



## Fr Robert Docherty



Fr Robert Docherty was the son of Kilsyth man John Docherty who moved to Condorrat in the 1880's to bring up his family there. One of 5 children, Robert became a Priest of the Glasgow Archdiocese and after a period joined the British armed forces in Europe as a chaplain in Belgium after the first world war. After his period in the Army, Fr Docherty served out the rest his vocation in Glasgow, Perth and Dundee. He was always closely associated with his home Parish of Croy and was a frequent visitor to his wider family in Kilsyth. His remains are interred in Kilsyth cemetery, sect III, 519.

## **Rev. Robert Docherty – 3rd May 1979.**

Born at Condorrat on 16th December 1905, Robert Docherty received his early education at St Patrick's Kilsyth and at St Aloysius' College Glasgow. He entered Blairs in 1923 and proceeded to St Peter's College Bearsden in 1925.

He was ordained to the priesthood on 29th June 1931 and was appointed assistant priest to Holy Cross Glasgow where he remained until 1933. He Spent some time in the Abbey of S. Andre, Lophen –Les in Bruges Belgium and returned to serve in St John's Perth from 1936 until 1939 and then Our Lady of Victories Dundee from 1939 to 1947.

He was not able to continue pastoral duties and had to spend the rest of his life in hospitals, with the exception of his last few years which he spent with his family in Condorrat.

He died in Bon Secours Hospital, Glasgow on Thursday 3rd May 1979. He was not very well known to the current generation of priests, but a large number of them concelebrated his funeral Mass in Holy Cross Church Croy, the principle concelebrant being the archbishop of Glasgow himself. (Ed - Thomas Winning). His remains were laid to rest in the family grave in Kilsyth cemetery.

May he rest in peace!

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Fr Doherty's final resting place in Kilsyth cemetery.