

Memories of Fr. Leo Kirk C.Ss.R

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Fr. Leo Kirk he died in 1963 at Bishop Eton well into his 80s.

I remember about 1960 when he was 81, he gave a mission in one of the parishes in the north side of Liverpool. It wasn't that he was forced at that age on to the parish priest but the parish priest who wanted a mission, but he wanted a mission only on condition that Fr. Kirk, despite his age, preached it, and Fr. Kirk took this complement and gave his last mission at the age I think of 81.

The other reason why I remember Fr. Kirk was he was the oldest member of the community at Bishop Eton. A senior there by profession and ordination but he was very welcoming of all the young, the newly ordained and those in their first years in the congregation because in them he saw the future of the congregation, and so not only did he welcome them in to the community but he showed an interest in what they were doing and how they were doing it, because as I say he saw in them the future of our province.