

Memories of Brother Damian MacDonald C.Ss.R

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Brother Damian MacDonald, he died in Hawkstone in 1988.

Brother Damian lived and worked in a few different communities, but particularly in Kinnoull, Perth and in Hawkstone. And he was in Hawkstone when it became a pastoral centre. His job at the time was cooking and he was probably one of those men the most incapable of being surprised. The Rector could go up to him and say to him at half past twelve, a coach has just arrived could you do something give them a bit of lunch to eat, and he'd be talking about 30 or 40 people. And Damian without batting an eyelid would throw some chips into the pan and then find some fish and having prepared a meal for those already there would have something else prepared for 1 o'clock for those who had just arrived.

Before that before it became a Pastoral Centre he did a lot of the maintenance at Hawkstone especially when Fr. Frank Nolan was Rector. Frank had him painting, chiefly painting rather than carpentry work but that and looking after parts of the garden he was very good and never refused any job he was asked to do.