

# BURIALS AT PRIOR PARK, BATH

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## Summary

Burials occurred at Prior Park in the period 1837-1853. However on the sale of Prior Park in 1856 the bodies were removed, seven to Downside, three to Midford Castle chapel and one to Bath. Those reburied at Midford Castle were subsequently reburied at Arno's Vale cemetery. In 1867 the estate was re-purchased by Bishop Clifford. There are reports in the *Bath Chronicle* of 3 subsequent burials.

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Bristol Record Office 35721/Box 25 had a document entitled *Register of the Bodies buried in the Vaults of the Church of Prior Park College* which has 4 pages 3 of which have a list of burials and the fourth is a map of the arrangement of vaults beneath Prior Park Chapel. The box has not been found at Bristol Record Office but there is a microfiche (FCNC/RCS/1/2). It is understood that various items deposited by the Diocese of Clifton have been withdrawn and are now in the diocesan archives at Easton.

	Surname	Forename	Abode	Died	Age	Buried	Minister	Notes
1	Mennell	Mathew		22 Oct 1837	84	27 Oct 1837	Bp Baines	
2	Baines	Peter Austin		6 Jul 1843	57	13 Jul 1843	Bp Griffiths	
3	Baines	James		30 Aug 1844	31	5 Sep 1844	Bp Baggs	
4	Baggs	Charles Michael		16 Oct 1845	39	21 Oct 1845	Bp Griffiths	Bath Chronicle Thu 30 Oct 1845 p4; reburied 14-May-1856 St Mary the Immaculate, Midford
5	Thornley	Mary Ann (Miss)		7 Jan 1847				
6	Field	Henry		19 May 1848				
7	Howard	Rose		26 Dec 1848	91	30 Dec 1848		
8	Conolly	Charles	Midford Castle	13 Feb 1850	59	21 Feb 1850		reburied 19-May-1856 St Mary the Immaculate, Midford
9	English	Mrs M E		7 Mar 1850				
10	Bettington	Sarah		5 Mar 1852	67	13 Mar 1852		reburied 14-May-1856 St Mary the Immaculate, Midford
11	Fuller	George		7 Jan 1853	18	11 Jan 1853		

The first page of the Register has “The bodies for 1,2,3,5,6,7,11 were removed to Downside June 8, 1856; No 9 to Bath, Nos 4, 8, 10 to Midford Castle Church.”

Matthew Mennell appears as a sponsor in a baptism in 1794 and witness to a marriage in 1815, both at Knaresborough, Yorks (Publications of the Catholic Record Society Vol. XXII, London 1921). The death of Matthew Mennell, aged 84, was registered 1837/Q4 Bath.

Peter Augustine Baines (1787-1843), OSB, was Vicar-Apostolic and had bought Prior Park for a school and a seminary in Dec 1829. See *Post-Reformation Catholicism in Bath* Volume 1 ed. J. Anthony Williams, Catholic Record Society, 1975. The entry has his name as Peter Austin Baines. The GRO death registration in 1843/3 Bath has in the index ‘Peter Augustin Baines’ and this is also the form at BathBMD.

Will of The Right Reverend Peter Baines, D.D. of Lyncombe and Widcombe, Somerset, date 17 Jan 1844, PROB 11/1991.

Will of The Right Reverend Peter Baines, Doctor in Divinity of Lyncombe and Widcombe, Somerset, date 3 Apr 1844 PROB 11/ 1996.

Charles Michael Baggs (1806-1845) was Vicar Apostolic of the Western District of England in the period 1844-1845. Will of The Right Reverend Charles Michael Baggs, D.D., Bishop of Pelia of Prior Park near Bath, Somerset, date 6 Oct 1846, PROB 11/1846. There is a Wikipedia biography ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles\\_Michael\\_Baggs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Michael_Baggs)) which states that, having been buried at Prior Park, his body was reburied at Midford Castle and was finally reburied in Arno’s Vale Cemetery. From *Collections Illustrating the History of the Catholic Religion in the Counties of Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Wilts and Gloucester* by George Oliver, DD, (London Charles Dolman, 1857) p232:

“His coffin was thus inscribed:

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Carolus Michael Bagga,  
Episcopus Pellensis, V. A. D. O.  
Obiit xvii. Kalendas Novembris,  
Anno Domine MDCCCXLV.,  
Episcopatus sui secundo.  
Vixit Annos xxxix. Menses v.  
Cujus animæ propitiatur Deus.

