



Born on 2nd April, 1919, in Belfast, he joined the Passionists in early 1939 and was ordained a priest on the 28th April, 1945. He was initially involved in the Formation of our students. Later he was stationed in Sutton, Minsteracres and Ilkley, mainly in local ministry, with some preaching of missions. He has been based here in Highgate for almost 40 years, where more recent generations of St. Joseph's parishioners and the wider North London Irish community will of course remember him as the patriarch of St. Joseph's Social Club.

Passionist Provincial John Kearns said: "Chris would have been 101 on 2nd April and would have celebrated the 75th anniversary of his ordination on 28 April. We pray he is now enjoying new birth and the fullness of God's Kingdom in the presence of Christ Crucified and Risen. **As you know the possibilities for funerals are very limited at the moment, but whenever it is possible we will hold a Memorial Mass and worthy celebration for Chris.**"

**Passionist Provincial Fr. John Kearns celebrated Fr. Christopher's [funeral Mass](#) on Thursday afternoon, 2<sup>nd</sup> April in St. Joseph's church, in the presence of the Highgate Passionist community. May he rest in peace.**

This report on the occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday last year gives a [brief account of Fr. Chris's life](#)