

**APRIL 19, 1947    Fr. Joseph Lowe, CM**



In 1947, at Sale in Victoria, the death of Fr Joseph Lowe, at the age of 86, after a very long illness. He was born in the United States and was brought as a child to Ireland, where he did his schooling and entered Blackrock. Shortly after his ordination he was sent as a member of the original Vincentian staff to Bathurst in 1889: he was the last of that group to die. For the first 5 years of Vincentian rule at Bathurst he was Dean.

With some intervals of parish work in Malvern and Ashfield, amounting in all to 7 years, he was at Bathurst from 1889 to 1921, and spent altogether 25 years on its staff, his positions on the staff ranging through all the posts that were possible. On the conclusion of his term as Superior and President in 1921, he again moved back to parish work, but with his increasing age and the development of his asthmatic condition he rapidly became an invalid and required the constant attentions of a devoted nurse. In this long illness which necessitated withdrawal from all active work, Fr Lowe spent years in various houses of the province and with Dr Richard Ryan, Bishop of Sale, filling in for years the days and most of the nights making thousands of rosary beads and knitting woollen garments for orphan children.

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