

## **Fr. Brian Patrick Byrne**

Brian Patrick Byrne was born on the 1st October 1929 in Dunlaoghaire near Dublin in Ireland. He was educated at St John's College, Waterford. On 17th June 1956 he was ordained in Holy Trinity Cathedral Waterford by Bishop Daniel Cohalan of Waterford and Lismore specifically for St Andrews and Edinburgh Archdiocese in Scotland.

His first appointment in Scotland was as assistant priest at Our Lady and St Ninian in Bannockburn near Stirling from 1956 to 1957. He was then transferred as assistant Priest to St Joseph's Sighthill in Edinburgh serving there from 1957 till 1958. He had another short-term placement at Our Lady of Lorretto and St Michael in Musselburgh from 1958 to 1960 before an appointment at St Mary's Cathedral Edinburgh for 3 years from 1960 to 1963.

Fr Byrne then went to serve on the African missions from 1963 to 1965 from where he returned back to once again serve at St Mary's Cathedral Edinburgh from 1965 to 1969. He was then sent on loan from St Andrews and Edinburgh to the USA where he served as an assistant Priest in Orlando Florida for 3 years from 1969 to 1972. He returned to Scotland once more in 1972 where upon he took up a post as assistant Priest at St Margaret's Dunfermline in Fife where he served until 1974.

It was in 1974 that Fr Byrne came to Kilsyth St Patrick's Kilsyth to serve as assistant Priest to the then Parish Priest Fr Denis O'Connell together with another younger assistant Priest Fr Robert McGarrigle. Fr Byrne stayed in Kilsyth until 1976.

Thereafter Fr Byrne went to St Magdalane's Edinburgh from 1976 where he stayed for 3 years until 1979. He then assumed the post of Chaplain at Herrit-Watt University in Edinburgh for 3 years until 1981. Fr Byrne then went to St Ninian's Bowhill in Fife commencing in 1981.