

An tAthair Albert Bibby

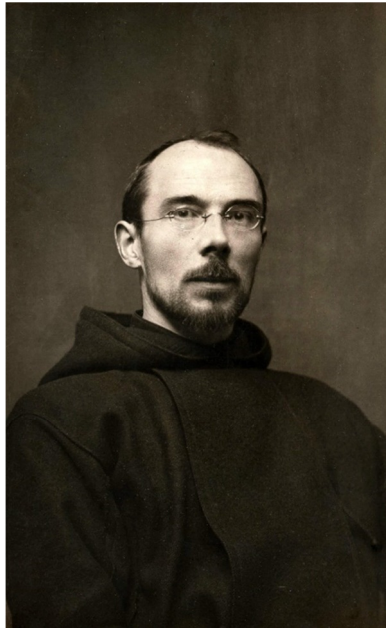


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An tAthair Albert Bibby (1877–1925) ba shagart Caipisíneach agus poblachtánach é. Rugadh é mar Thomas Francis Bibby ar an 24 Deireadh Fómhair 1877 i Muine Bheag, Co. Ceatharlach.

Óna aois 13 d'fhreastail sé ar an gColáiste Seraphach i Mainistir na gCaipisíneach i Baile An Róistigh, Co. Chorcaí. Chuaigh sé isteach i nóibhíseacht na n-Caipisíneach i gCill Chainnigh sa bhliain 1894, agus ghlac sé Albert mar ainm reiligiúnach. Bhí sé ar dhuine den chéad ghrúpa Caipisíneach Éireannach a bhain céimeanna ollscoile amach, ag fáil BA ó Ollscoil Ríoga na hÉireann (1902).

Ba dhíograiseoir é don ghluaiseacht Éire-Éireannach agus ball ab ea é de Chonradh na Gaeilge (craobh Cholmcille). Bhain sé líofacht iomlán amach sa Ghaeilge, agus is minic a cheaptáí gur cainteoir dúchais é. Ghlac sé páirt go minic i misin chráifeacha sna ceantair Ghaeltachta, ag seanmóireacht go hiomlán trí Ghaeilge.

D'fhreastail sé ar Choláiste na Mumhan i mBéal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Co. Chorcaí sa seisiún lúil-Lúnasa áit ar bhí i measc na mac léinn eile Kathleen Sheehy, Thomas MacDonagh, Tomás MacCurtain, Brian Ó hUiginn agus Pádraig Ó Siochfhradha ("An Seabhac").

Trína chuid gníomhaíochtaí Éire-Éireannacha bhuail Bibby le go leor de cheannairí Éirí Amach na Cásca 1916, agus bhí cairdeas pearsanta aige le cuid acu.

Bhí sé ar dhuine de na cléirigh a thug aire spioradálta do na hocht ceannairí a cuireadh chun báis i gCill Mhaighneann ar maidin an 4 agus an 8 Bealtaine 1916. Chuaigh sé in éineacht le beirt acu ar a laghad, Mícheál Ó hAnnracháin agus Seán Mac Aodha, go dtí clós na ndúnmharuithe, ag féachaint ar a mbásanna trí scuad lámhaigh agus ag ungadh a gcorp le h-ola naofa.

Father Albert Bibby (1877–1925) was a Capuchin priest and republican. He was born Thomas Francis Bibby on 24 October 1877 in Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.

From the age of 13 he attended the Seraphic College at the Capuchin friary in Rochestown, Co. Cork, then entered the order's Kilkenny novitiate in 1894, taking Albert as his religious name. He was among the first group of Irish Capuchins to receive university degrees, graduating with a BA from the Royal University of Ireland (1902).

An enthusiast for the Irish-Ireland movement, he joined the Gaelic League (Columcille branch) and attained fluency in the Irish language. He was sometimes mistaken for a native speaker and often undertook preaching missions in Gaeltacht areas entirely in Irish.

He attended Coláiste na Mumhan in Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Co. Cork, where fellow students in the July–August 1906 session included Kathleen Sheehy, Thomas MacDonagh, Tomás MacCurtain, Brian O'Higgins and Pádraig Ó Siochfhradha ('An Seabhac').

Through his Irish-Ireland activities, Bibby met many of the eventual leaders of the Easter 1916 rising, counting some as personal friends.

He was among the friars who ministered to the eight rebel leaders executed in Kilmainham on the mornings of 4 and 8 May, and accompanied at least two of them, Michael O'Hanrahan and Seán Heuston, to the execution yard, witnessing their deaths by firing squad and anointing their bodies.

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