

Death of a Popular Queensland Priest.

REV. FATHER T. KELLEHER.

The death of Rev. Father T. Kelleher (P.P., Wynnum) occurred at the Mater Misericordiae Private Hospital early on Wednesday morning of last week. The late Father was 48 years of age, and was born in Ireland. He was educated in County Cork, went to Mount Melleray, then to All Hallows' College, Dublin, where, in June, 1901, he was ordained a priest. He came to Australia in the same year, and was attached to the Cathedral staff in Brisbane. He later worked at St. Brigid's (Red Hill) at Toowoomba, was parish priest at Rosewood, and finally at Wynnum.

Requiem Mass.

A Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Father Timothy Kelleher was celebrated at St. Stephen's Cathedral on June 7 by the Rev. N. J. O'Leary. His Grace Archbishop Duhig presided, and the officiating priests were Fathers Jordan (deacon) and O'Keeffe (sub-deacon). Absolution was given by his Grace.

In his panegyric, his Grace said that they were gathered together to offer their prayers for the soul of one of their priests, who had been taken away in his very prime. They bowed, as the late Father Kelleher had bowed, before the will of God, but naturally—and supernaturally—they felt their loss. "I am happy. I need nothing," said Father Kelleher on his deathbed. "That happy death," said his Grace, "was the reward of a life of charity and hard work. The late Father Kelleher had been born in Ireland, in 1875, coming from a grand old school, the Patrician Brothers' College in

Ireland, in 1875, coming from a grand old school, the Patrician Brothers' College in Cork, at Mount Melleray, and was later a student at All Hallows College, Dublin. He was ordained in 1901, and came to Queensland. God had been very kind to him, for He had given him a beautiful nature, rich in all the qualities and gifts that appealed to every class of people. It was no exaggeration to say that one did not know Father Kelleher without being drawn to him—drawn by his wonderful fund of sympathy, his kindness, his thoughtfulness, his gentleness, and, above all, his charity. He had been first stationed at St. Stephen's Cathedral; he was later parish priest at Rosewood, and lastly was in charge of the parish of Wynnum. No man had been more beloved than he by his fellow priests, and the laity must have the very kindest remembrance of him, because Father Kelleher had never failed either priests or parishioners. One might say of Father Kelleher, in the words of Holy Writ, "Beloved in God," because he was beloved of God; he gave all that man could give to God; he gave his young life, he left his home and relatives 13,000 miles away, and never returned to them. And, lastly, they could say of him, that he was beloved of men, because of his nobility and charitable-ness. The large congregation paid a fine tribute to his memory. Rarely, if ever, said his Grace, had he seen a larger congregation of people at the obseques of any priest. It was a fitting tribute to the worth of the late Father Kelleher as a priest and as a man.

The funeral took place from the Cathedral immediately after the service. Members of the Wynnum branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, in regalia, acted as pall bearers. The principal mourners, close personal friends of the deceased, were Mesdames Tierney, Coneys, Donovan,

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and Miss E. Ryan (Rosewood). Included among the clergy who attended were his Grace the Archbishop (who conducted the service), Father Potter, and Father M'Dermott (Wynnum). Others who followed the cortege to Nudgee cemetery were Mesdames W. Maher, J. M'Nulty, Misses Ryan and Noonan, Messrs. A. B. Macgregor, M. L. Hardiman, J. Ahern, O. Hayes, A. Cooper, M. J. Kirwan, M.L.A., J. T. Joyce, J. M'Caffrey, F. M'Donnell, J. F. Donovan, J. Connolly (directors), M. Watson (manager), and L. Keating (editor Catholic "Advocate"), and J. Kissane, M. Toomey and A. T. Desmond (representing Queensland Irish Association). The altar boys from St. Patrick's Church, Wynnum, were also present. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of K. M. Smith.