

# Obituary

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## Limerick Franciscan's Death

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Rev Fr Aidan Roberts, O.F.M., Clonmel, collapsed while visiting friends at Pennywell, Limerick, on Saturday night and died shortly after admission to Barrington's Hospital. Fr Roberts, who was ordained in Rome forty years ago, was a member of a well-known Limerick family. He was born at Tervoe, Limerick, and was educated first at the Christian Brothers' Schools and later at the Franciscan College, Rome. He was brother of the late Dr James Roberts, Limerick, and of Mr George Roberts, Clarina. In his young days he was an outstanding Rugby player and was a keen follower of all forms of sports, especially coursing.

Solemn Requiem High Mass for the repose of the deceased clergyman's soul was celebrated at the Franciscan Church this (Tuesday) morning in presence of an overflowing congregation. There were a large number of clergy in the choir. Later the funeral took place to Mt. St Lawrence Cemetery, accompanied by the Mayor, members of the Corporation, and representative citizens, with the members of the Third Order and a huge gathering of the citizens in general.

### Vote of Sympathy

At the meeting of the Limerick Harbour Board on Monday, the Mayor (Mr James McQuane) presiding, Ald D Bourke, T.D., referred to the death of Father Aidan Roberts and said that the Franciscan Community had lost a distinguished son. He proposed that the sympathy of the board be tendered to the Franciscan Community in their great loss.

The Mayor, declaring the vote passed, said the Franciscan Order had suffered a great loss by the death of Father Aidan.