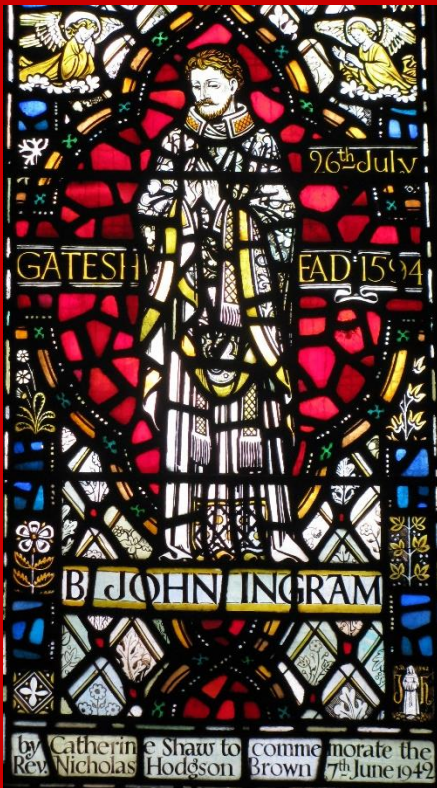


The Feast of the English Martyrs

On 4th May we give thanks for the courage and commitment of men and women of our country who endured imprisonment and death rather than relinquish the Catholic Faith during the religious upheavals of the Reformation.

We pray that in our time we may be inspired by such faith and strive for understanding and unity with our fellow Christians.

It is part of the calling of every disciple of Jesus to witness to his Gospel of love and we ask the Lord to give us courage and eloquence in doing this.



There is a petition seeking the canonisation of Blessed John Ingram. He was a young priest who secretly served Catholics on either side of the Scottish border.

He was arrested and taken to London where he was brutally tortured. Sentenced to death at Durham assizes in 1594. He was then executed at Gateshead on 26 July. He was only twenty-nine years old.

If you would like to read more about him [please click here](#)

If you would like to sign the petition [it can be found here](#)

Please do join in the prayer for his canonisation

O God,
you gave us Blessed John Ingram
to inspire and encourage us.
Grant that we may know the benefit of his prayers
so that we, your Church, can give witness to his sanctity.
We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Amen.

Collect for the Feast of the English Martyrs

4th May

Almighty God,
who in our country raised up martyrs
from every walk of life
to vindicate the authority of your Church
in teaching and worship,
grant through their intercession, we pray,
that all our people may be gathered once again
to celebrate the same sacraments
under the one Shepherd, Jesus Christ your Son.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