In consequence of the breaking up of the college at Prior-park, his remains have been recently removed to a vault in Midford Chapel, by the kindness of the Conolly family.”

The death of Mary Ann Thornely, aged 33, was registered 1847/Q1 Bath.

There is a death registration for Henry Ibbot Field, aged 50, in 1848/Q2 Bath. Will of Henry otherwise Henry Ibbot Field, Professor of Music and Pianist of Bath, Somerset, date 30 Jun 1848, PROB 11/2076. There is a Wikipedia biography ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry\\_Ibbot\\_Field](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Ibbot_Field)) which describes how he converted shortly before he died.

The death of Rose Howard, aged 91, was registered 1847/Q4 Bath, suggesting an error in the original document which has the date of death as 26-Dec-1848. Will of Rose Anna otherwise Rose Ann Howard, Widow of Lyncombe and Widcombe, Somerset, date 21 Feb 1848, PROB 11/2069.

In 1810, Midford Castle was bought by one of the Conolly family of Castletown House in County Kildare. The castle, originally built in a trefoil shape, had a porch added by the Conollys who also built the nearby stables and chapel, known as the priory. The latter fell into disrepair after the last of the Conollys sold the house in 1901. Charles Connolly senior (-1828) had a business relationship with Williams Smith (the father of English Geology), the latter mortgaging part of the estate that he owned to Conolly but defaulting on this in 1814. Will of Charles Conolly of Midford Castle, Somerset, date 12 May 1828, PROB 11/1740. The death of Charles Thomas Conolly, aged 59, was registered 1850/Q1 Bath.

From *Collections Illustrating the History of the Catholic Religion in the Counties of Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Wilts and Gloucester* by George Oliver, DD, (London: Charles Dolman, 1857) p65:

Midford Castle, about three miles and a half from Bath. The estate here was purchased by the late Mr. Conolly, and at Midford House mass was first celebrated in the year 1820; for seven years it was served by different priests from Downside College. A chapel was then opened in Midford Castle, on 3rd May, 1837, by the worthy squire, and was served generally from Downside, until 1841, when Prior Park undertook to minister to the spiritual wants of the family. But there was no resident missionary there, until September, 1846, when the Rev. Charles Parfitt accepted the appointment. From his letter of 12th July, 1855, I learn that he had then sixty-two Catholics at Midford, and that he has established a poor school.

The death of Mary Elizabeth English, aged 70, was registered 1850/Q1 Bath.

In the 1851 census at 8 Devonshire Buildings, Bath: Sarah Bettington, aged 66, unmarried, fundholder, born at Bristol, and three servants. The death of Sarah Bettington, aged 67, was registered 1852/Q1 Bath. Will of Sarah Bettington, Spinster of Devonshire Buildings near the City of Bath, Somerset, date 1 May 1852, PROB 11/2152.

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The death of George Fuller, aged 18, was registered 1853/Q1 Bath.

There are only 18 spaces in the crypt arranged 3x3 on both the north and south sides. The original arrangement was:

	South 2nd	
1st		3rd
	George Fuller	
Sarah Bettington	Elizabeth English	Henry Fields

	North 2nd	
3rd		1st
Rosa Howard		
Matthew Mennell	Mary Ann Thornley	Chas Conolly

A *Liber Defunctorum* (35721/M5/R1/, microfiche FCNC/RCS/2/1) has the burials for individuals living near Bath who came under the Catholic parish of Midford. This includes reburials of bodies from Prior Park as well as burials of parishioners in Anglican cemeteries and Perrymead cemetery. The entries are in Latin.

