

Resources for researching the time period of the Second World War (1939-1945)

This guide is intended as a rough overview of the material within the British Jesuit Archives that might be useful for those researching the period 1939-1945 as well as those researching the Second World War in particular. It is by no means an exhaustive list, but rather serves as a guide highlighting some collections that it may be worth starting to look at.

There may be other resources in the British Jesuit Archives which contain information about this time and the Second World War. If you discover other sources during your research in the Archives, please notify a member of staff so that this list can be updated for the benefit of other researchers.

Where series have been catalogued the link to the online catalogue is provided and where resources have been digitised this has been indicated in the guide. Equally where personal papers are still within closure restrictions this is noted.

PROVINCE

The following resources may provide an insight to the Province during 1939-1945.

Province Catalogues 1939-1945

41/5/6/17	Status Collegiorum 1942/3, 1945/6
99/12/6	Province Returns 1927-1979
18/4/7/6	Annual letters 1939-1955
RW/5	Adelard Dugré SJ (English Assistant based at Roehampton during this time) correspondence with Fr Joseph Parson SJ
48/13/3/2	Letter by Adelard Dugré SJ on fourth centenary of the Society, 1940

The following province publications might provide some insight into this time:

- *Chaplains' Weekly*, 1939-2013, digitised
- *Letters & Notices*, 1863-present
- Blandyke Papers, 1888-1967 and Juvenilia, 1909-1958 (inhouse journals written by philosophers and juniors respectively)
- *The Month*, 1864-2001

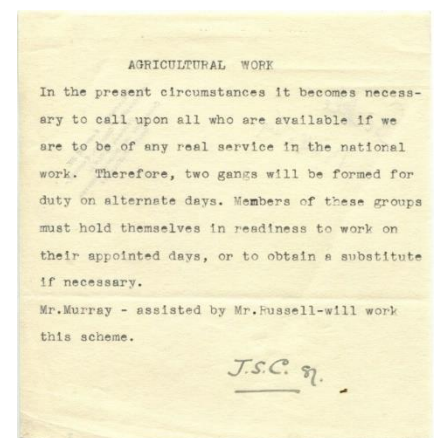


Figure 1 Notice in the Manresa Philosophers' Journal (ref. 24/4/2)

COMMUNITIES & MINISTRIES

The following material may provide an insight into how Jesuit communities and ministries of the Jesuits, including parishes and schools, experienced the Second World War. In addition, there might be photographs but these are not yet listed.

18/4/7/6 Historia domus (or house history) accounts

1939-41: Accrington, Birmingham, Blackpool, Boscombe, Bothwell, Bournemouth, Bristol, Clitheroe, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Grahamstown (South Africa), Heythrop, Leeds, Bedford Leigh, Liverpool, London Southwell House, Farm Street, Stamford Hill, Manchester, Beaumont, Osterley, Oxford Champion Hall, St Aloysius, Preston, St Wilfride, St Ignatius & St Walburge, Richmond, Roehampton, St Helens, Mount St Mary, Stonyhurst, Sunderland, St Beunos, Wimbledon, Great Yarmouth, Dalkeith, Petworth, Rainhill, Worcester, Salisbury (Zambesi)

1942-44: same as above plus Georgetown (Guyana), Hodder, Southborne

1945-1949: same as above plus Wardour, Rugby

In addition to the house history accounts the following for each community might be of interest:

Beaumont College, Old Windsor, England

- 5/1/10 Beaumont Log Book, 1913-1944
- 5/1/21 Beaumont Beadle's Log, 1935-1954
- *Beaumont Review* 1894-1967

Boscombe, England

- 2A/9 Boscombe Minister's journal, 1936-1959
- *Bournemouth & Boscombe Catholic Record* 1933-1968
- *Corpus Christi Calendar* 1928-1952

Corby Hall, Sunderland, England

- 51/4/3/8 Corby Hall Minister's Journal, Aug 1933- Feb 1962

Heythrop College near Oxford, England

- XO/8 Heythrop Minister's log book

Leeds, England

- *St Michael's Magazine* 1937-1953

Liverpool, England

- 832/15 SFX Log Book, September 1939-September 1943

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- *SFX College Magazine* 1920-1973
- *The Xaverian* 1884-1950

London, England

Farm St Church, London, England

- ABSI/CM/1/6/8 Farm St Minister's Log Book 1893-1916
- *Farm Street Calendar* 1905-1941

