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Assault victim is buried on birthday

THE funeral of a young man who died after he was assaulted with an iron bar took place yesterday on what would have been his 22nd birthday.

Jonathan Edwards, a father of two, of Abbeyvale, Corbally was buried after Requiem Mass in Limerick's St Mary's Church. The celebrant, Fr Thomas Mangan CC, referred to "a young life so viciously taken from us".

"He would have been celebrating his 22nd birthday today with his family and friends," Fr Mangan said.

A 17-year-old youth has been charged with assaulting Mr Edwards at St Ita's Street, St Mary's Park on August 28.

Mr Edwards died at Cork University Hospital last Sunday, one of the victims of five violent deaths in the city in three weeks.