

P. Patrick Walsh C.Ss.R.

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Today we hold in our prayers Fr Patrick Walsh CSsR, Fr patrick's funeral Mass tkes place today at 12.00 noon in Mount St Alphonsus church Limerick.

Fr. Patrick Walsh, C.Ss.R.

Born 6 May 1928 Ballindangan, near Mitchelstown, Co. Cork

Professed 8 September 1947 St. Joseph's, Dundalk

Ordained 26 November 1955, Holy Ghost Church, Bangalore, India

Died 23 February 2019, Limerick

In 1953 while still a seminarian Fr. Patrick was one of a group of students appointed to the fledging seminary of the Irish Redemptorist mission in India, the others being Frs. Liam O'Connell and Brian McGrath.

He was destined to spend the next 42 years ministering in the sub-continent and most of his ministry was in our parishes of Bangalore and Calcutta. Also for a period he was engaged in our formation programme as director of aspirants.

On returning to Ireland he was assigned to our community of Mt. St. Alphonsus, Limerick which was to be his community until his death. In 1999 he was appointed Director of the Holy Family Confraternity. In 2008 some changes were introduced when he was named Chaplain to the Confraternity, but the men still considered him as their director. He continued in this position until 2014.

During his time as Director he continued the tradition of leading confraternity men on pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Palm Sundays. This was in memory of the first ever organised pilgrimage to Knock, on Palm Sunday, 1880 that was organised by the Limerick Holy Family Confraternity.

As a confrere and a priest Fr. Patrick was a zealous Redemptorist and nothing was too much for him. He was noted for his smile and gentle manner and his desire to do what he could to help others.

Some would say he had a weakness, while others would consider it a godsend; this was his avid interest in the fortunes of Liverpool Football Club.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help pray forhim.