St Ignatius College, Enfield, London, England

- *St Ignatius College Magazine* 1937-1945

Manresa, Roehampton, London, England

- MD/6 Manresa Rector's log, 1939-1940
- 30/3/3/5 Manresa Minister's Log 1945
- 974/13 Juniors beadle's log 1941-1943
- 24/4/2 Manresa Philosophers' Journal
- MH Manresa Junior's log

Campion House, Osterley, London, England [ABSI/WS/3 CalmView: Overview \(catholic-heritage.net\)](#) including among other things:

- ABSI/WS/3/13 Mass Books and other sacraments 1930-1981
- ABSI/WS/3/17 Ordinarius militaris in Anglia 1940
- ABSI/WS/3/10/1 Stella Maris 1913-1969

Mount St Mary's College, Spinkhill, England

- *The Mountaineer* No 114-No 214 (1940-1980)

Stonyhurst College, England

- *Stonyhurst Magazine* 1881-2010
- For further records contact **Stonyhurst College Archives**

Worcester, England

- 51/1/6/5 Worcester Spiritualia ministeria, 1924-1940

Edinburgh, Scotland

- 835/8 Edinburgh Minister's Log, 1943-1958
- 835/17 Log book Lauriston, 1933-45

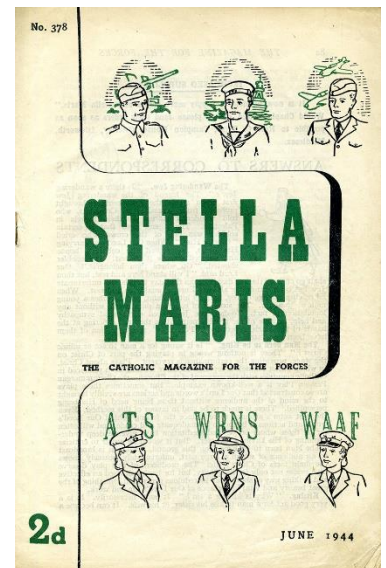


Figure 2 Stella Maris cover 1944

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Glasgow, Scotland

Craighead Spirituality Centre Glasgow, Scotland Catalogued ABSI/WS/1 [CalmView: Overview \(catholic-heritage.net\)](#) of particular note perhaps:

- ABSI/WS/1/10/4-8 Craighead Retreat Logs 1940-45
- ABSI/WS/1/8/4 Craighhead Minister's Log 1939

St Aidan's College, Glasgow, Scotland

- *St Aidan's Record* 1899-1972

St Beuno's, Wales

- 39/1/7/2 St Beuno's Minister's Log 1931-1953
- 24/3 St Beuno's log books
- 974/35-36 Tertianship journals 1932-1949

Apostleship of Prayer

- ABSI/WS/6/6/3 Centenary of Apostleship of Prayer 1941-1945 [CalmView: Overview \(catholic-heritage.net\)](#)
- ABSI/WS/6/6/4 Fr Geoffrey Bliss' papers 1934-1954 [CalmView: Overview \(catholic-heritage.net\)](#)

Catholic Social Guild

- *Catholic Social Year Book* 1910-1947
- *Christian Democrat* 1939-1949

MISSIONS

Missionary Magazine 1935-1966 (incomplete)

Guyana Catalogued ABSI/GUY [CalmView: Overview \(catholic-heritage.net\)](#) including ABSI/GUY/2/7 letter from the Papal Nuncio to Fr Joseph Sellier SJ 1939

South Africa Catalogued ABSI/SA [CalmView: Overview \(catholic-heritage.net\)](#)

INDIVIDUAL JESUITS

Provincial

Fr Francis Mangan SJ (1890-1964) was appointed Provincial 29 August 1939 and replaced by Fr Martin D'Arcy SJ on 2 August 1945. Fr Mangan's personal papers have not yet been

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catalogued, but a scanned index card is available upon request. It should be noted there is very little material.

Jesuit Military Chaplains

Jesuits belonging to the then English Province of the Society of Jesus served as chaplains in the Second World War in the British Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force.

The Chaplains for whom there are personal papers in the British Jesuit Archives which include material relating to the war are:



