. P. Thornhill, P.P., Adare. Very Rev. W. Canon O'Dwyer, P.P., V.F., St. Munchin's, presided.

The other clergy present were—Ven.

Archdeacon Cavanagh, P.P., Kilkenny; Ven. Rev. Canon O'Carroll, P.P., Ballacallor; Very Rev Canon Hannon, P.P., V.G., Newcastle West; Very Rev Canon O'Leary, P.P., St. Patrick's; Very Rev. Canon Rea, P.P., V.F., Shanagolden; Very Rev Canon Carroll, P.P., Aghaboe, Leix; Very Rev. Father Kerr, C.S.S.R. (Provincial); Rev. M. Coyne, P.P., Camross; Rev A. Rouny, P.P., Kilkenny; Rev E Purcell, P.P., Rathdowney; Rev E Punch, P.P., Mungret; Rev J Loughrey, P.P., Danesford; Rev P Holland P.P., Freshford; Rev M Kealy, P.P., Piltown; Rev R Stephenson, P.P., Urlingford; Rev P Comerford, P.P., Clara; Rev T Mortell, P.P., Banogue; Rev E Mackey, P.P., Knockavilla; Rev M Fitzpatrick, P.P., Bulgaden; Rev J Wallace, P.P., Kildimo; Rev L Coghlan, P.P., Rosberean; Rt. Rev Mons. Cleary, New Ross; Rev J Furlong, P.P., Kilmore; Rev J Bergin, P.P., Ballycallan; Rev F Phelan, P.P., Callan; Rev M J White, P.P., Ballyraggart; Rev W J Carroll, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev M Comerford, St. Mary's, Kilkenny; Rev Father Bonaventure, O.M.Cap., Kilkenny; Rev J Ryan, President, St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny; Rev T Marnell, do.; Rev T Donoghue, do.; Rev J Guinane, S.J., Mungret College; Rev C Perrott, do.; Rev M Kelly, C.C., Askeaton; Rev P Holden, C.C., St. Mary's, Kilkenny; Rev J Casey, C.C., Askeaton; Rev K Joyce, C.C., St. Canice's, Kilkenny; Rev W Delaney, C.C., Danesford; Rev J McD Moran, O.M.I., Rockferry; Rev J O'Rourke, C.C., Kilkenny; Rev H Moran, St. Joseph's college, Freshford; Rev B Leary, St. Kieran's, Kilkenny; Rev P Holohan, Hospital; Rev P Birch, St. Kieran's College; Rev P Rowe, do.; Rev R McGrath, Bishop's Secretary, Kilkenny; Rev J Malone, Diocesan Inspector, Kilkenny; Rev N Baldwin, O.P., Limerick; Rev P O'Mahony, C.C., Buttevant; Rev T Gallagher, C.C., do.; Rev J Power, P.P., Borris-on-Ossory; Rev P Dunphy, Kilkenny; Rev J F Carr, Phibsboro', Dublin; Rev F B Foley, O.M.I., Cahermoyle; Rev D Hughes, C.C., Mooncoin, Ossory; Rev T Murphy, C.C., do.; Rev J Coogan, C.S.S.R.; Rev J J Gorey, C.S.S.R.; Rev P H Kilbride, C.S.S.R.; Very Rev J Reynolds C.S.S.R. (Rector), Dundalk; Rev A Cleary C.S.S.R.; Rev J Fitzgerald, C.S.S.R.; Rev J McHugh, C.S.S.R., Athenry; Rev S O'Loughlin, C.S.S.R.; Rev T J Regan, C.S.S.R.; Rev J Kieran, C.S.S.R.; Very Rev B Gorey, C.S.S.R., Dublin; Rev A O'Connor, C.S.S.R.; Rev E O'Donnell, C.S.S.R.; Rev R Cleere, C.S.S.R.; Rev J Murphy, C.S.S.R.; Rev B Treacy, C.S.S.R.; Very Rev J Carroll, P.P.; Rev. C Moriarty, C.C., St Michael's; Rev E Collias, O.P., B'ackabbey; Rev M Ryan, C.C., Newcastle West; Rev J Delaney, C.C., Rathdowney; Rev M Lane, St. John's College, Waterford;; Rev P Aherne, do.; Very Rev D Murphy, C.S.S.P. (Provincial), Dublin); Rev F Foley, O.M.I., Colwyn Bay; Rev J Meany, C.C., Kilkenny; Rev T Cassin, C.S.S.R., St.

Patrick's, Athenry; Rev P Grace, P.P., Mountrath; Rev C MacManus, C.S.S.R.; Rev W O'Grady, C.C., St. John's, Limerick; Rev W Creed, C.C. do.; Rev J Neville, O.M.I., Callan; Rev B Delaney, O.S.A.; Rev P Kavanagh, P.P., Dungarvan; Rev M Minihan, C.C., St. Munchin's; Rev Father Andrew, O.F.M.; Rev T Prendergast, C.C., Killeagh, Kildare; Rev N Corrigan, C.C., Templecoman; Rev J Scott C.C., Camrass; Rev J J Gubbins, S.J., Limerick; Rev Dr Ignatius, O.M.Cap., Kilkenny; Rev J Flynn, O.M.I., Dublin (representing Very Rev Provincial); Rev M Drea, Adm., Kilkenny; Rev H Murphy, St. Munchin's College, Limerick; Rev P McLoughlin, Copsewood, Limerick; Rev D Crowley, St. John's, Limerick; Rev E O'Dea, Rev F Fennessy, Limerick; Rev P Brennan, O.S.A., Limerick; Rev Dom Bernard O'Dea, O.S.B., Glenstal; Rev D McKenny, Mill Hill Fathers, Kilkenny; Rev E Dowling, C.C., Gathatawn; Rev C Campion, C.C., St. John's, Kilkenny; Rev W O'Keefe, C.C., do.; Rev E Leahy, C.C., do.; Rev T Duffy, C.C., Castleconnell; Rev J S Robinson, C.C., St. Andrew's, Dublin; Rev Father Ambrose, O.F.M., Limerick.

CHIEF MOURNERS.

The chief mourners were:—Most Rev. Dr. Collier, Bishop of Ossory; Very Rev. Daniel Collier, O.M.I.; Messrs. John, Joseph, and Matthew Collier (brothers); Mrs. Bourke (sister); Mrs. T. Collier, Miss M. Collier, Miss Walton (nieces); James J. Collier, C. F. Collier, Sean Collier, Denis Collier (nephews); Rev. P. Delaney, Rathdowney; Rev. W. Delaney, Danesfort (relatives).

An Taoiseach (Mr. de Valera) was represented by Ald. D. Bourke, T.D., Mayor of Limerick, and amongst the huge concourse of mourners, the Mayor and Corporation of Kilkenny were represented.

ARCH-CONFRATERNITY SYMPATHY

At the meeting of the Arch-Confraternity on Monday night, Rev. Father Gorey, Spiritual Director, referred to the death of Rev. Father Collier, and in the name of the Confraternity tendered sincere sympathy to the relatives of the deceased missionary.

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