# Australian Province of the Society of Jesus

**Please pray for FATHER DESMOND LEO PURCELL, S.J.**
**who died at 11:35 pm on 24th day, of December 2022**
**at Nazareth House, Camberwell, Victoria aged 90 years.**

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| 1932 | Born in Fitzroy, Melbourne, Victoria on 21 October |
| 1946-49 | Education at CBC Victoria Parade, Melbourne |
| 1950-51 | Noviceship at Loyola College, Watsonia, Vic. |
| 1952 | Loyola College, Watsonia: B.A. at University of Melbourne (external) |
| 1953-55 | Philosophy at Loyola College, Watsonia, Vic. |
| 1956-58 | Regency at St Patrick's College, East Melbourne |
| 1959-60 | Campion College, Kew, Vic.: completed B.A at University of Melbourne |
| 1961-64 | Theology at Canisius College, Pymble, NSW<br>Priestly ordination at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, on 2 Jan. 1964 |
| 1965-66 | Tertianship at St Stanislaus, Sitagarha, India (Sept. '65 – March '66) |
| 1966-67 | Superior's Residence, Hazaribag: assists Regional Superior, secretary for "Famine Relief", Bihar |
| 1967-68 | Allahabad, India: Hindi studies (Sept '67 – May '68) |
| 1968-69 | St Xavier's, Hazaribag: teacher, 3rd Division Prefect (Sept '68 – Sept '69) |
| 1969-73 | St Joseph's, Mahuadanr: Hindi studies, teacher, Vic-co.op |
| Sept 1973-74 | Ateneo de Manila, Q.C., Philippines: M.A. in Guidance & Counselling |
| 1975 | Teachers Training Institute, Sitagarha, India: retreat giver |
| 1976 | Return to Australia; chaplain at Mercy Convent, Rosanna, Vic. (June – Aug.), then St Thomas More College, Perth (Sept. – Dec.) |
| 1977 | Campion College, Kew: assistant director of retreat house (Jan. – May), then Southwell House, Perth |
| 1977-81 | Southwell House, Perth: counsellor to Religious in archdiocese |
| 1982 | Campion College, Kew: retreat director (transferred from Ranchi Province to Australian Province on 10 June) |
| 1983-91 | Manresa, Hawthorn, Vic.: director of spiritual formation program for "Catholic Teachers" (1983), retreat director (1984-85), Province Secretary, editor of Province Catalogue & Fortnightly Report (1986-90) |
| 1992-93 | St Ignatius', Toowong, Qld: superior, parish priest |
| 1994 (Jan – June) | Canisius College, Pymble: retreat director |
| June 1994-2005 | Canberra: Archdiocesan supplies, retreat director, chaplain CLC of sick |
| 2006-12 | Pymble: spirituality ministry, parish supplies, chaplain CLC of the sick, member of CIS team (2007-09), director of CIS (2010-11) |

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| 2013-14 | Canberra: Minister, director of Spiritual Exercises |
| 2015-2022 | Campion House, Kew: Ministry of Spiritual Exercises (2015-19).<br>Resident at Nazareth House, Camberwell, since 20 March 2020. |