	Surname	Forename	Abode	Died			Age	Buried			Notes
1	Conolly	Elizabeth	Midford	29	Apr	1827	40	7	May	1827	Buried at St John's, Bath and reburied at Midford on 14 May 1856.
2	Long	Martha	Combe Down	12	May	1845	47	18	May	1845	Buried at St Michael Archangel, Monkton Combe
3	Baggs	Charles Michael		16	Oct	1845	39	23	Oct	1845	Buried at Prior Park and reburied on 14-May-1856 at St Mary the Immaculate, Midford
4	Long	John	Combe Down	20	Feb	1846	81	1	Mar	1846	Buried St Michael Archangel, Monkton Combe
5	Lansdown	Sara Maria	Southstoke	5	Jul	1847	11m	12	Jul	1847	Buried St James the Apostle, Southstoke
6	Moger	Anthony	Midford	28	Jul	1848	73	2	Aug	1848	Buried St Mary, Limpley Stoke
7	Murphy	John	Midford	18	Jul	1848	3	23	Jul	1848	Buried St James the Apostle, Southstoke
8	Howarden	Joseph OSB	Hinton Charterhouse	21	Apr	1851	79	28	Apr	1851	Buried St John the Baptist, Hinton Charterhouse
9	Pearce	Anna	Combe Down	28	Jun	1851	77	2	Jul	1851	Buried St Michael Archangel, Monkton Combe
10	Conolly	Charles Thomas	Midford	13	Feb	1850	59	21	Feb	1850	Buried St Mary, Prior Park. Reburied 19-May-1856 at St Mary the Immaculate, Midford.
11	Lansdown	Maria Sarah	Southstoke	14	Aug	1851	3m	18	Aug	1851	Buried St James the Apostle, Southstoke
12	Bettington	Sarah	Bath	5	Mar	1852	67	13	Mar	1852	Buried Prior Park. Reburied 14-May-1856 St Mary the Immaculate, Midford.
13	Joyce	Anna	Midford	31	Mar	1855	55	8	Apr	1855	Buried St James the Apostle, Southstoke.
14	Strong	John	Southstoke	20	Jan	1858	50	27	Jan	1858	Buried St James the Apostle, Southstoke.

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	Surname	Forename	Abode	Died			Age	Buried			Notes
15	Murphy	Jane	Midford	2	Sep	1858	34	7	Sep	1858	Buried St James the Apostle, Southstoke.
16	Nash	Martha Aurelia	Midford	8	Jun	1890	35	14	Jun	1890	Buried St John's, Bath
17	Hancock	Charles	Midford	14	Mar	1895		19	Mar	1895	Buried St John's, Bath
18	Hancock	Maria	Midford	23	Mar	1895		27	Mar	1895	Buried St John's, Bath
19	Conolly	Louisa Brancaccio	Midford	26	Jan	1899	76	31	Jan	1899	Buried St Mary the Immaculate, Midford
20	Murphy	Jane	Midford	20	Jun	1900		25	Jun	1900	Buried St John's, Bath
21	Nash	Maria Anna	Midford	19	Jun	1901		22	Jun	1901	Buried St John's, Bath
22	Fitzstephens	Mary	Midford	30	Jun	1892		5	Jul	1892	Buried St John's, Bath

For Entry 1 the original burial would have been in the crypt of the original St John's in Old Orchard Street. A few reburials from that crypt occurred when Perrymead cemetery was opened in 1856.

Entry 6: The death of Anthony Moger was registered 1848/Q3 Bradford W.

Entry 8: In the 1851 census at Hinton Charterhouse: Joseph Howarden, aged 79, independent, born at Ilfeston (Lancs), wife Frances, aged 59, born at Salisbury, and children: Ewellward (son), aged 19, born at Wellow, and Frances, aged 18, born at Wellow. The death of Joseph Howarden, aged 79, was registered 1851/Q2 Bath. *Collections Illustrating the History of the Catholic Religion in the Counties of Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Wilts and Gloucester* by George Oliver, DD, (London Charles Dolman, 1857) on p 330-331 has a brief biography and then a declaration of (unspecified) misdeeds followed by "I regret to add, that he fell away again, after signing the foregoing document ; but I trust in the infinite mercies of God, that his end was peace, for he was certainly attended on his death-bed by that pious and zealous priest Canon Parfitt. He died at Hinton, near Bath, on Easter Monday, 21st April, 1851, aged seventy-eight."

