JOHN INGRAM PARTNERSHIP THE PARISHES OF ST ANNE AND ST AUGUSTINE GATTESHIEAD

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THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

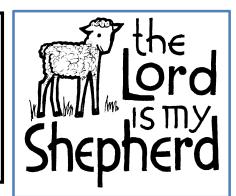
On this day in 1535 three Carthusian monks, (John Houghton, Robert Lawrence and Augustine Webster), a Brigettine (Richard Reynolds) and one secular priest (John Haile) were executed at Tyburn in London. They were the first of many martyrs of the English reformation. Of these martyrs, 42 have been canonised and a further 242 declared blessed (including our own Gateshead martyr, Blessed John Ingram), but the number of those who died on the scaffold, perished in prison of starvation and disease, or suffered harsh persecution by the loss of property and other injustices over the course of a century and a half cannot now be reckoned. They came from every walk of life; there are among them rich and poor, married and single, women and men. They are remembered for the example they gave of constancy in their faith and courage in the face of persecution. They died for their loyalty to the holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Unity of the Church and the Successor of St Peter, the Roman Pontiff, Let us remember the truth of the phrase: "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of Christians."

The English martyrs pray for us. Blessed John Ingram, our Gateshead Martyr, pray for us.

Spiritual Communion Prayer of St Alphonsus

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

Your charitable prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Rita McCarthy who has died. May she rest in peace. Amen



VOCATIONS SUNDAY PRAYER

Loving Father, you call us by name. As we journey through life help us to be confident in our own unique identity and to find opportunities to develop our own gifts and passions.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will pour on us wisdom and guidance to help us realise and follow our dreams, discerning your plan for our lives.

Bless your Church by raising up dedicated and generous people from our families and friends who will serve as Priests, Deacons, Sisters and Brothers. May we support one another in

response to God' s call.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WEEK BEGINNING 3rd May 2020

MASS INTENTIONS 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

Sunday Monday The English Martyrs

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Friday Saturday

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday

For the Parishioners James McKenna Stephen McGee Private Intention

Souls in Purgatory (NAL) Rebecca Manuel

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For the Parishioners

EMERGENCY APPEAL

CAFOD, our Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. Coronavirus (Covid-19) has now spread worldwide, with confirmed cases in many countries where CAFOD works. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries are likely to be devastating. Many countries have very weak healthcare systems and will not be able to cope. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water, possibly living with other diseases, will be particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. It is not just a public health emergency. Many of the world's most vulnerable people will lose their jobs and be unable to support their families. The poorest and most marginalised communities, working hard to transform their lives, will be pushed further into poverty. CAFOD is adapting its programmes to help manage the risk of coronavirus in communities and working with local Church aid agencies on the frontline of this crisis. They are already working to get food to where it is needed most; to improve hygiene, handwashing and sanitation in communities and households; producing radio messages, posters and leaflets in local languages on risks and prevention; and training community volunteers to carry out awareness campaigns. In order to continue protecting and improving the lives of those in poor communities, your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever. While we are not able to hold collections in our church, you can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal.