

# Memories of Fr. William Raymers C.Ss.R

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Fr. William Raymers who died in Bishop Stortford in 1966.

While he was preparing for the priesthood, he lost a couple of fingers on one hand, I've forgotten which hand it was right or left. He lost a couple of fingers so that when it came to ordination the Bishop insisted on inspecting him before he would allow him to be ordained. And when you realise he could use both thumbs and index fingers to hold the Host properly in two hands he ordained him. But quite shortly after ordination he lost the remaining fingers on that hand but having been ordained before that second operation occurred, he was given permission to say Mass, or rather to continue to say Mass even though he could no longer hold the Host in the approved style, and he lived and worked as a Redemptorist for a long life after that, always coping with that particular injury.