

The premature death of the late Rev. Fr. William O'Sullivan, C.C., St Mary's, Limerick, which took place at St John's Hospital on Friday last has aroused deep and widespread regret in his native parish of Ardpatrik, as well as in the adjoining parishes of Kilfinane and Essin, where he was a well-known figure since the days of his early boyhood. A past pupil of the Christian Brothers' Schools, Charleville, where he showed the educational talent with which he was gifted, he studied for the priesthood, and on his ordination after leaving college, he went to Australia for health reasons. On his return, he was appointed to the curacy of St Mary's, in his native diocese, where he ministered up to the time of his death. In his early days the late Father O'Sullivan took an active interest in athletics, and he was a prominent figure in the hurling arena in his native parish of Ardpatrik. He has another brother, Father Michael, who is on the English Mission, while a third brother, Daniel, has already taken his medical degrees in Dublin. The funeral of the late Father O'Sullivan, which took place on Monday from St John's Cathedral to Mount St Lawrence Cemetery, was indeed an impressive spectacle, and a testimony to the sorrow occasioned by his sad death. There was a large attendance of sympathisers present in addition to friends and neighbours, many of whom were his schoolmates, and who came to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory. There was an extremely large number of priests from the city and various parts of the diocese as well as the Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Keane. The father, mother, brothers, and sisters of the late lamented and popular clergyman and other immediate relatives were also present, as well as a large attendance of the general public. ©Irish Newspaper Archives