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The image shows the front cover of a manuscript. The title 'FORTY MARTYRS' is written in large, red, serif capital letters at the top. Below it is a central emblem featuring a red cross with a white circle in the center, containing a small figure. The cross is flanked by two small figures. Below the cross, the text 'OF ENGLAND AND WALES' is written in red, serif capital letters. The entire text and emblem are enclosed within a decorative border. The cover is made of a dark material, possibly leather or cloth, and is heavily decorated with gold leaf and intricate designs. The central panel is white, and the text and emblem are in red. The border is gold with blue and red floral motifs. The spine of the book is visible on the left, showing a similar decorative pattern.

(Saint Arsenios of Paros †1877)

St. Margaret Clitherow

"I will not be afraid to serve God and do well. If God's priests dare to venture to my house I will never refuse them".

Christ, graciously hear us.

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Pray for us.

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Saint Thomas of Canterbury, Protector of the clergy of England

Pray for us.

Saint Alphege,

Saint Alban,

Saint Oswald of Northumbria,

Saint Edmund of East Anglia,

All you holy Martyrs,

Saint Illtud,

Saint Dyfrig,

Saint Telio,

Saint Samson,

Saint Deiniol,

Saint Asaph,

Saint Cadoc,

Saint Bueno,

Saint Augustine of Canterbury Apostle of England,

Saint Millitus

Saint Theodore,

Saint Odo,

Saint Dunstan,

Saint Anselm,

Saint Edmund Rich,

Saint Paulinus of York,

Saint Felix of Dunwich,

Saint Aidan of Lindisfarne,

Saint Birinus of Dorchester,

Saint Chad of Lichfield,

Saint Erconwald of London,

Saint Cuthbert of Durham,

Saint Hedda of Wessex,

Saint Aldhelm of Sherborne,

Saint Wilfrid of York,

St. Edmund Campion

"In condemning us you condemn all your own ancestors - all the ancient priests, 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." ...

"I am a Catholic man and a priest; in that Faith I have lived and in that Faith do I intend to die ... I recommend your case and mine to Almighty God, that we may at last be friends in heaven..."

**St. Philip Howard,
20th Earl of Arundel**

"The Catholic Faith which I hold is the only cause why either I have been thus long imprisoned or why I am ready to be executed."

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

"The day will come when far from repenting your return to the Catholic Church, you will find it your greatest comfort and advantage".

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, convert England, Jesus, have mercy on this country.

Or

Jesus, give back the Faith to Wales Jesus, have mercy on this country.

Let us pray:

O God, who from the very birth of thy Church in this land didst make us the Dowry of Mary and loyal subjects of the Prince of thine Apostles; grant us by the merits and intercession of these our Saints and Martyrs that we may continue steadfast in the Catholic Faith, nor ever fail to cherish that most blessed Virgin as our Mother, and maintain our allegiance to the See of Peter.

O God, who didst raise up blessed Martyrs from every rank among us, to fight manfully for the true faith and the primacy of the Holy See; grant us through their merits and prayers that our whole people may agree in the profession of the same faith, and ever enjoy that unity for which thy Son prayed, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



Blessed Richard Fetherston, Pray for us.

Blessed John Larke, “

Blessed Thomas Plumtree, “

Blessed Thomas Woodhouse, “

Blessed Everard Hanse, “

Blessed James Bell, “

Blessed William Davies, “

Blessed George Napier, “

Blessed Thomas Maxfield, “

Blessed William Ward, “

All you blessed Martyrs of the Secular Clergy, “

Blessed Richard Whiting “

Blessed Hugh Fraingdon “

Blessed Philip Powell, “

Blessed Humphrey Middlemore, “

Blessed Henry Heath, “

Blessed Ralph Corby, “

All you blessed Martyrs of the Religious Orders , “

Blessed Adrian Fortescue, “

Blessed John Felton, “

Blessed John Storey, “

Blessed Ralph Milner, “

Blessed James Duckett, “

Blessed Richard Herst, “

Blessed William Howard, “

Blessed Margaret Pole, “

All you blessed Martyrs of the Laity, “

All you blessed Saints and Martyrs of England and Wales, “

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St. Henry Morse

On the scaffold, when they placed the noose round his neck at Tyburn Gallows in London - St. Henry Morse sj addressed the people:

“I am come hither to die for my religion.....I have a secret which highly concerns His Majesty and Parliament to know. The kingdom of England will never be truly blessed until it returns to the Catholic faith and its subjects are all united in one belief under the Bishop of Rome.” He ended by saying: “I pray that my death may be some kind of atonement for the sins of this kingdom.”



Saint Egwin of Evesham, Pray for us.

