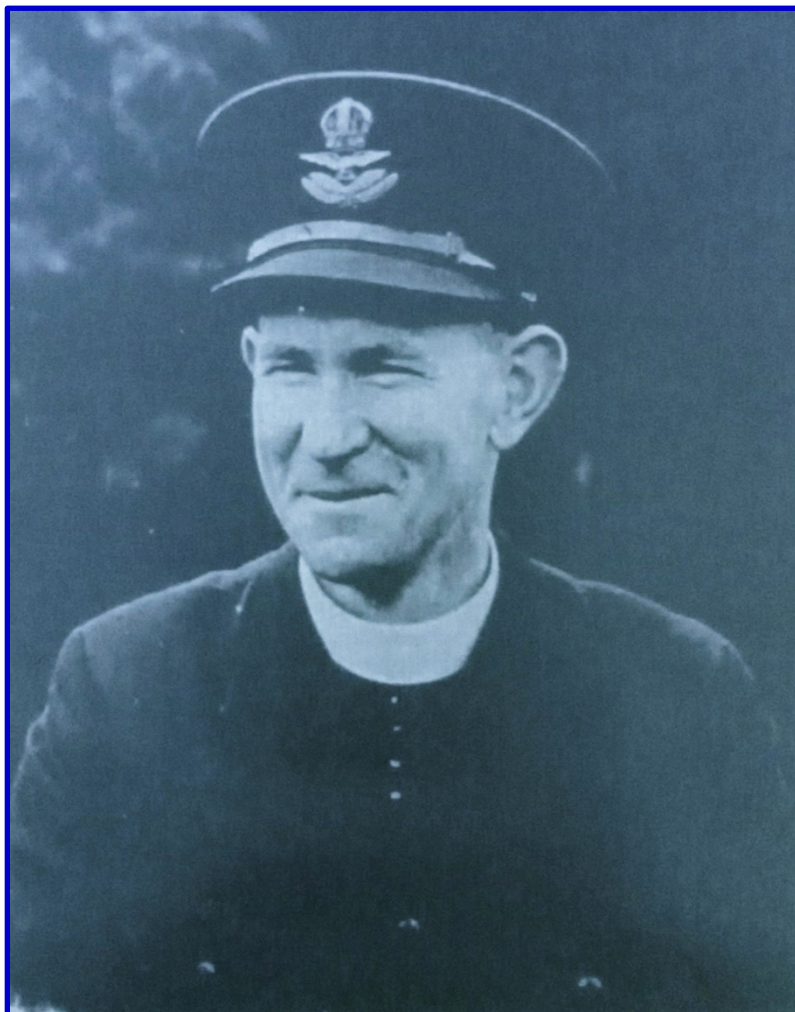


MONS JIM MCINERNEY



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Born on August 2, 1903 in Yambuk, Mons Jim McInerney attended St Joseph's Primary School and St Patrick's College, Ballarat. He studied at Corpus Christi College in Werribee between 1923 and 1931 and ordained by Bishop Foley at St Patrick's Cathedral on July 19, 1931. Between 1932 and 1951 he was Assistant Priest at Ballarat East, Horsham, St Patrick's Cathedral and Creswick where he spent thirty-two years as Parish Priest.

During WWII, he served as Chaplain at the Ballarat R.A.A.F. Base where he supported the Catholic men and women. Mons McInerney was highly active within the diocese. He served as Chaplain for the C.Y.M.S., Children of Mary, Loreto College, Campion Society, Y.C.W., National Catholic Rural Movement, Lay Apostolate and Education Director. Mons McInerney was also the Founder and Editor of the Diocesan Magazine *Light* between 1948 to 1971. He was reputed to be one of the best priest journalists of the century and won the Murtagh Award for the best editorial in a Catholic newspaper in Australia several times. He retired in 1983 and died at Nazareth House in 1992. He was 88.