

Br Anthony Jones

Br Anthony died on October 24th 2023 after a relatively short illness at the age of 92.

Br Anthony was born in Bagenalstown, Co Carlow in 1931 and entered Mount Melleray Abbey, Waterford in December of 1952. After his initial formation at Mount Melleray Abbey he felt called to the new foundation being made by Mount St Joseph's Abbey of Roscrea at Moone, Co Kildare in 1965. The new foundation being Bolton Abbey.

Br Anthony was gifted in many and varied ways from being an expert bricklayer and plasterer (a great gift for any new foundation) and a fantastic cook (an even more treasured gift for a new foundation.)

Br Anthony lived his life in simplicity and prayer and while guest master discovered a further gift of discernment and healing, especially to those in great distress due to addiction. People came from far and wide to avail of his wisdom and gentle healing.

Br Anthony's final wish was that his body be donated to medical research. In a discussion with him I asked how he would want to be remembered at his memorial mass. His exact words were "Just tell them I tried"

God Bless You Br Anthony. You are being missed by myriads of people but none more so than the members of your own community. May all our epithets be "I Tried"