The Blood of the Martyrs: the Seed of the Church



Tyburn Convent Hyde Park Place, London

An Ecumenical Commemoration

All London martyrs of the Church's Divisions, Catholic and Reformation

Lamenting the sufferings and separation of the past

Purifying the Christian memory in this city and country

Praying the martyrs' witness will bear fruit in Christian unity now and in the future

With

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London Martyrs of Christian Disunity

This list of names of the Christian clergy and lay people who died in, or were closely linked with, what is now Greater London over the 150 years from 1531 to 1681 is fairly comprehensive, but not exhaustive (although those who took up arms for their cause have in the main been excluded). It is not always easy to assign exact dates of death. A number died whose names are now unknown. In some cases the name is all that is known. Some of those who died were responsible for the deaths of martyrs in other Christian traditions. For some the politics of the day were inseparable from the confession of faith. Some may not have been so innocent as others, but these were devoted Christian people and each gave everything. No judgment is made. All these cruelties are redeemed in the Passion of Christ; all belong to the history of the whole Church in this city and this country. Each death has served to conceal the unity of the Church of Christ and obscured the gospel that is love and peace. May the sacrifice of each of these followers of Jesus Christ lead humanity to unity in his charity and truth.

By and large Catholics were hanged on the pretext of high treason, whereas Anglicans and Protestants were burned – according to the lights of the time – to purge heresy. But this is not always the case; grounds for execution varied according to political circumstance. In either case, the nobly born and those who held high office were usually despatched without trial by Bill of Attainder, thus spared hanging or burning, and beheaded instead. In addition to those listed below, a large number were imprisoned in London, but sent for execution elsewhere.

Reign of King Henry VIII, 1509-1547

19 August 1531

Thomas Bilney, Catholic priest promoting Church reform, Latimer's mentor, burned, Billingsgate

27 November 1531

Richard Bayfield, former monk and Protestant reformer, burned, Smithfield

30 April 1532

James Bainham, lawyer and Protestant reformer, burned, Smithfield

4 July 1533

John Frith, priest, Protestant reformer, Bible translator with William Tyndale, burned, Smithfield.

20 April 1534

Elizabeth Barton, Benedictine, the 'Nun of Kent', 'visionary' rebuking the King for his divorce from Queen Catherine of Aragon, executed without trial, Tyburn Edward Bocking, Benedictine monk, supporter of Elizabeth Barton, hanged, Tyburn John Dering, Benedictine monk, supporter of Elizabeth Barton, hanged, Tyburn Henry Gold, priest, supporter of Elizabeth Barton, hanged, Tyburn Richard Masters, priest, supporter of Elizabeth Barton, hanged, Tyburn Hugh Rich, Observant Franciscan, supporter of Elizabeth Barton, hanged, Tyburn Richard Risby, Observant Franciscan, supporter of Elizabeth Barton, hanged, Tyburn

4 May 1535

John Houghton, prior of the London Charterhouse, hanged, drawn, quartered, Tyburn Augustine Webster, prior of the Epworth Charterhouse, hanged, drawn, quartered, Tyburn Robert Lawrence, prior of the Beauvale charterhouse, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn Richard Reynolds, Brigittine priest and monk of Syon, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn John Hale, Catholic rector of Isleworth, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

19 June 1535

William Exmew, Carthusian monk, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn Humphrey Middlemore, Carthusian monk, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn Sebastian Newdigate, Carthusian monk, hanged, drawn & quartered, Tyburn

22 June 1535

John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester (including South East London), Cardinal of the Roman Church, beheaded, Tower Hill

6 July 1535

Thomas More, Lord Chancellor, Catholic, beheaded, Tower Hill

6 October 1536

William Tyndale, Bible translator, Protestant sympathiser, yet opponent to the King's Divorce, execution by strangling procured of the Holy Roman Empire in Vilvoorde, Flanders

25 May 1537

John Pickering, Dominican and Catholic priest, hanged, drawn & guartered, Tyburn

26 May 1537

William Wood, Augustinian and Catholic priest, hanged, drawn & quartered, Tyburn Adam Sedbar, Cistercian Abbot of Jervaulx, hanged, drawn & quartered, Tyburn William Thyrsk, Cistercian monk of Fountains, hanged, drawn & quartered, Tyburn

