



Father John Callaghan

John Callaghan was born in Kilsyth on the 18th November 1938 son of William and Alice Callaghan and brother of Patsy and Anna. He was educated at St Mary's College Blairs the junior Seminary in Aberdeen and at The Royal Scots College at Valladolid, Spain. He was ordained on the 29th April 1962 in Valladolid by His Lordship Bishop James Black of Paisley for the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh.

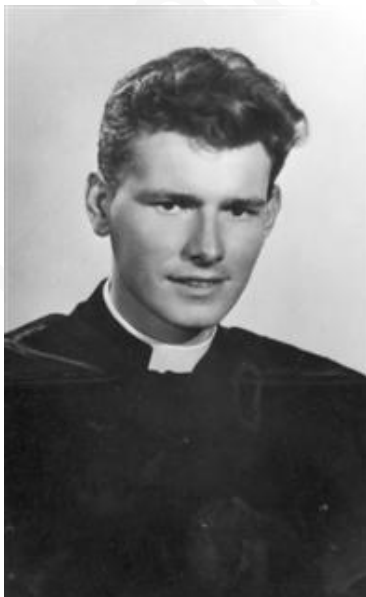
His first posting was to St Patrick's in the Cowgate, Edinburgh where he served between 1962 and 1967. He was then transferred for 2 years between 1967 and 1969 to St Margaret of Scotland, Raploch in Stirling.

He then went abroad for a number of years on missionary work to Bauchi in Northern Nigeria an area which has long been associated with the Archdiocese of St Andrew's & Edinburgh. He served as a missionary priest in Nigeria, serving at Biliai and at Gombe. On his return to Scotland Fr Callaghan went to Our Lady and St Ninian's Bannockburn from 1975 to 1979. In 1979 Fr Callaghan was transferred to Our Lady & St Andrew's in Galashiels in the Scottish borders and then to St Margaret's at South Queensferry from 1981 to 1987.

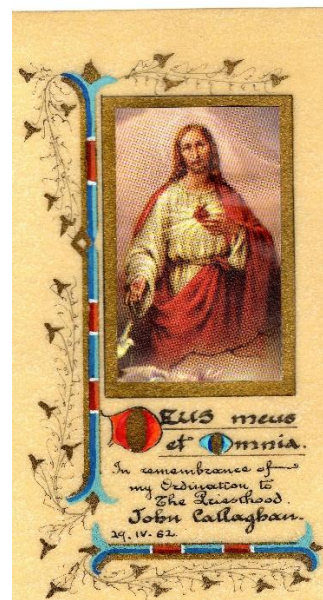
His final Parish was back to Bannockburn in 1987. Fr Callaghan lived for many years in retirement in Stirling. He retired from active ministry through ill-health in 1992 and resided in Bannockburn. He latterly lived at Oakshott Care Home in Stirling. He passed away in Forth Valley Royal after a short illness.

Fr Callaghan died on Thursday 7th February 2025 at the age of 86. His remains were received into Our Lady and St. Ninian RC Church Bannockburn on Monday 24th February 2025. His requiem Mass took place on the morning of Tuesday 25th February 2025 and his interment took place at Bannockburn Cemetery.

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



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Fr Callaghan's Ordination Card