

John Joseph Dowdall

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NEWPORT

The Late Dr. J. J. Dowdall.----The funeral service took place yesterday at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury for Dr. John Joseph (Jack) Dowdall, aged 76, of Bedford Lodge, The Mall, who died at the Royal I.W. County Hospital on Tuesday. The service was conducted by Father P. O'Mahoney. Born in Mullingar, Ireland, Dr. Dowdall came here in 1920 to enter into partnership with the late Dr. S. Foster. His wife, Brenda, a native of Dublin, died in 1955. There are two daughters of the marriage, Mrs. P. O'Brien, of Ryde, and Mrs. O. Fawkes, of Sudbury, Suffolk. In the 1914-18 war Dr. Dowdall served in the R.A.M.C., mainly in India. He was a keen tennis and bridge player. He was a member of the County Club, the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, and the Island Sailing Club. During the last war he looked after the practice of Dr. L. Way, who was on military service. He leaves four sisters, two in England, one in Ireland and the other in Kenya.

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THE LATE DR. J. J. DOWDALL

Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Thomas of Canterbury Roman Catholic Church, Newport, on Friday week, by Fr. P. O'Mahoney (parish priest), assisted by Frs. N. Swinton (curate), D. Cogan, and N. Cocker (Ryde) and McCarron (Quarr) for Dr. John Joseph (Jack) Dowdall, aged 76, of Bedford Lodge, The Mall, Newport, who died at the Royal I.W. County Hospital last week. The coffin had rested in the church the night before the service. Mr. P. Fawkes (son-in-law) was the altar server.

The Mass was celebrated in English for the first time in an Island church, Fr. O'Mahoney having obtained special permission from the bishop. The family mourners were Mrs. E. Drury (sister), Dr. and Mrs. D. O'Brien and Mr. and Mrs. P. Fawkes (sons-in-law and daughters) and Mr. Michael O'Brien (grandson). The large attendance in church included many former colleagues from the Newport, Ryde and West Wight areas and also former patients. Ald. A. H. Rowland (chairman) represented the County Health and Welfare Committee. Also present were staff from St. Mary's and Whitecroft hospitals. Catholic organisations represented included the Third Order, the Legion of Mary, the Knights of St. Columba and St. Vincent de Paul. Only flowers from the family adorned the coffin. Interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery in the grave of his wife.

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