16 June 1537

William Greenwood, Carthusian converse brother, starved to death, Newgate prison

9 August 1537

Richard Bere, Carthusian monk, starved to death, Newgate prison

1537, various dates, with many unnamed Observant Franciscans from Greenwich & Richmond

John Davey, Carthusian deacon, starved to death, Newgate prison
Thomas Green, Carthusian priest, starved to death, Newgate prison
Thomas Johnson, Catholic priest, starved to death, Newgate prison
Robert Salte, Carthusian converse brother, starved to death, Newgate prison
Walter Peerson, Carthusian converse brother, starved to death, Newgate prison
Thomas Scriven, Carthusian converse brother, starved to death, Newgate prison
Thomas Reeding, Carthusian converse brother, starved to death, Newgate prison

22 May 1538

John Forest, Observant Franciscan chaplain to Queen Catherine of Aragon, hanged then burned, Smithfield

22 November 1538

John Lambert, Anglican priest and reformer, burned, Smithfield

8 July 1539

Friar (Thomas?) Waire, Franciscan, hanged, drawn & quartered, St Thomas' Waterings, Southwark

John Griffith Clarke, Catholic vicar of Wandsworth, hanged, drawn and quartered with his curate, St Thomas' Waterings, Southwark

9 July 1539

Thomas Dingley, knight of St John of Jerusalem, beheaded by Bill of Attainder, Tower Hill Adrian Fortescue, knight of St John of Jerusalem, Catholic cousin of Anne Boleyn, beheaded by Bill of Attainder, Tower Hill

28 July 1540

Thomas Cromwell, Protestant reformer, architect of the Dissolution of the Monasteries and the Henrician Church of England, Lord Privy Seal, beheaded, Tower Green

30 July 1540 – 3 Catholics and 3 Reformers executed together as examples Thomas Abell, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn & quartered, Smithfield Robert Barnes, priest and Protestant reformer, burned, Smithfield

Thomas Garrett, priest and Protestant reformer, burned, Smithfield William Jerome, priest and Protestant reformer, burned, Smithfield Edward Powell, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Smithfield Richard Featherstone, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Smithfield

4 August 1540

Edmund Brindholme, London priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn Clement Philpot, Catholic priest from Calais, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn William Horne, Carthusian converse brother, starved to death, Newgate prison

27 May 1541

Margaret Pole, Plantagenet princess, Countess of Salisbury, Catholic, beheaded, Tower Hill

12 July 1541

David Gunston, knight of St John of Jerusalem, hanged, drawn & quartered, St Thomas' Waterings, Southwark

28 August 1543

Robert Testwood, Protestant lay clerk at St George's Chapel, burned, Windsor Anthony Pierson, priest and Protestant reformer, burned, Windsor Henry Filmer, tailor, Protestant layman, burned, Windsor

7 March 1544

German Gardiner, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn & quartered, Tyburn John Ireland, chaplain to Thomas More, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn & quartered, Tyburn John Larke, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn Robert Singleton, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

16 July 1546

Anne Askew, Protestant reformer, burned, Smithfield John Lassels, Protestant reformer, burned, Smithfield John Hadlam, Protestant reformer, burned, Smithfield John Hemley, Protestant reformer, burned, Smithfield

Reign of King Edward VI, 1547-1553

2 May 1550

Joan Bocher or Butcher, radical dissenter and early Anabaptist leader, burned, Smithfield

24 April 1551

George van Parris, Unitarian dissenter, burned Smithfield

Reign of Queen Mary I, 1553-1558

Under Edward Bonner, the Catholic bishop of London, 120 Protestant martyrs were sentenced to death for their faith, often under government pressure. Bonner himself spent many years in court and in prison under Elizabeth I. He died in the Marshalsea gaol in Southwark Borough High Street on 5 September 1569.

