

FR JAMES CONWAY



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Dated: c. 1940s
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Born in Koroit on September 18, 1900, Fr James Conway was educated at St Brigid's School, Crossley, St Patrick's College, Ballarat and Xavier College, Kew. He entered St Columba's College, Springwood, NSW in 1924. He was ordained from St Patrick's College Manly on November 30, 1930 by Bishop John McCarthy (then Bishop of Sandhurst). He served as Assistant Priest at Koroit, Mildura, Inglewood, Horsham and Colac before WWII. Between 1939 and 1944 he served as a Chaplain in the army, however not much is known of his time in the forces.

After the war, he served three years as Assistant Priest in Warrnambool. He was then appointed Administrator at Koroit in 1947 and Parish Priest of Stawell in 1954 where he stayed for twenty one years. It is recorded in the BDHC archives that during this time, Fr Conway was responsible for baptising 660 babies, and officiated 318 marriages. He retired in 1975 and died on September 30, 1979 at the age of 70.