

FR MICHAEL PHILBIN



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Dated: c. 1950s

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Born in Louisburg, Co. Mayo Ireland in 1901, Fr Michael Philbin studied at St Patrick's College, Carlow and was ordained on June 12, 1927. He came to Australia in the following year. He was given his first appointment as Assistant Priest in Maryborough. He was also at Linton and Camperdown, before moving to Hopetoun for the first time in 1935.

Fr Philbin had a strong connection with this township as he returned both in 1946 and 1949 when he became the Parish Priest. Between these years, he served as Chaplain at the R.A.A.F. and also in Colac, Nhill, Hamilton and Stawell. However his connection with the Hopetoun Parish would remain until his retirement in 1971.