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BEREAVEMENT NOTICE, MONSIGNOR JAMES HOOK

To all Priests & Deacons in the Diocese

5 January 2021

Dear Father, Dear Deacon,

It is with sadness that I inform you of the death of Monsignor Jimmy Hook. It is believed he died peacefully at his home on 26 December 2020. May he rest in the Lord's peace and light.

James Hook, son of Robert and Catherine Hook was born on 26 May 1927, the youngest of three children. He was educated at St. Anne's Primary School, and at St Alban's, Secondary Blackburn. He studied for the Priesthood at Upholland College.

After ordination in Lancaster on 30 May 1953, he had the following appointments.

Assistant Priest to Our Lady, Carlisle (1953- 1956); St. John Vianney, Blackpool (1956-1957); St. Ignatius, Preston (1959-1966), St. Teresa, Cleveleys (1966-1968); St Joseph, Preston (1968-1970).

Parish Priest in St. Edmund, Carlisle (1970-1975); English Martyrs, Poulton (1980-1984); Blessed Sacrament, Preston (1988-1989); Holy Family, Morecambe (1989-1999).

He held positions at the Catholic Missionary Society (1957-1959); the Ecumenical Commission (1967-1975); the Diocesan Information Officer (1971-1975); the Catholic Information Office (1975-1980); the Catholic Media Office (1984-1988) and was Editor of the Catholic Voice for a period from 1994.

At this moment I am not able to give any information regarding his funeral, although I believe he had expressed a desire to be buried at the Willows, Kirkham. The reason for delay in making this announcement is that Jimmy's housekeeper, Pat Colledge, was admitted to the Victoria Hospital, Blackpool on 26 December and has subsequently also died. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

Unfortunately, Jimmy had not given his next of kin a copy of his will. His funeral arrangements involve the undertaker dealing with my office and we have not been able to gain access to the property where, we assume, a copy of his will, will be found.

In the complexity of these times, severe restrictions will be imposed on any funeral arrangements. These will be made known to you in due course.



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Our prayers go to Jimmy's family, especially his nephews and nieces as well as to the family of Pat.

With my blessings

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