



St. Bede's Catholic School &
Byron Sixth Form College

Monday 29th April

Faith ~ Excellence ~ Determination

English Martyrs



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Mission Statement

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We take a few moments of stillness to ready our hearts and minds.

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



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Opening Prayer

As we gather this morning, we ask the Lord to be with us as we begin a new week.

Lord Jesus,
Make me a better person,
Considerate towards others,
Honest with myself,
Faithful to you.

Help me to find ways to bring happiness to myself, and to others.

Amen.



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This weeks theme is English Martyrs.

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St Maximilian Kolbe

St Maximilian Kolbe is one of the modern martyrs of the 20th century. When he was a young boy, he was quite naughty and one night he had a dream. He dreamt that Mary appeared to him holding two crowns, one white and one red. She asked him to choose one and he chose both. The white represented purity and he eventually became a priest. The red represented martyrdom. He died in Auschwitz as prisoner when he offered his own life to save a fellow prisoner, who did not want to die. The other prisoner eventually returned home to his family.

Kolbe was canonised (made a saint) by Pope John Paul II in 1982. Pope John Paul II decided that Kolbe should be recognised as a martyr because the systematic hatred of the Nazi regime was an act of hatred against religious faith, meaning Kolbe's death equated to martyrdom. At his canonisation, in 1982 Pope John Paul II said:

“Maximilian did not die but gave his life ... for his brother.”





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As we gather this morning, we ask the Lord to be with us as we begin a new day.

**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, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.**

Amen



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St Oscar Romero

Oscar Romero was a priest in El Salvador. He openly spoke out about how the government mistreated the people and how the military felt that they were above the law. Romero became a source of strength and hope for the poor and the oppressed. He worked with and for them, taking their struggles as his own. Despite threat and danger from those who opposed his ideas, Romero would write or speak passionately and publicly of the need for Christians to work for justice.

Oscar Romero was celebrating Mass when he was shot dead at the altar. He was killed for his beliefs. He was made a saint on October 14th 2018.



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Wednesday 1st May

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Let us put ourselves in the presence of God as we make the sign of the cross.

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



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Opening Prayer

As we gather this morning, let us pray together the prayer Our Father taught us:

**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



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Reading: A reading from Matthew 5:10
Glory to you O Lord

Blessed are those who are
persecuted for the cause of justice,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection:

This short reading implicates that when we are often persecuted for doing what is right. However we can choose to either do what is right and suffer the persecution or avoid doing the right thing and not be persecuted at all. Jesus says that those who are persecuted for doing the right thing are blessed and part of the kingdom of heaven.



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Thursday 2nd May

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Reading: A reading from Acts of the Apostles 7:54-60

When they heard these things, they were enraged and they gnashed their feet at Stephen. But Stephen full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus at God's right hand, "Look!" he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

But they shouted and covered their ears with their hands, and rushed together upon him. They brought him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. As they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." then he knelt down and said in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them," and when he had said this he fell asleep.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection:

The reading from Acts tells us that as Stephen was stoned to death for proclaiming Jesus, he asked God to forgive the people who were killing him. Later in Acts of the Apostles Saul who was there converted and became a Christian himself.



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Friday 3rd May

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Vocation



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Let us begin our day together in the presence of the Lord.

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This week we have learnt about what it means to be a martyr. This is someone who will stand up for what they believe is right or will happily proclaim that they follow God's word.

This is not an easy option but if we ask for God's help, he will help us.

Let us join together in prayer.

We pray that we You always send us the strength we need to serve you in our daily lives.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, in our struggles for justice, love and peace.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for those students who are due to sit important examinations in the next few weeks. We pray that your send the Holy Spirit to be with them during this time.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer





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Closing prayer

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**St Bede,
Pray for us**



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Amen