

Father Edward Thomas Gilchrist

Edward Thomas Gilchrist was born in Mohill County Leitrim, Ireland on August 21st, 1913. He attended the fee-paying St Mel's College Longford from 1927 and then at the age of 19 he enrolled at All Hallows Seminary Dublin in 1932. After 6 years of study he was ordained Priest at the age of 24 on the 19th June 1938 by Bishop Thomas Keogh of Kildare and Leighlin and the church of All Saints Dublin specifically for the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh in Scotland.

His first appointment here was as assistant Priest in St Ninian's Edinburgh where he was to stay for a year until 1939. He then came here to St Patrick's Kilsyth as an assistant Priest at the start of the Second World War where there was much social upheaval as the armed forces were mobilised abroad. He was only to stay in Kilsyth for just over a year until 1940 when he was transferred to St Margaret's Dunfermline in Fife. After another short stay of only 1 year he was then transferred to St Machin's in Lennoxton in 1941 where he was this time to stay for 8 years. His final post as assistant Priest was an appointment to St Patrick's Lochgelly in Fife between 1949 and 1951.

In 1951 Fr Gilchrist was appointed as Parish Priest of the small Fife parish of St Joseph's Burntisland where he was to stay for 7 years until 1958. He then moved as Parish Priest to St Anne's Newtongrange in Midlothian where he was to stay for 13 years until 1971.

The last Archdiocesan record that we have of Father Gilchrist is that he was transferred to the Parish of St Luke's Dalkeith (which is listed in Scottish Secular Clergy as Newbattle) from where he was based and charged with the building and commissioning of a new church - St Anne's, Mayfield.

Fr. Gilchrist retired in 1977 living at first in St Margaret Mary's Granton and from 1982 at Clonfad, Athlone Co. Roscommon where he was able to undertake Parish work. He died in Athlone on the 3rd April 1990, in the 77th year of his age and in the 52nd year of his priesthood. Good and faithful servant of God - may he rest in peace.

Ordinations of Priests - The Rev Edward Thomas Gilchrist.

The Rev Edward Thomas Gilchrist was born at Mohill Co. Leitrim, Ireland on the 21st Aug 1913. He entered St Mel's College Longford in 1927. In 1932 he proceeded to All Hallows College Dublin. He received the tonsure and minor orders in 1937. The sub-diaconate and diaconate were conferred in 1938. He was raised to the priesthood on June 19th, 1938 by His Grace the Most Reverend Dr Thomas Keogh in the Church of All Saints Dublin. He is currently an assistant at St Ninian's Edinburgh.

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The Rev Edward Thomas Gilchrist – 3rd April 1990.

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priesthood. He was born at Mohill Co. Leitrim, on the 21st Aug 1913 and had his education at St Mel's College Longford and All Hallows Dublin. He was ordained priest for the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh on June 19th, 1938 in All Saints church Dublin.

He was assistant priest at St Ninian's Edinburgh 1938-39; St Patrick's Kilsyth 1939-40; St Margaret's Dunfermline 1940-41; St Machan's Lennoxton 1941-49 and St Patrick's Lochgelly 1949-51.

He was parish priest of St Joseph's Burtnisland 1951-58; St Anne's Newtongrange 1958-71 and St Luke's Mayfield, Dalkeith 1971-78 during which time the new church was built and opened in 1971.

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