Entry 19: the death registration has the name as 'Louisa Agata Conolly'. In the 1851 census at Midford Castle: Charles John Thomas Conolly, aged 32, land proprietor & fund holder, born at Bath, wife Louisa Brancaccio, aged 28, daughter of Prince Ruffano, born at Naples - British Subject, Charles Parfitt, aged 34, Catholic priest of Midford Castle chapel, born at Bruton (Som), a visitor (from Naples), and six servants. In the 1881 census at Southstoke: Louisa B Conolly, aged 58, widow, marchioness of St Agata, born at Naples British Subject, seven servants and the son of the butler.

From *The Times* of Fri 27 Jan 1899 (pg. 1; Issue 35737; col A):

CONOLLY.—On the 26th inst., at her residence, Midford Castle, near Bath, LOUISA BRANCACCIO, MARCHESA DI SANT AGATA, widow of the late CHARLES JOHN THOMAS CONOLLY, Esqre.

Entry 22 is out of order and it has an explanatory note in Latin. The death of Mary Fitz-Stephens, aged 68, was registered 1892/Q3 Bath.

*Converts To Rome -A List of about Four Thousand Protestants Who Have Recently Become Roman Catholics.* Compiled By W. Gordon Gorman, Editor Of The Two Last Editions Of "Rome's Recruits." Second Edition. (London: Swan Sonnenschein and Co., Paternoster Square. 1885) includes the following associated with Midford:

Robert Trivett Colthurst, of Midford. (1878.)

Charles Parfitt, D.D., a priest, Monsignor and Canon Theologian in the Diocese of Clifton; Rector of St. Mary's, Midford, Bath. (1839.)

Charles James Thomas Parfitt, nephew of the Right Rev. Monsignor Parfitt, D.D.. of Bath. (1868.)

James John Alexander Parfitt, ditto. (1868.)

John Parfitt, the Monsignor's brother. (1867.)

James John Parfitt, ditto, and his three daughters. (1866.)

William Parfitt, the Monsignor's uncle. (1818.)

Mrs. Anne Parfitt, mother of the Right Rev. Monsignor Parfitt, D.D., Rector of St. Mary's, Midford, near Bath. (1860.)

Miss Elizabeth Anne Fernandez, of Midford. (1880.)

Miss Mary Anne Franks, of Midford. (1855.)

Miss Agnes Anne Maltby Kirby, of Midford. (1881).

Miss Charity Moger, of Midford (1848.)

Miss Caroline Moger, ditto. (1848.)

Miss Maria Marina Moger (1852.)

Miss Mary Anne Agnes Perry, of Midford. (1878.)

Miss Mary Ward, of Midford. (1856.)

Miss Rose Agnes White, of Midford. (1882.)

The list is confined to nobility and gentry and the author states:

Had I acted on the suggestions of some, and had given a list embracing all members of society, I should have had to publish a volume which for dimensions would have favourably compared with the "Post-Office Directory," a task from which, I think, I have wisely shrunk. My main object has been to issue a work which, according to the *Christian Globe*, "gives one a startling view of the rapid advancement which Roman Catholicism has made of late years in certain quarters;" and the *Christian* says, "A glance through its pages will astonish some people who doubt the increase of Popery in these days."