February 12 1554

Lady Jane Grey, Protestant claimant to the Crown, beheaded, the Tower of London

4 February 1555

John Rogers, vicar of St Sepulchre's, Holborn, Bible translator assisting William Tyndale, Protestant reformer, burned, Smithfield

16 March 1555

Thomas Tomkins, weaver, radical Protestant, burned, Smithfield

24 April 1555

William Flower, former monk and priest, Anglican, burned, Westminster

30 May 1555

John Cardmaker, former Franciscan priest and Protestant reformer, burned, Smithfield John Warren or Warne, upholsterer, 'sacramentary' Protestant, burned, Smithfield

12 July 1555

John Bradford, Anglican priest and reformer, burned, Smithfield John Leaf, Protestant apprentice, pupil of John Rogers, burned, Smithfield

8 August 1555

John Denley, Protestant, burned, Uxbridge Robert Smith, Anglican priest, clerk at Windsor, burned, Uxbridge

August 1555

William Hales, Protestant, burned, Barnet

Elizabeth Warren or Warne, 'sacramentary' Protestant, wife of John, burned, Stratford-le-Bow

26 August 1555

Robert Smith, painter, Protestant, burned, Staines

28 August 1555

Patrick Packingham, Unitarian, burned, Uxbridge

30 August 1555

Steven Harwood, brewer, Protestant, burned, Stratford-le-Bow Thomas Fust, Protestant, burned, Stratford-le-Bow

16 October 1555

Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London, Protestant reformer, burned, Broad Street, Oxford, alongside

John Hooper, reformer Bishop of Worcester and Gloucester

18 December 1555

John Philpott, Archdeacon of Winchester, Protestant reformer, burned, Smithfield

14 January 1556

Joan Warren, 'sacramentary' Protestant, burned, Smithfield Thomas Whittle, Anglican priest, burned, Smithfield

27 January 1556

Thomas Brown, Protestant, burned, Smithfield Bartholomew or Bartlett Green, lawyer, Protestant, burned, Smithfield Isabel Foster, Protestant, burned, Smithfield Joan Lushford, Protestant, burned, Smithfield John Tudson, artificer, Protestant, burned, Smithfield

21 March 1556

Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury (with Lambeth & Croydon), Protestant reformer, burned, Broad Street, Oxford

24 April 1556

George Ambrose, fuller, Protestant, burned, Smithfield John Cavel, Protestant, burned, Smithfield Robert Drakes, Anglican priest, burned, Smithfield Richard Spurge, shearman, Protestant, burned, Smithfield Thomas Spurge, fuller, Protestant, burned, Smithfield William Tyms, Anglican deacon, burned, Smithfield

15 May 1556

John Apprice, Protestant, burned, Smithfield Hugh Laverock, Protestant, burned, Smithfield

16 May 1556

Joan Horns, Protestant, burned, Smithfield Katherine Hut, Protestant, burned, Smithfield Elizabeth Thackwel, Protestant, burned, Smithfield

27 June 1556

Henry Adlington, sawyer, Protestant, burned, Stratford-le-Bow Thomas Bowyer, weaver, Protestant, burned, Stratford-le-Bow Lyon Cawch, Flemish merchant, Protestant, burned, Stratford-le-Bow John Derifall, labourer, Protestant, burned, Stratford-le-Bow Agnes George, Protestant, burned, Stratford-le-Bow William Halliwel, smith, Protestant, burned, Stratford-le-Bow Edmund Hurst, labourer, Protestant, burned, Stratford-le-Bow Ralph Jackson, serving man, Protestant, burned, Stratford-le-Bow Lawrence Parnam, Protestant, burned, Stratford-le-Bow Elizabeth Pepper, Protestant, burned, Stratford-le-Bow John Routh, labourer, Protestant, burned, Stratford-le-Bow George Searles, tailor, Protestant, burned, Stratford-le-Bow Henry Wye, brewer, Protestant, burned, Stratford-le-Bow

29 June 1556

Martin Hunt, Protestant, starved to death in the King's Bench prison, Southwark

9 July 1556

Thomas Benbridge, Protestant, burned, out of the Fleet prison

12 April 1557

Margaret Hide, Protestant, burned, Smithfield Thomas Loseby, Protestant, burned, Smithfield Henry Ramsey, Protestant, burned, Smithfield Agnes Stanley, Protestant, burned, Smithfield Thomas Sturley or Thirtel, Protestant, burned, Smithfield

