

Fr J Andrew MacIntyre

J Andrew MacIntyre was born in Glasgow in 1872. He was educated at Blairs College in Aberdeen from 1890 to 1892 and then continued his senior seminary studies at Valladolid in Spain from 1892 – 1899. He was ordained in Valladolid in 1899.

His first posting as an assistant Priest was to St Patrick's Kilsyth to serve with the then Parish Priest Canon Michael Turner. His posting in St Patrick's Kilsyth was to last for 2 years 1899 and 1900 and as far as we can tell, he was the first native born Scottish Priest to say Mass in Kilsyth since the reformation. (The first native born Parish Priest of St Patrick's Kilsyth was Canon Thomas McGarvey who did not come to Kilsyth until 1956 such was the dependency upon Irish Priests in Scotland.)

After his posting at Kilsyth, Fr McIntyre went to St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh from 1900 to 1901 – as was the norm for new Priests. It was customary to serve for a period early after ordination at either the Cathedral or one of the larger metropolitan congregations in Edinburgh to learn the ropes under the watchful eye of the Archbishop before being sent out to the remote Parishes of the Archdiocese.

After a short period of just over a year at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Bathgate, Fr McIntyre was then appointed as Parish Priest and spent a longer spell at Cowdenbeath from 1902 to 1916. After this there was another long placement as Parish Priest at Our Lady of the Waves at Dunbar from 1916 until 1926.

Apparently, Fr McIntyre fell ill there and had a period of 2 years sick leave starting in 1926 and ending when he returned to active ministry in 1927 at St Joseph's Peebles where he stayed for 2 years until 1929.

Fr McIntyre's final mission was to the Holy Name in Oakly, Fife where he served the parish there for 7 years until his death from influenza on 6th January 1937. His remains are buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery Edinburgh.

Good and faithful servant of God – may he rest in peace!

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Rev Fr. J. Andrew McIntyre. (N.B. different spelling of MacIntyre in Obituary notice)

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rev. J Andrew McIntyre who died on the 6th Jan 1937 in the 65th year of his age and the 38th year of his priesthood.

Rev J. Andrew McIntyre was born at Glasgow on the 12th Aug 1872. Entering Blairs in 1890 he went to Valladolid in 1892 where he was ordained priest on the 21st May 1899. Returning to Scotland in the same year he served as curate at St Mary's Cathedral Edinburgh, Kilsyth, Lochgelly and Bathgate until, in 1902, he was appointed to Cowdenbeath as Parish Priest. Here he worked for 14 years. Never of a strong constitution, he was transferred through failing

health to Dunbar, where he was able to continue in service for 11 years. There followed another 2 years at Peebles, when, in 1929 a heart attack rendered him unfit for any great exertion and he went to the small mission of Oakly where he spent the last 7 years.

A co-victim with his sister, who kept house for him, of influenza, he survived her by one week dying in St Raphael's home on the Wednesday following her death.

Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at St Peter's Falcon Avenue, by His Grace Archbishop McDonald, who pronounced the final Absolutions and afterwards officiated at Mount Vernon Cemetery where Fr. McIntyre was buried.

Father Maguire, a close friend of Fr McIntyre, in his tribute at the Requiem, spoke of his charming personality and his devotion to duty, which won him the affectionate respect of all who knew him. R.I.P.

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