From *The Times* of Fri 14 Mar 1856 (pg. 3; Issue 22315; col C):

PRIOR PARK, NEAR BATH.—The sale by auction of the entire effects of the central mansion and of the two Roman Catholic Colleges of St. Peter and St. Paul, having lasted for 16 days, was brought to a conclusion on Tuesday evening. Financial embarrassments led to the breaking up of this celebrated establishment; and the importance, magnitude, and unusual character of the auction has had an effect in quarters where the influence of the auctioneer's hammer is seldom experienced. The "viewers" were to be numbered by thousands, and the pecuniary result has been highly satisfactory. The sale commenced with the books, of which there were 1,000 lots. The private purchasers were many, and the trade of London was represented by Messrs. Nutt, Stewart, and Quaritch; that of Bristol, by Messrs. Kerslake, Lasbury, &c. The two most valuable lots, however, the Bollandist *Lives of the Saints*, 54 volumes folio, were knocked down for 115*l.* to the Rev. W. Maskell, formerly of Exeter, but now of Clifton. Altogether the library produced between 1,200*l.* and 1,300*l.*, many of the rarest works being purchased for Downside, Stoneyhurst, and other Roman Catholic colleges. The sale of the gorgeous vestments, furniture, and church plate of the bishop's chapel attracted a large attendance of dealers in works of art and antiquities from London, Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol, Dublin, and other parts. The representatives of many of the Roman Catholic establishments and of the nobility and gentry of that communion were also among the bidders for the choicest lots. The altar and tabernacle were sold conjointly, and, after a very close competition, were purchased for 60*l.* for Mr. Herbert of Llanarth-court, Monmouthshire. The bishop's throne sold for 9*l.* 10*s.*, and an organ, by Bishop, for 75*l.* Several lots of ecclesiastical vestments realized prices varying from 20*l.* 7*s.* to

4*l.* 4*s.* Among the church plate was a splendid chalice, described in the catalogue as unique. It dates from the 16th century, is silver-gilt, and bears seven enamels of exquisitely minute finish, depicting the Last Supper, the Agony in the Garden, the Crucifixion, the Martyrdom of St. Sebastian, and three other sacred subjects, each of which is a gem. The height of this beautiful work of art is 11 inches; it was sold for 69*l.* 6*s.* Another prominent feature among the church plate was a beautifully formed and elaborately-chased silver-gilt monstrance, enriched with diamonds, rubies, pearls, opals, emeralds, sapphires, and other precious stones, which was knocked down for 88*l.* 4*s.* But the most costly ornament was an ostensorium, an article intended to receive the consecrated wafer on days when high mass is performed by a bishop. The receptacle is of glass, from which radiates a halo, the rays of silver gilt, and inlaid as well as the triangular supporting shaft with costly and beautiful gems. The entire work is nearly 5 feet in height. It was designed by Bernini for the high altar of St. Peter's, at Rome, was executed by Sciletti and Gelpi, and is studded with upwards of 500 precious stones. This ostensorium is as gorgeous as it is tasteful; the cherub masks which adorn the shaft are admirably introduced, and a work in metal more beautiful in every respect can hardly be imagined. It was purchased for Stoneyhurst College for 500 guineas. Some ivory crucifixes, admirable specimens of carving, bought respectively 16*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*, 12*l.* 10*s.*, 7*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, and 7*l.* 15*s.* Some of the best of the paintings at Prior Park were sold some years ago to stave off an earlier difficulty of the establishment, and those that were left were not for the most part of a high class. The greater number represent either saints of the Roman or the early church or scriptural subjects. Four heads attributed to Francisca Herrera, St. Ambrose, St. Jerome, St. Gregory, and St. Austin sold respectively for 46*l.*, 16*l.*, 13*l.*, and 34*l.* A small head of St. Anne, brought 25 guineas. The altarpiece, however, was the great feature of

the collection. It is by Vandyke, the Crucifixion being the subject. The Saviour on the cross is represented with consummate skill. His countenance having the dignity of Deity combined with the resignation of man. Mary Magdalen embraces the feet of her Divine Master with an expression and attitude of the profoundest grief; the Virgin and the other Mary fill up either side of the composition, their countenances suggestive of intense sorrow. This lot sold for the comparatively small sum of 450 guineas. The statuary, coins, and bronzes fetched moderate prices. Altogether the sale realized about 7,500*l.*, which we have reason to believe is more than 3,000*l.* above the sum guaranteed by the auctioneers, Messrs. Rainey and J. Cookley, of Bath.

