

AD MAIOREM DEI GLORIAM

## Campion Day 2020

Holy Mass

for the feast of

St Edmund Campion, St Robert Southwell and companions

9:00am Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

St Peter's Church

Stonyhurst



Principal Celebrant:

Fr Samuel Burke OP (OS)



*The Rope of St Edmund Campion, SJ*

## St Edmund Campion, SJ

December 1st is the feast day of St Edmund Campion and companions. It has been a day of special celebration at Stonyhurst College, since 1886, when the news of the beatification of the English martyrs arrived during Benediction on December 8th. The pupils marked the occasion by singing the Te Deum. Campion Day has been celebrated here every year since then.

His story is well known. Campion was a convert to Catholicism who joined the Jesuits and was sent back to England in 1580 to minister to the persecuted Catholics there. In the year that he remained free, he travelled widely, preaching the gospel, writing books and administering the sacraments. He set out his mission in a letter, later to be called Campion's Brag, in which he stressed the purely spiritual nature of his work,

'My charge is of free cost to preach the gospel, to minister the sacraments, to instruct the simple, to reforme sinners, to confute errors, and in brief to cry alarme spiritual against foule vice and proude ignorance wherewith many of my deare countrymen are abused.'

He was a powerfully charismatic preacher, a gentle and witty conversationalist, a brilliant theologian, and a brave man. The Elizabethan government respected and feared him; Elizabethan Catholics adored him and many risked their lives and their fortunes to help him.

His last act as a free man was to publish a book outlining ten reasons on which he based his faith. In July 1581 he was betrayed, captured and imprisoned in the Tower. He was racked several times to force out of him the names of other Catholics, but he revealed nothing the government did not already know. His trial, with Fr Ralph Sherwin and Fr Alexander Briant, was a sham, and his conviction for treason a foregone conclusion.

On December 1st 1581 he was tied to a hurdle and dragged along Fleet Street to Tyburn, where he was hanged, drawn and quartered. His last public words were a prayer,

'for Elizabeth, your Queen and my Queen.'

Edmund Campion was beatified in 1886 and declared a saint in 1970.

But why is his feast so especially celebrated at Stonyhurst? He was not an old boy of the College, indeed he died some 12 years before it was founded. His companion on that first Jesuit mission to England was, however, the College's founder, Fr Robert Persons SJ, and Campion's courage and example in the brief few months he spent in England were an inspiration to generations of St Omers boys. Many of them followed him into the priesthood, and fifteen of them shared his martyrdom.

Perhaps the most powerful and poignant relic of Edmund Campion kept at Stonyhurst College is the rope that tied him to the hurdle, on which he was dragged from the Tower to Tyburn. It seems that a Catholic who attended the execution bribed the executioner to sell him the rope, and it was later presented to Fr Persons, who wore it wrapped around his waist for the rest of his life. This rope, with another important relic- a corporal used in the Tower by five martyred priests- is still placed on the high altar at Stonyhurst on Campion's feast day every year. Both the rope and corporal are the property of the British Jesuit Province, cared for at Stonyhurst.

## *Order of Mass*

In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.

### *Penitential rite*

I confess to Almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

### *Kyrie*

### *Collect*

Almighty, eternal God, you raised up among the people of England and Wales the holy martyrs Edmund, Robert, and their companions, and willed that they should imitate Christ, who died to redeem the world.

Grant that, by their intercession, your people may be strengthened by the same faith and love and always rejoice in your gift of unity.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*(Please sit)*

*The Liturgy of the Word*

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah     *(Isaiah 53:2-8)*

Like a sapling he grew up in front of us,  
like a root in arid ground.  
Without beauty, without majesty (we saw him)  
no looks to attract our eyes;  
a thing despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows familiar with suffering,  
a man to make people screen their faces;  
he was despised and we took no account of him.

And yet ours were the sufferings he bore,  
ours the sorrows he carried.  
But we thought of him as someone punished,  
struck by God and brought low.  
Yet he was pierced through for our faults,  
crushed for our sins.  
On him lies a punishment that brings us peace,  
and through his wounds we are healed.

We had all gone astray like sheep,  
each taking his own way,  
and the Lord burdened him  
with our sins.  
Harshly dealt with he bore it humbly,  
never opening his mouth,  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter-house,  
like a sheep that is dumb before his shearers  
never opening its mouth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Response to the Psalm:*

**You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

*(Please stand)*

*Gospel Acclamation*

*The Gospel*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Lifting up his eyes to Heaven, Jesus prayed: 'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be like us.

'While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost, except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures.

'But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full.

'I passed your word on to them and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world.

'I am not asking you to remove them from the world but to protect them from the Evil One.

'They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.

'Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they also may be consecrated in truth.

'I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(Please sit)*

*The Homily*

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of His  
name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.**

*Prayer over the gifts*

God of all mercy, pour forth your blessing upon these gifts, and strengthen our  
faith in this mystery, to which your holy martyrs bore witness by the shedding of  
their blood. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**Amen.**

*The Preface*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right and just.**

*At the end of the Preface:*

*Sanctus*

*(Please kneel)*

*The Eucharistic prayer*

The mystery of faith

**We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.**

*At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer:*

Through Him and with Him and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is Yours, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

*The Communion Rite*

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant us peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: 'peace I leave you, my peace I give you,' look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever,

**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And with your spirit.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.



*Agnus Dei*

*(Please kneel)*

Behold the Lamb of God.  
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

*Holy Communion*

*During Communion, the choir will intone the prayer for the Queen:  
Lord, save our Queen Elizabeth, and graciously hear us in the day when we call upon Thee.*

*The Concluding Rite*

*(Please stand)*

Let us pray.

Lord our God, you have nourished us with the one Bread on this feast of your  
holy martyrs, Edmund, Robert, and their companions.  
As you have gathered us into one Church, unite us also in proclaiming your glory  
in one great canticle of praise.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Mass is ended. Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**



*And touching our Society, be it known to you that we have made a league - all the Jesuits in the world, whose succession and multitude must overreach all the practices of England - cheerfully to carry the cross you shall lay upon us, and never to despair your recovery, while we have a man left to enjoy your Tyburn, or to be racked with your torments, or consumed with your prisons. The expense is reckoned, the enterprise is begun; it is of God, it cannot be withstood. So the Faith was planted: so it must be restored.*

St Edmund Campion 1580



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