

## **Fr Ambrose Farrington**

Fr Ambrose died on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 after a relatively short illness at the age of 94.

Ambrose was born in 1926 in Ballymore Eustace Co Kildare. He was educated in the College attached to Mount St Joseph Abbey, Roscrea which he entered after completing his education.

When Mount St Joseph received the gift of property in Bolton, Fr Ambrose was sent as caretaker in 1962. He became first superior in 1965 when the full community was seen to take up regular life in the new monastery. The old house was adapted and new buildings erected during his term in office. Fr Ambrose served in the capacity as superior, guest master, bursar, farm manager, novice master and Abbot.

He was much loved by the local community and by scores of religious and lay persons who visited the monastery over the years. He was always the perfect gentleman who welcomed everyone with a smile and openness of heart. He was much sought after as a confessor and spiritual guide.

Fr Ambrose was blessed all his life with good health and was able to be active in the community up until his time of death. At the time of his death his mind was so very sharp and clear that he was able to fulfil the office of bursar with great competence and charity. He was the main cantor and faithful participant in all the offices without exception all his monastic years.

The death of Fr Ambrose has left a huge impact on our little monastic community. His memory fills the monastery and his spirit continues to inspire.



<b>Born</b>	<b>21 October 1926</b>
<b>Entered</b>	<b>15 August 1947</b>
<b>Received</b>	<b>28 September 1947</b>
<b>First Profession</b>	<b>02 October 1949</b>
<b>Solemn Profession</b>	<b>06 October 1952</b>
<b>Ordination</b>	<b>25 January 1954</b>
<b>Died</b>	<b>2020</b>