From *The Times* of Sat 7 Jun 1856 (pg. 14; Issue 22388; col A):

The Prior-park Estate, Bath, comprising a noble, splendid, and spacious Stone Mansion, with its extensive modern wings, connected by architectural arcades and corridors, latterly occupied as the Great Roman Catholic College, with various other Appendages, delightfully situated on one of the most prominent eminences overlooking the fine city of Bath, and commanding a grand expanse of magnificent scenery, but secluded in private grounds of surprising and varied beauty.

MESSRS. DANIEL SMITH and SON are commissioned to prepare for public COMPETITION, at the Mart, near the Bank of England, on Tuesday the 24th June, at 12 o'clock (unless an acceptable offer shall be previously made by private treaty) the entire (or in a few subdivisions presenting choice sites for building) the above very important and far-famed ESTATE, within and consequently possessing considerable influence in the borough of Bath. . . .



There was an announcement in the *Bath Chronicle* of Thu 21 Jan 1886 of the death of Archbishop George Errington, Bishop of Trebizond, which had occurred at Prior Park on 18 Jan 1886. From the *Bath Chronicle* of Thu 28 Jan 1886 p8:

#### FUNERAL OF ARCHBISHOP ERRINGTON

At Prior Park on Monday afternoon a solemn dirge for the late Archbishop Errington was sung in the church, the Bishop of Clifton officiating, and there being a large attendance of clergy. On Tuesday the interment took place in the cloisters near the entrance to the church. The Gregorian Requiem Mass was sung by Canon Woollett, of Plymouth, Mr. J. Chard and Mr. E. Bates (prior Park) being Deacon and Sub-deacon respectively. The Master of Ceremonies was Father Russell assisted by Father Scholes. Bishop Clifford assisted pontifically, his assistants being Canons Coxon (Bristol) and Loughnan (St Mary's, Bath). Bishop Vaughan (Plymouth) Bishops Weathers (coadjutor at Westminster), were present and among others were the Prior of Downside (Father Ford), Mgrs. Williams (who conducted the music) Searle, English and Clarke; Canons Williams (Prior Park), Crook (Salisbury), and Graham (Plymouth). The Benedictines were represented by Fathers Clarke, Davis, and Fleming (St. John's, Bath). Father Almond (Downside), Father Matthias, and another

Father from Clevedon, represented the Franciscan Order. The Jesuits present were Father Hill, Grant, and Clifford. The other clergy were the Hon. and Rev. Arundel (Shepton Mallet), Fathers Coopman (Fairford), Barron (Gloucester), Archdeacon (Frome), Macarthy (Bath), Wright (Bath), Hazeland (Lutterworth), Higginson (Wolverhampton), Iles (Cirencester), and O'Brien (Bristol). The mourners were Sir Geo. Errington, the Rev. John Errington, Mr. James Errington (nephews of the deceased) and Mr. Cashel Howell.

The sermon was preached by Bishop Clifford, who gave a sketch of the life of the deceased Archbishop from his birth, in 1804, near Richmond, Yorkshire, to his death at Prior Park. The Archbishop filled a responsible post in the Midland district, thence he went to Salford and thence to Plymouth where he was the first Bishop. He then removed to Westminster as coadjutor to Cardinal Wiseman, and in 1871 took up residence at Prior Park, where he was engaged in teaching theology almost to the hour of his death. He was a man skilled in financial matters, of high business capacities, punctual and most conscientious in the discharge of his duties. He had a great strength of mind and will, and on that account was often termed the Iron Archbishop. Yet he was ever considerate and no one could recall an unkind word or an unkind act that he had done. In Bath he was highly respected, not only by the clergy and laity of the Church, but by many who did not belong to it.

