

St Edmund Campion

MORNING PRAYERS

Monday

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

REFLECTION

This week we reflect on our house saints, and remember to think of them as our patrons; They have a job to do in heaven for each one of us!

Saint Edmund Campion was born in 1540, and from a young age it was clear that he was very gifted. For example, when he was only 13 years old, he was chosen amongst all the boys at his school to make a speech to the Queen by St Paul's Cathedral. Later, he won a scholarship to Oxford, and when Queen Elizabeth visited the University, he was again chosen to make a speech, and he won her admiration for his skills in debating. But not long afterwards he decided to return to the Catholic faith and he went into exile to be trained as a priest.

Eventually he returned to England but was arrested on the orders of that same Queen Elizabeth, and was hung, drawn and quartered at Tyburn at the age of 41 on the 1st December 1581.

At his trial, he said to his accusers *"In condemning us, you condemn all your own ancestors, all our ancient bishops and kings, all that was once the glory of England — the island of saints. and the most devoted child of the See of Peter."*

PRAYERS

Let us ask our patron Saint Edmund Campion to pray for us, and help us realise that however much we might seek worldly praise, nothing can compare with being held in God's high esteem.

Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

St. Philip: **Pray for us.** *House Saint:* **Pray for us.**

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Tuesday

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REFLECTION

When he returned to England as a priest-in-hiding, Saint Edmund Campion published and distributed a pamphlet, challenging the Queen and her Privy Councillors to a debate with him on the truth of Catholicism.

In his pamphlet he said:-

“I am sure that when you shall have heard these questions of religion discussed faithfully, which our enemies muddle up and confound, you will come to see upon what substantial grounds our Catholic Faith is built, and how feeble are the arguments that the other side make.

Then at last, maybe for your own soul, and for many thousand souls that depend upon your government, you will listen to those like me who would spend the best blood in their bodies for your salvation”.

PRAYERS

Let us take inspiration from St Edmund to pray for the gift of courage, and never give in to despair.

May we dare to stand up for the truth when those that surround us are swayed by cowardice and fear.

Lord, hear us... **Lord graciously hear us.**

St. Philip: **Pray for us.**

House Saint: **Pray for us.**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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Wednesday

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REFLECTION

In the rain and mud of a wet December morning, Edmund Campion was led from the Tower of London to be executed.

He saluted the crowd, saying

“God save you all, gentlemen! God bless you and make you good Catholics!”

After kneeling in prayer, he was strapped to a frame and dragged through the gutters and filth of the streets to Tyburn.

At the gallows, he found a large crowd who had gathered to watch him die. Addressing them, he began his final speech with the following words in Latin:-

*“Spectaculum facti sumus
non solus hominibus sed Angelis et Deo”,*

which means:

*“We are being made a spectacle,
not only to men... but to angels and to God”.*

PRAYERS

We pray for those who have been elected to govern our country.
May they promote a culture which we would recognise as Christian.

Lord hear us... **Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who left our school last year, and will start their studies at College or University.

May they find the courage to bear witness to their faith.

Lord hear us... **Lord graciously hear us.**

St. Philip: **Pray for us.**

House Saint: **Pray for us.**

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Thursday

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ROSARY REFLECTION

Today, let us offer a decade of the Rosary for members of Campion House, that we are inspired by the courage of our House Patron.

SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY: THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR

Pilate released Barabbas for the crowds; and after flogging Jesus, Pilate handed him over to be crucified.

1x 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....**

10x *Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary...*

1x *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was....In the name..*

Friday

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

FRIDAY PRAYER

Now let us say together a famous prayer written by Saint Ignatius Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus, or the Jesuits,
called

THE ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me

Body of Christ, save me

Blood of Christ, inebriate me

Water from the side of Christ, wash me

Passion of Christ, strengthen me

O good Jesus, hear me

Within thy wounds hide me

Permit me not to be separated from thee

From the wicked foe defend me

At the hour of my death call me

And bid me come to thee

That with thy saints I may praise thee For ever and ever.

Amen.