

HALSON Henry

Was born in London on 6th November 1833 of pious non-Catholic parents who brought him up in the Anglican religion. In 1853 he became a student in Lincoln College, Oxford, with a view to receiving orders in the Church of England, but he did not take his degree on account of religious doubts. In 1856 he went to Australia

to work on the goldfields. The time of quiet reflection led him to embrace the Catholic faith, and he was received into the Church on 1st January 1869. He studied theology in Canada and in Rome, being ordained priest in Rome on 24th June 1877. Coming to the Redemptorists, he took his vows in Bishop Eton on 15th August 1879. He was one of the first Redemptorists to come to Australia. After working on the missions there he died in Mayfield on 19th January 1900.

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