



MONSIGNOR MACKAY
First Pastor of Queenstown.



VERY REV. DEAN BURKE
Successor to Monsignor Mackay, as Pastor of
Queenstown.

many rivers and creeks had to be forded on foot, that it took over a week to reach Lake Wakatipu, and cross it by steamer to Queenstown.

Monsignor Mackay, of Oamaru, was priest in charge of Queenstown parish in those days. After some years—about 1895—a bridle track was made overland from Martin's Bay to Lake Wakatipu, and huts were built on the way, which very much lessened the hardships of the journey. After that, Mrs. McKenzie went out yearly to attend her church.

Some 25 years ago, the late Father O'Donnell, of Queenstown, went overland to Martin's Bay, he being the first priest who ever visited and offered Holy Mass in that remote part of his parish. Father Corcoran, who succeeded to the charge of the parish on the death of Father O'Donnell, also made a visit to Martin's Bay. About 21 years ago the late Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie, both being well on in years, bought a small place on the Paradise Road at Glenorchy, and lived there until Mr. McKenzie passed away. Since then, Mrs. McKenzie lived with some of her family. A few months ago, the feebleness of old age and failing health made her wish to go to the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, where she would get the care and nursing she needed and would be enabled to attend Mass and receive the Sacraments more frequently than she could at Glenorchy.



THE LATE FATHER O'DONNELL
Who succeeded Dean Burke as parish priest
of Queenstown.

The late Mrs. McKenzie was a woman of rare intelligence, and with a most remarkable memory. She and her husband brought up and educated their family in Martin's Bay, and gave them also a good religious training. Their marriage was long and strong, a life marked with a nobleness of purpose and ability to excel, the worthy couple now rest from their labors side by side in the picturesque little cemetery shadowed by Ben Lomond, the towering height of which was ever a landmark to them in their pilgrimages of love and devotion.

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