

BRIDGETT Thomas Edward

Was born in Derby, England, of wealthy Baptist parents on 20th January 1829. He was a student of St. John's College, Cambridge, from 1847 to 1850. His reading of St. John Fisher's treatise against Luther influenced him to refuse the oath of Royal Supremacy, a necessary prerequisite of taking his degree. Shortly afterwards he became a Catholic, and after a retreat in Hanley Castle under Father John Baptist Lans he joined the Redemptorists. He took his vows in St. Trond, Belgium, on 15th October 1851 and was ordained priest in Liège on 4th August 1856. He was rector in Limerick from 1865 to 1871, during which time the archconfraternity of the Holy Family, destined to become renowned for its extraordinary growth, was established in 1868. He is best remembered for his scholarly writings on the history of the Church in Great Britain. He died in Clapham on 17th February 1899.

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