

# BUS-TIME



## Death of Right Rev. Monsignor Michael Moloney, PP, VG

AT approximately 9.30 this evening the remains of one of Limerick's most revered citizens will arrive at St. Munchin's Church. An official announcement in the early hours of this morning gave the sad tidings that the early hours of this morning gave the sad tidings that Moloney, P.P., V.G., St. Munchin's, had been called to the Lord Whom he had served so well.

Ever since Monday, the "Limerick Leader" has been inundated with phone calls inquiring as to the condition of the beloved Monsignor. It was with a feeling of deep regret that to-day we told his parishioners and his legion of friends that he had passed to his eternal reward.



Monsignor Moloney was involved in a car accident at Newmarket-on-Fergus on Monday last as he journeyed to Kilrush to attend a wedding of a parishioner.

### TWENTY-TWO YEARS

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Moloney was born 70 years ago in Dromcollogher. He was educated at the local national school and pursued his academic career at St. Munchin's College. On leaving there, in 1912, he went as a student to the Irish College in Rome, where he was ordained in September, 1918. Immediately he was appointed Diocesan Secretary and he held this post for 22 years. The late Monsignor was Secretary to the late Bishops Hallinan and Keane.

In 1940, Monsignor Moloney was made Parish Priest of St. Patrick's. He served this parish until the Parish of St. Munchin became vacant in 1946, when the late Dr. O'Neill was elevated to the Bishopric. On his appointment as Parish Priest of St. Munchin's, Monsignor Moloney was made a Canon and a Vicar Forane and in September, 1950, was appointed Monsignor.

### AN AUTHORITY

The late and much lamented Monsignor was a distinguished archaeologist and historian, being an authority on Limerick family and social history. He was on the management of the Thomond Archaeological Journal and was a noted contributor to this journal. He was a great patron of the arts and during his tenure of office as Parish Priest of St. Munchin's he was responsible for the building of the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary on the Ennis Road. At his untimely death plans had been formulated for the erection of a second Church in the

Parish. The late Monsignor Moloney was one of the most popular figures in Limerick City and County and his passing will be mourned by all who had the privilege of knowing this kind soul. May he rest in peace. He is survived by a nephew, Mr. M. Moloney, Feenagh, and a niece, Mrs. Aherne, Dromcollogher.

### CO. COUNCIL SYMPATHY

At to-day's meeting of the Limerick Co. Council all sides of the Council joined in the expression of sympathy to the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese on the death of the Monsignor.

Clr. P. Clohessy, T.D., said that the death of the Monsignor was a great loss to the Diocese. He had the pleasure to be associated with him on the Mental Hospital Board and he proved himself a very able administrator.

Clr. S. Hayes described the late Monsignor as an outstanding Churchman and a fine gentleman.

Clr. J. J. Collins, T.D., said that it was quite true to say that Monsignor Moloney was an outstanding Churchman, a thorough Irishman who always stood for everything in the national interest, not alone for the county but for the nation as a whole.

The Co. Manager, Mr. T. M. O'Connor, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, joined in the expression of sympathy.

### BISHOP FLIES HOME

When His Lordship the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Henry Murphy, heard of the seriousness of Monsignor Moloney's condition he flew immediately to Ireland and Limerick from the Ecumenical Council, which he was attending in Rome. He drove to Dublin on hearing of the death of his Parish Priest.

### Four injured in car crash

Four people were taken to the Limerick Regional Hospital on Wednesday night suffering from injuries they received when a car in which they were travelling was involved in a traffic accident near Dromkeen. They are Harry Bradshaw, who is reported to be seriously ill, John Hayes, William Ryan, all from Glengar, Doon, Co. Limerick, and Sean Cummins, of Liscaugh, Doon.

At the time of the accident they were on their way to a dance in Dromkeen. The condition of the other three is stated to be satisfactory and it is expected that Sean Hayes will be discharged this afternoon.

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