May 1557

Stephen Gratwick, non-Calvinist 'Freewiller' Protestant, burned, St George's Fields, Southwark

William Morrant, Protestant, burned, St George's Fields, Southwark Thomas King, Protestant, burned, St George's Fields, Southwark

17 September 1557

Ralph Allerton, independent Protestant, lay preacher, burned, Islington James Austoo, Protestant, burned, Islington Margery Austoo, James Austoo's wife, burned, Islington Richard Roth, independent Protestant preacher, burned, Islington

Autumn 1557

Sir John Cheke, astronomer, tutor to Edward VI, Protestant, health broken in prison, Tower

18 November 1557

Richard Gibson, non-Calvinist 'Freewiller', burned, Smithfield John Hallingdale, Protestant, burned, Smithfield William Sparrow, Protestant, burned, Smithfield

22 December 1557

John Rough, former Dominican, Anglican vicar of Kingston upon Hull, burned, Smithfield Margaret Mearing, Protestant, supporter of John Rough, burned, Smithfield

28 March 1558

John Devenish, Protestant, burned, Smithfield

Hugh Foxe, Protestant, burned, Smithfield

Cuthbert Symson, deacon of a Protestant congregation, burned, Smithfield

27 June 1558

Reinland Eastland, Protestant, burned, Smithfield

John Floyd, Protestant, burned, Smithfield

John Holiday, Protestant, burned, Smithfield

Roger Holland, merchant taylor, Protestant, burned, Smithfield

Henry Pond, Protestant, burned, Smithfield

Matthew Ricarby, Protestant, burned, Smithfield

Robert Southam, Protestant, burned, Smithfield

14 July 1558

Stephen Cotton, Protestant, burned, Brentford

Robert Dynes, Protestant, burned, Brentford

Robert Milles, Protestant, burned, Brentford

William Pikes, tanner, Protestant, burned, Brentford

John Slade, Protestant, burned, Brentford

Stephen Wight, Protestant, burned, Brentford

Reign of Queen Elizabeth I 1558-1603

18 November 1559

Cuthbert Tunstall, Catholic Bishop of Durham, health broken in custody, Lambeth Palace

8 August 1570

John Felton, Catholic, hanged, drawn and guartered, St Paul's Churchyard

1 June 1571

John Storey, Catholic lawyer and parliamentarian, kidnapped in Bergen op Zoom, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

19 June 1573

Thomas Woodhouse, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

3 February 1577

John Nelson, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn, quartered, Tyburn

31 July 1581

Everard Hanse, Anglican priest ordained a Catholic priest, hanged, drawn, quartered, Tyburn

1 December 1581

Alexander Briant, former Anglican, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn Edmund Campion, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn Ralph Sherwin, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

28 May 1582

Thomas Ford, former Anglican, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn John Shert, former Anglican, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn Robert Johnson, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

30 May 1582

William Filby, former Anglican, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn Thomas Cottam, former Anglican, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn Luke Kirby, former Anglican, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn Laurence Richardson, former Anglican, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

11 January 1584

William Carter, apprentice printer, Catholic, hanged, drawn and quartered, St Paul's

12 February 1584

James Fenn, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn George Haydock, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn Thomas Hemerford, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn John Munden, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn John Nutter, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

6 July 1585

Thomas Alfield, former Anglican, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn Thomas Webley, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

21 January 1586

Edward Stransham, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn Nicholas Wheeler or Woodfen, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

2 April 1586

Richard Sergeant, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

20 April 1586

William Thompson, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

8 October 1586

John Adams, former Protestant, Catholic priest, hanged, Tyburn Robert Dibdale, Catholic priest, hanged, Tyburn John Lowe, Catholic priest, hanged, Tyburn

December 1586

Richard Creagh, Catholic Archbishop of Armagh, tortured to death, or poisoned, the Tower

