**Reverend Brother Ronald Hickman was employed at St Bonaventure's in September 1994 as a Teacher of Science.**

**In 1997, he then went to teach in Africa as part of the Marist Mission.**

**Whilst in the Cameroon he developed a life long love of the culture and people of Central Africa.**

**He returned to St Bonaventure's in 2001.**

**He then stayed at the school, with a few periods of Leave of Absence to return to the Midlands to care for his elderly mother.**

**In January 2011 this became an extended 6 month sabbatical as her health failed.**

**He did however return in July 2011 and balanced his life between working in East London and travelling back to the Midlands to spend time with his mother.**

**In January 2012 he made the difficult decision to resign from his post at St Bonaventure's.**

**He felt a greater need to care for his mother on a more full time basis plus he had started to have health problems of his own.**

**His Mother passed away in September 2013.**

**Brother Ron passed peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday 16th October 2013.**

**He was 53.**

**Please keep Brother Ron and his family in your prayers.**

**The arrangements for his funeral will be organised by the Marist Brothers.**

**Paul Halliwell, Head teacher**