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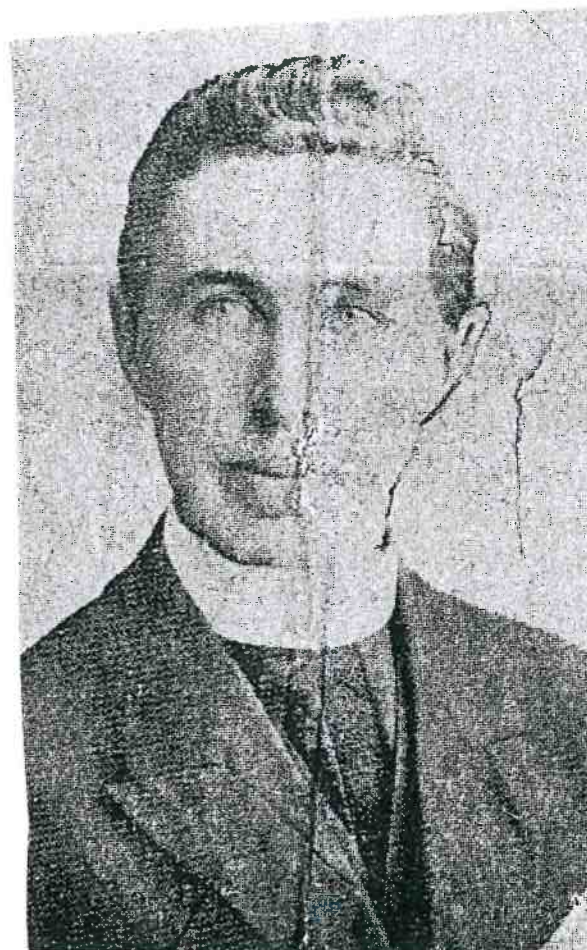
1916 - 1923



Fr James O'Callaghan

Fr James was my grandmother's first cousin once removed. He was born Templemartin and attended St Patrick's College, Maynooth Co. Kildare. He was ordained on the twenty first of June 1908 in the College Chapel. His death occurred on the night of the fifteenth of May 1921. It took place at Upper Tanenount, Sunday's Well, at the residence of Alderman Liam de Roiste who was an M.P. at the time. He was there that night and it unprotected. A group of black and tans dressed as civilians attacked the house. They smashed the door and forced their way in. Hearing the commotion, came out onto the upstairs landing and by that time the black and tans had made their way upstairs. A volley of bullets was fired at him, one bullet flew straight through him and he fell to the ground bleeding. He was taken to hospital and died there at six pm that evening.

# Fr. James O'Callaghan



# Jeremiah O'Donovan

Jeremiah was my great grandfather. He was born in 1888 in Lisarood, West Cork. He joined the Lyre in 1916 at the age of 33. He went on to marry and have children, in 1932 he fathered Jeremiah Jr (Perry). In 2016 a bouquet with the Irish tri-colour upon it was placed on his grave in Ahikah. There is a certificate with his name on it hanging in Scannells bar Clonakilty.