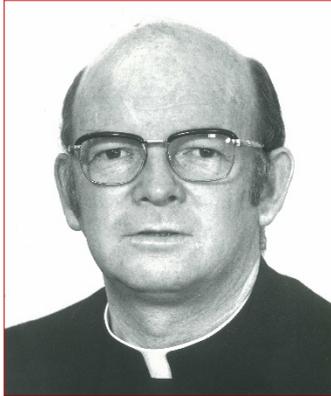


Fr Donald Oswin Hughes OMI

Don Hughes was born in Fremantle, WA on 23rd August 1932, and educated at CBC Fremantle. Intending to be a diocesan priest he studied philosophy at St Charles Seminary in Guilford WA, then joined the Oblates in 1953 at Sorrento. In 1954 he went to study theology at Piltown, Ireland where he was ordained on the 15th September 1957.



His first obedience was 3 months at Holy Cross, Liverpool before he returned to Australia, to Sorrento. In his first 2 years he was also at Peshurst NSW, Beaconsfield WA and Camberwell. He taught at Iona College 1961-65, then went to Mazenod WA 1966-72 as first rector.

Fr Don was then rector of St Mary's Seminary until January 1976, when he moved to Massey NZ as parish priest until March 1982, then Rosebud for 14 months followed by Tea Tree Gully SA until the end of 1989.

From 1990 to 1995 he was novice master then rector of St Mary's Seminary for a second term, followed by 10 years of parish ministry in WA, at Fremantle then Lesmurdie. He was then Rector of St Charles Seminary (archdiocesan), Guildford WA for 2 and a half years, then had a year back as novice master at St Mary's Seminary, Mulgrave.

He joined Mazenod College Community in Lesmurdie in 2011, where he has been since, apart from brief supply stints. There he loves watching sporting matches, is involved with the boys, and is seen as a grandfather figure.

Fr Don is an Oblate who has been willing to go wherever he was asked, to do whatever was needed. He has been in all the Oblate ministries - he has been missionary, parish priest, teacher, college and seminary rector, formator. He is passionately interested in the congregation: he has been the historian of the province, the keeper of the stories, writing historical articles for COSMIC and compiling 88 biographies of deceased province members.

