

# Limerick Canon's Death

By the death of Very Rev John Canon Fitzgerald, P P, Kilcoleman and Conleapra, the Diocese of Limerick has lost one of its oldest and most revered pastors. The rev. gentleman, who was in his 80th year, passed away in St John's Hospital on Saturday. He had been in poor health for some time past, and his death was not unexpected. Throughout his ministry he served in the Diocese, and was Parish Priest of Maister prior to his transfer to Kilcoleman fourteen years ago. He was a native of Ballysimon, Limerick, and was educated at Maynooth, as was also Very Rev William Canon Fitzgerald, who died some years ago.

He was brother of the late Very Rev W Canon Fitzgerald, P P, V F, Shanagolden, and an uncle of Mr D Fitzgerald, solicitor, Limerick; Dr M Fitzgerald and Dr J Fitzgerald, Middlesboro.

There were a large number of priests at his funeral which took place at Kilcoleman. The celebrant of the Solemn Requiem Mass was Rev J Kelly, C C, Ballingarry (cousin); deacon, Rev Fr Hanley, C S S R (cousin); sub-deacon, Rev J Keogh, C C; master of ceremonies, Rev J Wilmot, C C; chapters, Very Rev P Canon Thornhill, P P, Adare, and Rev J O'Byrne, C C. Right Rev Monsignor Hassan, P P, V G, Newcastle West, presided.

Chief mourners were—Miss L Fitzgerald (sister); Mrs P Fitzgerald (sister-in-law); Messrs D Fitzgerald, solr., and W Fitzgerald (nephews); Miss Fitzgerald and Miss S Ryan (nieces).