28 August 1588

William Dean, former Anglican priest who became a Catholic priest, hanged, Mile End Green James Claxton, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Isleworth Thomas Felton, Franciscan priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Isleworth William Gunter, Catholic priest from Wales, hanged, Shoreditch Thomas Holford, Catholic priest, hanged, Clerkenwell Hugh More, former Anglican, Catholic layman, hanged, Lincoln's Inn Fields Robert Morton, Catholic priest, hanged, Lincoln's Inn Fields Henry Webley, Catholic layman, hanged, Mile End Green

30 August 1588

Richard Leigh, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn Richard Flower or Lloyd, Catholic layman sheltering priests, hanged, Tyburn Richard Martin, Catholic layman sheltering priests, hanged, Tyburn John Roche, Irish waterman, Catholic, hanged for helping a priest to escape, Tyburn Edward Shelley, Catholic layman sheltering priests, hanged, Tyburn Margaret Ward, Catholic laywoman, hanged for helping a priest to escape, Tyburn

23 September 1588

William Way, Catholic priest, hanged, Kingston

5 October 1588

William Hartley, Catholic priest, hanged, Shoreditch John Hewitt, Catholic priest, hanged, Mile End Green Robert Sutton, Catholic layman, hanged, Clerkenwell John Symons, Catholic layman, hanged, Holloway

4 March 1590

Christopher Bales, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Fleet Street Alexander Blake, Catholic layman, hanged, Gray's Inn Lane Nicholas Horner, Catholic layman, hanged, Smithfield

6 May 1590

Edward Jones, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Fleet Street Anthony Middleton, Catholic priest, hanged, Clerkenwell

1 July 1591

George Beesley, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Fleet Street Montford Scott, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Fleet Street

10 December 1591

Edmund Gennings, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered outside
Swithin Well's House where he had been caught saying mass, Gray's Inn Lane
Sidney Hodgson, Catholic layman assisting priests, hanged, Tyburn
Brian Lacey, Catholic layman assisting priests, hanged, Tyburn
John Mason, Catholic layman sheltering Edmund Gennings, hanged, Tyburn
Polydore Plasden, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn
Swithin Wells, Catholic layman, hanged outside his house
for allowing Edmund Gennings to say mass in it, Gray's Inn Lane
Eustace White, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

22 January 1592

William Patenson, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

20 February 1592

Thomas Pormort, Catholic priest, hanged, St Paul's Churchyard

23 June 1592

Roger Ashton, mercenary for Spain, hanged, drawn & quartered, Tyburn

6 April 1593

Henry Barrow, Independent pastor, hanged, Tyburn John Greenwood, Independent pastor, hanged, Tyburn

18 February 1594

William Harrington, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

21 February 1595

Robert Southwell, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn & quartered, Tyburn

19 October 1595

Philip Howard, Earl of Arundel, Catholic, beheaded, Tower of London

12 July 1598

John Jones or Buckley, Franciscan priest, hanged, drawn & quartered, St Thomas' Waterings

21 June 1600

John Rigby, former Anglican, Catholic layman, hanged, St Thomas' Waterings, Southwark

18 February 1601

John Pibush, Catholic priest, hanged, St Thomas' Waterings, Southwark

27 February 1601

Mark Barkworth, former Anglican, Benedictine oblate priest, hanged drawn, quartered, Tyburn Roger Filcock, Jesuit novice and priest, hanged, drawn & quartered, Tyburn Anne Line, Catholic caught protecting a priest saying Mass, hanged, drawn & quartered, Tyburn

24 August 1601

Thomas Hackshot, Catholic layman, hanged for helping Thomas Tichborne escape, Tyburn Francis Page, former Anglican, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn & quartered, Tyburn

Nicholas Tichborne, Catholic layman, hanged for helping his brother, a priest, to escape, Tyburn

Robert Watkinson, Catholic layman, hanged, Tyburn

19 April 1602

James Duckett, former Anglican, Catholic bookseller, hanged, Tyburn

20 April 1602

Francis Page, former Anglican, Jesuit priest, hanged, Tyburn Thomas Tichborne, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn Robert Watkinson, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

17 February 1603

William Richardson, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

Reign of King James I, 1603-1625

2 March 1606

Nicholas Owen, Jesuit brother, builder of priests' hiding places, tortured to death, the Tower

3 May 1606

Henry Garnett, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

26 February 1607

Robert Drury, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and guartered, Tyburn