When the ceremonial in the church was concluded the body was conveyed to the cloisters, Bishop Clifford officiating and the choir singing Miserere. Among those present in the congregation and at the grave were the Rev. E. Trevelyan, Le Comte de Sommers, Mr. A. J. King, Mr. Louis King, Mr. J. A. Quin, Mr. W. J. English, and Mr. J. Melville.

There was an article entitled 'The "Iron Bishop" ' in the *Bath Chronicle* of Thu 4 Feb 1886 p3. This

gives some insight into the politics surrounding his different roles in the church.

The *Bath Chronicle* of Thu 19 Mar 1891 p2 reported on the funeral of the Very Rev. Monsignor Williams DD, President of Prior Park College. He was born in 1831 and died on 9 Mar 1891. Towards the end of the article is: "Dr. Clifford having concluded the sermon proceeded to the coffin and Absolutions were said, after which a procession was formed and the coffin borne to the grave in the south corridor, where the Miserere and final prayers were sung in harmony. The grave is next to that in which Archbishop Errington was interred five years ago, this being the second interment in the church."



The *Bath Chronicle* of Thu 24 Aug 1893 reported on the funeral of Bishop Clifford. "Absolution was given by each Bishop, and at the conclusion of the service, which began at eleven and lasted for nearly two hours, the procession moved to the south corridor where the coffin was placed in the same vault in which rest the remains of the Bishop's old and dear friend Archbishop Errington, and next to that of the late Monsignor Williams, whose death not long ago was a great grief to the Bishop. Here the final Psalms were sung and the stately ceremonial ended."



## Memorial Plaques

There are a series of memorial plaques in the walls of the southern corridor by the chapel.



George Errington (1804-1886)



GEOGIVS ERRINGTON  
PRIMVS ECCLESIAE PLYMVTHENSIS EPISCOPVS  
ARCHIEPISCOPVS TRAPEZVNTINVS  
HIC AD FORES TEMPIT IN PACE COMPOSITVS  
RESVRRECTIONEM CVM IVSTIS EXPECTANS  
PIORVM SVFFRAGIA IMPORAT  
OBIIT XIV CAL FEBRVARII AN SAL MDCCCLXXXVI  
AETATIS SVAE LXXXI

William Joseph Hugh Clifford (1823-1893)



HIC REQUIESCIT  
GULIELMUS JOSEPHUS HUGO CLIFFORD.  
HUGONIS VII BARONIS DE CHUDLEIGH FILIUS.  
NATUS APUD IRNHAM DIED XXIV DEC MDCCCXXIII  
A PIO PAPA IX FEL. REC. SACRATUS  
CLIFTONENSIS EPISCOPVS TERTIVS  
DIED XV FEB. MDCCCLVII  
QUI IN HOC COLLEGIO DIE XIV AUG. MDCCCXCIII  
IN OSCULO DOMINI OBDORMIVIT  
IN DOCTRINA SACRA IN CANONUM JURE IN RERUM  
ANTIQUARVM SCIENTIA PERITISSIMVS.  
AMOREM OMNIUM AD SE OVIVM SVAVITATE  
ET CARITATE UT BONVS PASTOR VIVENS ADLEXIT  
PRECES MORTVVS PETET.

Peter Augustine Baines (1786/7-1842)




PETRUS AUGUSTINUS BAINES.  
EPISCOPUS SIGIENSIS V.A.D.O  
OBIIT AN. DNI. MDCCCXLIII  
PRID. NON. JULII.  
VIXIT. AN. LVII.  
DIES. XII.

THIS PLATE WAS TAKEN OFF THE COFFIN OF  
THE BISHOP OF SIGA ON AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup> 1909  
WHEN HIS REMAINS WERE REMOVED TO  
THE CHOIR OF DOWNSIDE ABBEY CHURCH


Edward Williams (1830-1891)



