

## **APRIL 29, 1944 Fr. John Beasley, CM**



**Fr John Beasley** died on April 29, 1944, at St Benedict's Hospital, Malvern, Victoria, aged 24. This was only 4 months after his ordination, and at the beginning of a University course at Melbourne. The sickness which carried him off, some mysterious ailment of the blood, was never fully diagnosed: perhaps it was some tropical undulating fever complicated by a blood clot. He died, in spite of the most devoted care, and the use of some of the first penicillin made available in Australia.

Fr Beasley was born at Werribee, Victoria. He did his secondary schooling at De La Salle College, Malvern, and was one of the first group of boarding scholars there. Among the influences effecting his entry into the Congregation he used make grateful reference to the encouragement given him as a boy by Brother John Whelan of the Malvern staff.

*("Vincentian Journal" and "History of Vincentian Fathers in Australasia", D.F. Bourke, CM))*