

Memorial Doors at Kilmore College

Blessed by Bishop Stewart

IN the presence of nearly 250 former pupils of Assumption College, Kilmore, Most Rev. B. D. Stewart, Coadjutor-Bishop of Sandhurst, blessed and unveiled memorial doors erected at the college to the memory of 33 ex-students who were killed during World Wars I and II, on Sunday, May 22.

The interesting ceremony, which was the highlight of the annual reunion celebrations attracted ex-pupils from Queensland, New South Wales, and from nearly every part of Victoria. Special parlour cars, which left Melbourne early in the morning, were packed with Melbourne representatives of the association.

The memorial, reproduced on this page, are double doors leading to the chapel and were erected by two old boys, Messrs. D. F. Smith, B.Arch., A.R.A.I.A., and B. Skehan. Besides the names of the deceased members there are suitable inscriptions and replicas of the college crest inscribed on the lower part of the doors.

TRADITION OF THE COLLEGE

Bishop Stewart was met on his way to Kilmore by Senior Constable M. Walsh and senior collegians who escorted him to the college. He was welcomed on arrival by Rev. Bro. Damian and Major P. A. Kennedy, the president.

His Lordship was assisted in the unveiling and blessing, and also at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, by Rev. A. Bones, Chancellor of the Sandhurst diocese, and Rev. D. Kilmartin and B. Creely, S.S.S., both old boys. The singing of the large crowd

The singing of the large crowd present made the ceremony most impressive.

In his address, Bishop Stewart paid tribute to the tradition of Assumption College and to those

men who paid the supreme sacrifice. He stressed the need for loyalty among Catholic men, loyalty to King, country and Church. The loyalty of those men whose names were inscribed in the memorial doors was obvious as was the sincerity of the large number of old collegians who had travelled long distances to pay tribute to their old school, the Bishop said. Loyalty was two-sided, he added, and this was illustrated by the design of the memorial: the interior acknowledging the spiritual and the exterior, the material. His Lordship was later entertained at afternoon tea by Bro. Damian and members of the Old Collegians' Executive Committee.

REUNION MASS

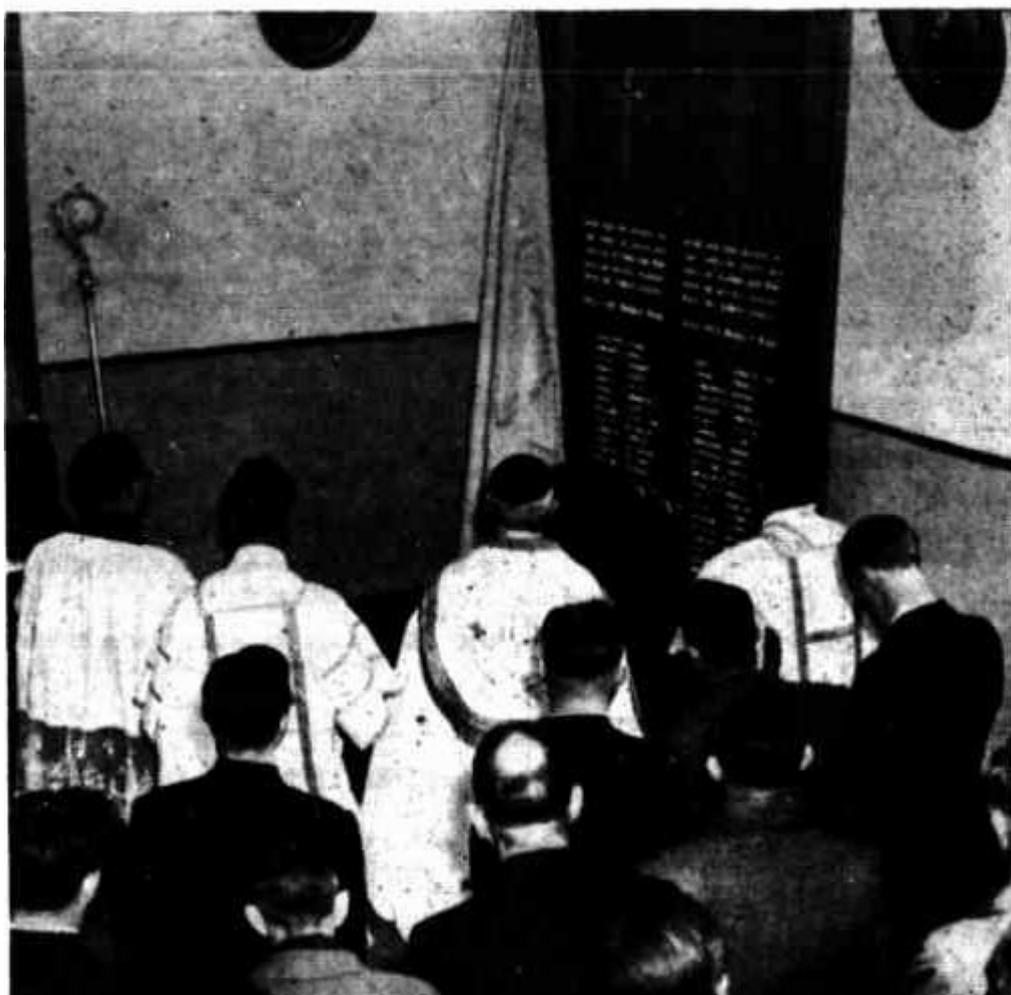
Prior to the celebrations, Fr. Kilmartin celebrated the reunion Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Kilmore, and eight old boys, including a doctor, a Marist Brother, an architect, a law student, two civil servants and a farmer, acted as Mass servers.

At the dinner, the retiring president, Major Kennedy, presided, and representatives of 12 kindred old boys' associations attended. Among the speakers were Dr. Bill Rawlings, Dr. Peter Ryan, Rev. Bro. Methodius (one of three ex-student Brothers in attendance), Mr. W. K. Allen and Mr. Frank De Neefe. Mr. Terry Martin (Old

De Neefe. Mr. Terry Martin (Old Patricians, East Melbourne) responded to the toast of "Kindred Associations."

OFFICE-BEARERS APPOINTED

At the annual meeting held during the day the following appointments were made: President, William K. Allen, B.Com.; past-president, Major P. A. Kennedy; vice-presidents, Dr. W. J. Rawlings, P. V. Branagan, B.A., LL.B., D. F. Smith, B.Arch., B. J. Cook and F. X. De Neefe; secretary, R. H. L. Slattery; treasurer, G. H. Gannan; assistant secretary, H. C. Donnelly; general committee, J. F. Bradstreet, J. M. Broderick, E. Callaghan, L. F. X. Curran, T. A. Goodwin, B. G. Hardy, A. A. Huggins, J. M. McCormack, D. J. Mooney, B. J. Smith and R. J. Fisher; Kilmore representative, John Harrington.





Bishop Stewart blessing the doors.