DILECTVS DEO ET HOMINIBVS  
EDWARDVS WILLIAMS  
S.T.D. CAN. CLIFTON. LEONIS. PP. XIII. PRAEL. DOM  
VIR. PIETATE. ERVDITONE. MORVM. SVAVITATE. INSIGNIS  
HIC IN PACE  SITVS ES ORATE PRO EO  
COLLEGIO SS. APP. PETRI ET PAVLI AD AQVAS SVLIS  
PRAEFVIT ANN. XXIV. VIXIT ANN. LX. DIES. VII  
PLACIDE OBIIT VII. ID. MARTII. AN. MDCCCXCI  
COLLEGII SODALES ET EPHEBI MOERENTISSIMI  
III. PP

James Sheppard (1812-1896)



IN PACE  QVIESCIT  
IACOBVS SHEPHERD  
S.S.D.N. PAPE. LEONIS. XIII. CVBICVLARIVS. INTIMVS  
HVIVS. COLLEGII. BENEFACITOR. INSIGNIS  
SINGVLARI. ORATIONIS. SVAVITATE. PRAEDITVS  
OBIIT. DIES. XXII. MENSIS. APRILIS. MDCCCXCVI  
EXPLETIS. AETATIS. SVAE. ANNIS. LXXXIII  
SACERDOTII. LVII  
CVIVS. ANIMAE. PROPITIETVR. DEVS.

John Aloysius Ward (1929-2007)



THE MOST REVEREND JOHN ALOYSIUS WARD  
OEM Cap. ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS OF CARDIFF  
24<sup>th</sup> January 1929 - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2007  
Pupil at this College 1942 - 1945  
President of Prior Park Association 1966 - 1969  
Trustee of the Prior Park Foundation

This plaque has been erected by the College and the P.P.A. in grateful recognition of 'Jackie' Ward's lifelong and dedicated support for Prior Park College and Prior Park Preparatory School.

John Bisgood (1833-1916) & Mary Teresa Bisgood (1840-1928)



D·O·M  
JOANNI BISGOOD GLASTONIANO  
UXORIQUE MARIAE  
DE QUORUM FILIIS  
SEPTEM FUERUNT HUIUS COLLEGII ALUMNI  
CUM SIGNO DIEI DECESSERUNT  
JOANNES BISGOOD VIII ID FEBRUARII MCMXVI  
MARIA BISGOOD VI ID APRILIS MCMXXVIII  
GERALDUS CECILUS XV KAL OCTOBRIS MCMXIII  
JOSEPH JOANNES IV ID FEBRUARII MCMXXVII  
JACOBUS KIRVANUS PRID KAL APRILIS MCMXXXIII

AGNES	MCMCLIII	MARAGRITA	MCMLXII
EDWARDUS NICOLAS	MCMII	EUGENIUS FRANCISCUS	MCMLXVI
WILFRIDUS PHILIPPUS	MCMLIII	BERYTRAMUS LUDOVICUS	MXMLXVIII
EUSTACHIUS DIONYDID	MCMLVIII	MARIA EVA	MCMLXIX

. . . DOMINE ET OMNIBUS IN CHRISTO Q. . . . .  
LOCUM REFRIGERII LUCIS ET  
UT INDULGEAS DEPRECAMUR



THIS PLAQUE RECORDS THE VERY  
GENEROUS DONATION MADE IN  
1999 TO PRIOR PARK COLLEGE BY  
THE BISGOOD FAMILY (SEVEN OF  
WHOM ATTENDED THE SCHOOL) TO  
ASSIST THE TRUSTEES TO  
PURCHASE THE FREEHOLD OF THE  
COLLEGE AND ITS GROUNDS.

## Burial of Ashes



By a grotto in the college's grounds are two burials of ashes.



In loving memory of a  
beloved husband  
**Dr JAMES AUTY**  
Died 4th Dec. 2015.  
Always and Forever in my Heart,  
Miss You Always  
Do not go gentle into that good night  
Old age should burn and rave  
At close of day;  
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.



*Here lie buried the ashes of*  
**SIDNEY ASH**  
1919 - 2004  
*Classics Master and  
Deputy Headteacher*  
*Also his Wife*  
**MARY ASH**  
1920 - 2007  
*Loyal friend of  
Prior Park College*  
*Requiescant in Pace*