The Blood of the Martyrs : the Seed of the Church

Tyburn Convent
Hyde Park Place, London

An Ecumenical Commemoration
of

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 Beauly charterhouse, hanged, drawn and quartered, Tyburn
Richard Reynolds, Brigitine 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 & quartered, 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 quartered, 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 Alffield, 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 quartered, 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 quartered, 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 quartered, 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 quartered, 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.

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.