

## DEATH OF A PRIEST

### Rev. James Rawlings

Rev James Rawlings, Roman Catholic parish priest at Kingaroy, died in that town on Saturday. Father Rawlings had been an inmate of the Mater Misericordiae Private Hospital, Brisbane, several times, and he returned to Kingaroy some weeks ago. A few days ago he became ill again and he quickly succumbed. Father Rawlings was a son of the late Mr and Mrs Barnabas Rawlings, well known Brisbane residents and was born at Coorparoo about 38 years ago. He attended the Junction State School and later the Christian Brothers' College, Gregory Terrace. He entered St Patrick's College, Manly, in 1915 and was ordained at St. Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane, by Archbishop Duhig on December 8 1923. He was at Maryborough for several years and then was transferred to Kingaroy. He is survived by several brothers and two sisters.

The remains were brought to Brisbane, and a solemn requiem mass was held in St. Stephen's Cathedral this morning, after which the funeral moved to the Nudgee cemetery.

#### ARCHBISHOP'S PANEGYRIC

A solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the late Rev. Father Rawlings was held at St. Stephen's Cathedral. Archbishop Duhig was on the throne.

His Grace was assisted by Monsseigneur W. Lee and Very Rev. Father J. Lockington, S.J. The celebrant was Father J. Concannon; the deacon, Father B. Crowley, and the sub-deacon, Father B. Bolton. The readers of eulogies were Monsseigneur T. Molony and Father T. O'Connell.

The chief mourners were the deceased's brothers and sisters and close relatives. They included, Miss Ethel Rawlings, Mrs. E. D. Evelyn, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Cline, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rawlings, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Rawlings and Mr. G. B. Rawlings.

Among others who attended the service were Mr. J. Langan, representing the parish of Nanango and the Nanango branch of the Hibernian Society, and the president (Mr. T. O'Connell) and officers of the Kingaroy branch of the Hibernian Society. These were the ball hearers.

Dr. Duhig traced the deceased's career in the church and paid a tribute to his great devotion to the welfare of others, his worthy clients, his outstanding hospitality and his loving kindness to all who knew him. These were the qualities that made him beloved by all and his friends, his college, his parishes and his church could be proud of the work that he had performed in a comparatively short span of time.

After the Mass the cortege moved to the Nudgee Catholic Cemetery.