

Justin Mooney

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THE LATE REV. FATHER MOONEY, OF NEWPORT.

We regret to have to record the death of the Rev. Justin Mooney, Roman Catholic priest of Newport, which occurred on Sunday last, after a somewhat prolonged illness, though the end came with some suddenness. The deceased, who was in the prime of life, having only recently passed his fiftieth year, succeeded the venerable Canon Fryer as priest at Newport about two years ago, and his removal from the scene of his zealous labours is deeply deplored by the members of the Roman Catholic communion at Newport, as well as by many outside of that communion who enjoyed the privilege of his acquaintance. The funeral of the deceased took place on Wednesday last with all the solemn rites of his Church. A large congregation attended the service at the church. Amongst the priests present, in addition to those taking part in the impressive ceremony, were the Rev. Fathers Bower, Williams (Carisbrooke Convent), Davis (Cowes), Murtough (Newport), and Rivarn (Southampton), while the laity were represented by Mr. Joseph Johnson, Mr. Edmund Peel, Mr. F. B. Meager, and many others. The body, in its handsome coffin of polished oak and brass mountings, had been brought into the church over night, and on the coffin were placed a priest's beretta, stole, and chalice---symbols of his office and spiritual authority. The requiem mass was sung by the Rev. W. Dawson, the deacon and subdeacon being the Revs. P. Haythornthwaite and L. J. Matthews. Canon Hall, of St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, led a choir of some 20 priests in the singing of the grave and severe Gregorian music. Dr. Virtue, Bishop of Portsmouth, who was in the sanctuary during the mass, assisted by Monsignore Cahill, of Ryde, pronounced the customary absolutions. The interment took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery, and on the arrival of the body there a long procession was formed, headed by cross bearer, thurifer, and acolytes. The service at the grave was read by the Rev. J. Murtough. Singularly impressive was the singing of the *Benedictus*, many of the congregation being deeply moved. The funeral arrangements were efficiently carried out by Mr. S. Chiverton.

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