Patrick Fursey “Father Fursey” O'Toole

BIRTH 15 Jan 1937
        Headford, County Galway, Ireland
DEATH 8 Mar 2017 (aged 80)
        Manhattan, New York County (Manhattan), New York, USA
BURIAL St Mary's Catholic Church
        Headford, County Galway, Ireland
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Reverend Monsignor Patrick Fursey O'Toole, Florida and formerly Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, New York and Claran, Headford, County Galway, Ireland.

Monsignor O'Toole, a retired senior priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens, who was in private residence in Florida frequently returned to New York, and for nine summers (2008-2016) would regularly visit and celebrate Masses at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and stay at its rectory. His most recent visit was Christmas 2016, when he consecrated Midnight Mass.

Monsignor O'Toole served as Pastor of Saint Cecilia's (Greenpoint, Brooklyn), Saint Patrick's (Bay Ridge, Brooklyn), Saint Ann's (Brooklyn Heights, Brooklyn), and as Parochial Vicar of Saint Kevin's (Flushing, Queens) and Saint Saviour's (Park Slope, Brooklyn). He also served as chaplain to several houses of detention in New York City. He was named Prelate of Honor to His Holiness in 1986.

Monsignor O'Toole was born on January 15, 1937 in Claran, Headford, County Galway, Ireland, and ordained at All Hallows College, Drumcondra, Dublin on June 19, 1960. He said his first Mass in St. Mary's Church, Claran, Headford, in whose churchyard he would be laid to rest nearly 57 years later. (He is buried alongside his nephew, Father Declan O'Toole RIP, who was martyred in Uganda in 2002.)

Predeceased by his parents John and Celia, his brother Tom, his sisters Bernadette Devlin and Veronica Nestor. Deeply regretted
by his family, his brother Joe (Taylor's Hill, Galway), his sisters Mary McGath (Shrule) and Theresa Harrison (Manchester), cousins, nieces, nephews, relatives, neighbours and a large circle of friends.

He died peacefully March 8, 2017, at NYU Medical Center.

**Family Members**

**Parents**

- John O'Toole
  1903–1996
- Celia *Whelan* O'Toole
  1896–1973

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