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**STONYHURST
COLLEGE**

Holy Mass
for the
Martyrs of Saint Omers

Friday 12th February 2021
St Peter's Church, Stonyhurst

A. M. D. G.

THE MONUMENT IN THIS QUADRANGLE
HONOURS THE SAINTS AND BLESSED
MARTYRS OF THE COLLEGE.
FROM ITS ST. OMERS DAYS.

ST. THOMAS GARNET S.J. † TYBURN 23.6.1608
ST. JOHN PLESSINGTON † CHESTER 19.7.1679
ST. PHILIP EVANS S.J. † CARDIFF 22.7.1679
BL. THOMAS HOLLAND S.J. † TYBURN 12.12.1642
BL. ARTHUR BELL O.F.M. † TYBURN 11.12.1643
BL. RALPH CORBY S.J. † TYBURN 7.9.1644
BL. JOHN WOODCOCK O.F.M. † LANCASTER 7.8.1646
BL. EDWARD BAMBER † LANCASTER 7.8.1646
BL. THOMAS WHITAKER † LANCASTER 7.8.1646
BL. WILLIAM IRELAND S.J. † TYBURN 20.1.1679
BL. THOMAS WHITBREAD S.J. † TYBURN 20.6.1679
BL. WILLIAM HARCOURT S.J. † TYBURN 20.6.1679
BL. JOHN FENWICK S.J. † TYBURN 20.6.1679
BL. JOHN GAVAN S.J. † TYBURN 20.6.1679
BL. THOMAS THWING † YORK 23.10.1680

THE SHAFT OF THE CROSS
WAS MADE IN 1833
AND STOOD FOR MANY YEARS
IN THE COLLEGE GARDENS.
IT WAS MOVED TO THE
SHIREBURN QUADRANGLE AND
SURMOUNTED BY THE ST. OMERS CROSS
AT THE EXPENSE OF THE
STONYHURST ASSOCIATION IN 1987.

L. D. S.

Order of Mass

V. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

**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 the blessed Mary ever-virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

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

R. Amen.

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

**For You alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

V. Let us pray...

R. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

(7:13-17)

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and whence have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night within his temple;
and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more;
the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water;
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

V.. The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: The Father of compassion, and the God of all encouragement, who encourages us in our every affliction.

Alleluia.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to them, "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honour him.

(12:23-26)

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

The Litany of the Saint Omers Martyrs:

Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy, **Christ have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**

Our Lady of Stonyhurst **Pray for us**

St Thomas Garnet

St John Plessington

St Philip Evans

Blessed Thomas Holland

Blessed Arthur Bell

Blessed Ralph Corby

Blessed John Woodcock

All you Saints and Blesseds of St Omers

Blessed Edward Bamber

Blessed Thomas Whitaker

Blessed William Ireland

Blessed Thomas Whitbread

Blessed William Harcourt

Blessed John Fenwick

Blessed John Gavan

Blessed Thomas Thwing

All you Saints and Blesseds of St Omers

V. Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

R. Blessed be God for ever.

V. Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands it will become our spiritual drink.

R. Blessed be God for ever.

The priest recites additional preparatory prayers.

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

R. 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...

Amen.

The Preface

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

The priest continues the Preface.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

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

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer:

V. 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.

R. Amen.

V. At the Saviour's command and informed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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.

V. 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.

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

V. 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,

R. Amen.

V. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

V. 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.

R. 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

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

V. Let us pray...

R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. May almighty God bless you,
The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

V. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

*Thank you for joining our Holy Mass for the Martyrs of
Saint Omers.*

The St Omers Martyrs

Fr Robert Persons SJ founded the College at St Omers in 1593.

All Catholic education having been prohibited in England, several colleges had been founded by Englishmen on the Continent - at Douai, Rome and Valladolid - whose prime object was the education of the clergy. Father Persons recognized the need for a school to counter the severe laws against Catholic education that existed at home. Many boys from devout English Catholic families received their education within its walls, over twenty of whom won the crown of martyrdom. Fifteen of that number, martyred for the holy faith between 1608 and 1680, have been raised to the dignity of the altar. They are invoked in the litany sung today at Holy Mass, and commemorated on the memorial in the Shireburn quad.



St Thomas Garnet executed at Tyburn in 1608 St John Plessington executed at Chester in 1679 St Philip Evans executed at Cardiff in 1679

Blessed Thomas Holland executed at Tyburn in 1642 Blessed Arthur Bell executed at Tyburn in 1643 Blessed Ralph Corby executed at Tyburn in 1644 Blessed John Woodcock executed at Lancaster in 1646 Blessed Edward Bamber executed at Lancaster in 1646

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Blessed Thomas Thwing executed at York in 1680