

# Memories of Fr. John McMullen C.Ss.R

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The first of the two audio files about Fr. McMullen also contain an introduction from Fr. Ahearn that he is recording some memories. So this is the first memory he recorded.

Fr. John McMullen died in Bishop Eton in 1940.

Before Bishop Eton became a parish they used to hear Confessions at set times in the afternoon and before and after devotions in the evening. But children were encouraged to go along at about half past eleven on a Saturday morning, and if there wasn't a priest in the box, they could ring the confessional bell and ask for a priest and someone would come out.

And we used to, some of us used to do that, not every time ...

I got interrupted there and I am not sure where I am continuing now.

But having rung the bell we used to wait and then see which priest would come out. We didn't know any names but if the priest came out who limped badly and looked old we were delighted, because we knew he wouldn't tell us off and he would give us a very small penance. Later I found out that this must have been Fr. John McMullen who died in Bishop Eton in 1940.