11 April 1608

George Gervase, Benedictine priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

23 June 1608

Thomas Garnet, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

10 December 1610

John Roberts, Benedictine priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn Thomas Somers, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

18 March 1612

Bartholomew Legate, Unitarian Seeker preacher, burned, Smithfield

30 May 1612

Richard Newport, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn William Scott, Benedictine priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

5 December 1612

John Almond, Irishman, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and guartered, Tyburn

1 July 1616

Thomas Maxfield, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn & quartered, Tyburn

13 July 1616

Thomas Tunstall, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn & quartered, Tyburn

Reign of King Charles I, 1625-1649

5 July 1641

William Ward, former Anglican, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

21 January 1642

Richard or Thomas Reynolds, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

31 January 1642

Alban Roe, Benedictine priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

26 April 1642

Edward Morgan, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

Reign of King Charles I - Under Parliamentary Command -1642-1649

12 October 1642

Thomas Bullaker, Franciscan priest, hanged, drawn and guartered, Tyburn

12 December 1642

Thomas Holland, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

17 April 1643

Henry Heath, Franciscan priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

11 December 1643

Arthur Bell, Franciscan priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn or Lancaster

7 September 1644

Ralph Corby, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn John Duckett, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

10 January 1645

William Laud, Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury, beheaded, Tower Hill

1 February 1645

Henry Morse, former Anglican, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

8 April 1645

John Goodman, Catholic priest, Newgate prison

3 August 1646

Philip Powell, Benedictine priest, hanged, drawn and guartered, Tyburn

30 January 1649

King Charles I, Anglican, beheaded, Whitehall Palace

Reign of King Charles II – Under the Commonwealth 1649-1660

19 May 1651

Peter Wright, former Anglican, Jesuit priest, hanged, but not drawn and quartered, Tyburn

22 August 1651

Christopher Love, Presbyterian minister, beheaded, Tower Hill

28 June 1654

John Southworth, Catholic priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

8 July 1658

John Hewitt, Anglican, beheaded, Tower Hill

King Charles II – After the Restoration – 1660-1685

27 November 1661

John James, Sabbatarian Baptist minister, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

3 December 1678

Edward Coleman, former Anglican, Catholic layman, hanged, Tyburn Edward Mico, Jesuit priest, Newgate prison

24 January 1679

William Ireland, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn John Grove, servant to William Ireland and other Jesuits, hanged, Tyburn

9 May 1679

Thomas Pickering, Benedictine priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

20 June 1679

William Barrow, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn John Caldwell, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn John Fenwick, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn John Gavan, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn William Harcourt, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn Anthony Turner, former Protestant, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn Thomas Whitbread, Jesuit priest, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn

14 July 1679

Richard Langhorne, Catholic layman, hanged, Tyburn

29 December 1680

William Howard, Viscount Stafford, diplomat of the Holy Roman Emperor, beheaded, Tower Hill

1 July 1681

Oliver Plunkett, Catholic Archbishop of Armagh, hanged, drawn, quartered, Tyburn

Reigns of James II, 1685-1689; Mary II and William III, 1689-1694; William III, 1694-1702; Anne, 1702-1714; George I, 1714-1727; George II, 1727-1760

Under each of these reigns, Catholic priests continued to be penalised. Although public executions ceased, priests and lay people were imprisoned and became known as the 'martyrs in chains'. Some of them died from their severe sufferings within a short time, even though they were not executed. Others were held in custody for great lengths of time and died in custody. Of course, in earlier times too, Catholics and Protestants alike had died in prison awaiting their sentence. The last Catholic 'prisoner in chains' was the Franciscan Paul Atkinson, held for 30 years at Hurst Castle until he died on 15 October 1729, in the reign of King George II.

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The place of execution, at which was erected the infamous Tyburn Tree gallows in 1571 (Dr John Storey being its first victim), was at the junction of Edgware Road and Bayswater Road. St Thomas' Waterings was beside a stream crossing the Old Kent Road at the second milestone, the edge of the City of London's Liberty of Southwark. The site of execution at Smithfield was near St Bartholomew's Hospital and is marked by a memorial to William Wallace.