Figure 3 Fr Bernard Egan SJ supporting wounded soldier, December 1942

- Niall Corbett SJ includes war time diaries, catalogued ABSI/SJ/79
<https://archive.catholic-heritage.net/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=ABSI%2fSJ%2f79>
- Bernard Egan SJ includes war time log as a Prisoner of War and has been catalogued ABSI/SJ/75 but is **closed until 2028**
- Vincent Gallagher SJ includes letters from Prison of War camp, scanned index cards available upon request
- Vincent Gegan SJ includes an article on involvement in construction of Catholic Church near Suez Canal in WW2, scanned index cards available upon request
- Lester Guilly SJ includes letter about war service, scanned index cards available upon request, **closed until 2036**
- James Murphy SJ includes letter from Bishop of Forces 1989, scanned index cards available upon request, **closed until 2029**
- Archibald Prime SJ includes autobiography, scanned index cards available upon request, **closed until 2034**
- Patrick Rorke SJ includes war service records, scanned index cards available upon request, **closed until 2030**
- Edwin Sass SJ includes war medals, scanned index cards available upon request, **closed until 2027**
- Geoffrey Sparrowe SJ includes RAF Chaplain records, scanned index cards available upon request, **closed until 2027**
- Edmund Swift SJ includes war material, scanned index cards available upon request, **closed until 2032**
- Bernard Weatherhead SJ includes war medals, scanned index cards available upon request
- Richard Worsley SJ includes war medals, catalogued ABSI/SJ/106
<https://archive.catholic-heritage.net/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=ABSI%2fSJ%2f106>

The Chaplains for whom there are personal papers in the British Jesuit Archives but with no material directly relating to the war are:

- Victor Barber SJ, scanned index cards available upon request
- William Baylis SJ, scanned index cards available upon request
- Peter Blake SJ, scanned index cards available upon request
- Gerald Joseph Bussy, SJ, scanned index cards available upon request, **closed until 2026**
- Lewis Clifford SJ, scanned index cards available upon request
- Henry Cosgrove SJ, scanned index cards available upon request
- Thomas Coughlin SJ, scanned index cards available upon request, **closed until 2025**
- Bernard d'Adhemar SJ, scanned index cards available upon request
- Henry Dalton, SJ, catalogued ABSI/SJ/25 <https://archive.catholic-heritage.net/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=ABSI%2fSJ%2f25>
- Edmund A D'Arcy SJ, scanned index cards available upon request
- Christopher Devlin SJ, scanned index cards available upon request
- Bernard Farrell SJ, catalogued ABSI/SJ/23 <https://archive.catholic-heritage.net/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=ABSI%2fSJ%2f23>
- James Finlayson SJ, scanned index cards available upon request
- Basil FitzGibbon SJ, scanned index cards available upon request
- Joseph Gill SJ, has been catalogued ABSI/SJ/35 but is **closed until 2029**
- Clifford Howell SJ, scanned index cards available upon request
- Francis Keating SJ, catalogued ABSI/SJ/115 **currently not showing online**
- Gerard Lake SJ, scanned index cards available upon request
- Bernard Latchford SJ, scanned index cards available upon request, **closed until 2023**
- Handley Lillie SJ, scanned index cards available upon request
- Henry Macklin SJ, scanned index cards available upon request, **closed until 2025**
- Bernard McKenna SJ, scanned index cards available upon request, **closed until 2037**
- Dermot Mills SJ, scanned index cards available upon request, **closed until 2025**
- William Murray SJ, scanned index cards available upon request
- Jerome O'Hea SJ, scanned index cards available upon request
- Edmund O'Neill SJ, scanned index cards available upon request, **closed until 2027**
- John Quigley SJ, scanned index cards available upon request, **closed until 2036**
- George Reeves SJ, scanned index cards available upon request, **closed until 2026**
- Brian Riordan SJ, scanned index cards available upon request, **closed until 2025**
- John Rogers SJ, scanned index cards available upon request
- Richard Scott SJ, scanned index cards available upon request, **closed until 2023**
- William Sharp SJ, scanned index cards available upon request
- Noel Stephenson SJ, scanned index cards available upon request
- Joseph Sumner SJ, scanned index cards available upon request
- George Walkerley SJ, scanned index cards available upon request
- Edward Warner SJ, scanned index cards available upon request, **closed until 2027**

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- Dermot Whyte SJ, catalogued ABSI/SJ/105 <https://archive.catholic-heritage.net/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=ABSI%2fSJ%2f105>

Other Jesuits

Among other individual Jesuit personal papers there may be records, such as diaries and letters, that also relate to this period. As personal papers are catalogued these are made available on the online catalogue and scanned index cards are available upon request in the interim.

OTHER

Catholic directories

BLOG POSTS CREATED BY THE ARCHIVES

[Jesuit Life During the Second World War \(jesuitarchives.co.uk\)](#)

[Retelling the Tales of Second World War \(jesuitarchives.co.uk\)](#)

[Stella Maris and the Second World War \(jesuitarchives.co.uk\)](#)

[Revisiting 'Chaplains' Weekly' for Remembrance Day \(jesuitarchives.co.uk\)](#)