Saint John of Beverley, “

Saint Swithin of Winchester, “

Saint Ethelwold of Winchester, “

Saint Oswald of Worcester, “

Saint Wulstan of Worcester, “

Saint Osmund of Sarum, “

Saint William of York, “

Saint Hugh of Lincoln, “

Saint Richard of Chichester, “

Saint Thomas of Hereford, “

Saint Swithbert Apostle of the Rhineland, “

Saint Willibrord Apostle of Holland, “

Saint of Boniface, Apostle of Germany, “

Saint Willibald, Apostle of Bavaria, “

Saint Sigfrid, Apostle of Sweden, “

Saint Henry, Apostle of Finland, “

Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman “

All you holy Bishops and Confessors, “

Saint Petroc of Bodmin, “

Saint Botolph of Boston, “

Saint Benet Biscop, “

Saint Guthlac of Croyland, “

Saint Egbert of Lindisfarne, “

Saint Bede the Venerable, “

Saint Stephen Harding, “

Saint Robert of Newminster, “

Saint Aelred of Rievaulx, “

Saint Gilbert of Sempringham, “

Saint Simon Stock, “

Saint John of Bridlington, “

Blessed Dominic Barberi, “

All you holy Monks and Hermits, “

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St. Anne Line

“I am sentenced to die for harbouring a Catholic priest and so far am I from repenting of what I have done that I wish with all my soul that there I have entertained one, I could have entertained a thousand.”

St. Cuthbert Mayne

“In manus tuas, Domine.”

“Into your hands, O Lord.”

St. Ralph Sherwin

“My sins are great I confess but I flee to God’s mercy ... Oh Lord perfect us to that end whereunto we were created, that leaving this world, we may live in Him and of Him. World without end”.

St. Henry Walpole

“Gentlemen of the jury, I confess most willingly that I am a priest and I am of the Company of Jesus ..that I came over in order to convert my country to the Catholic Faith and to invite sinners to repentance.”

Saint Ethelbert of Kent,
 Saint Edward the Confessor,
 All you holy Kings and Princes,
 Saint Winifred of Holywell,
 Saint Ethelburg of Barking,
 Saint Etheldreda of Ely,
 Saint Hilda of Whitby,
 Saint Werburg of Chester,
 Saint Frideswide of Oxford,
 Saint Mildred of Thanet,
 Saint Edith of Wilton,
 Saint Osburg of Coventry,
 All you holy Virgins and Widows,
 All you blessed Saints of England and Wales,

Part 2

Saint John Fisher,
 Saint Oliver Plunkett,
 Saint Cuthbert Mayne,
 Saint Ralph Sherwin,
 Saint Alexander Briant,
 Saint John Payne,
 Saint Luke Kirby,
 Saint Edmund Gennings,
 Saint Eustace White,
 Saint Polydore Plasden,
 Saint John Boste,
 Saint John Almond,
 Saint John Southworth,
 Saint John Plessington,
 Saint John Lloyd,
 Saint John Kemble,
 Saint Claude de la Colombiere

Pray for us.

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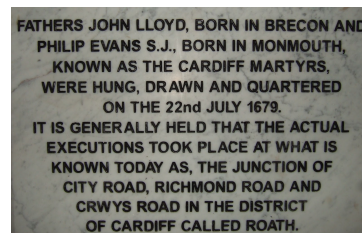
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The six Welsh martyrs are:
St Richard Gwyn - a layman
 and school-teacher
 Hanged, drawn and quartered
 on 15 October 1584
St John Jones
 Hanged, drawn, and
 quartered after two years of
 imprisonment and torture, on
 12 July 1598
St John Roberts
 Executed at Tyburn on 10
 December 1610
**St Philip Evans and St John
 Lloyd**
 Both executed in connection
 with the fake Titus Oates plot
 on 22 July 1679
St David Lewis - the last
 Welsh Martyr
 Executed on 27 August 1679.



All you holy Martyrs of the Secular Clergy,

Saint John Roberts,

Saint Ambrose Barlow,

Saint Alban Roe,

Saint John Houghton,

Saint Augustine Webster,

Saint Robert Lawrence,

Saint Richard Reynolds,

Saint John Stone,

Saint John Jones

Saint John Wall,

Saint Edmund Campion,

Saint Robert Southwell,

Saint Henry Walpole,

Saint Thomas Garnet,

Saint Edmund Arrowsmith,

Saint Henry Morse,

Saint Philip Evans,

Saint David Lewis,

Saint Nicholas Owen,

All you holy Martyrs of the Religious Orders,

Saint Thomas More,

Saint Richard Gwyn,

Saint Philip Howard,

Saint Swithin Wells,

Saint John Rigby,

Saint Margaret Clitherow,

Saint Margaret Ward,

Saint Anne Line,

All you holy Martyrs of the Laity,

Blessed John Haile,

Blessed Thomas Abel,

Blessed Edward Powell,

Pray for us.

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St. John Fisher

Having forgiven his executioner
 as he stood on the scaffold,
 John faced the crowd and
 proclaimed:
 “Christian people, I am come
 hither to die for the faith of
 Christ’s Catholic Church, and I
 thank God hitherto my courage
 hath served me well thereto, so
 that yet hitherto I have not
 feared death, wherefore I desire
 you help me and assist me with
 your prayers, that at the very
 point and instant of my death’s
 stroke, and in the very moment
 of my death, I then faint not in
 any point of the Catholic Faith
 for fear; and I pray God save the
 king and the realm, and hold His
 holy hand over it, and send the
 kings a good counsel.”

St. Thomas More

While on the scaffold at Tower
 Hill before his beheading he
 declared that he died “***the
 king’s good servant, but
 God’s first.***”

St. Edmund Gennings

“I will live and die in the true
 Roman Catholic Faith..”

St. Alexander Brian

“Judge me, O God and
 distinguish my cause from the
 nation that is not holy ... I will go
 unto the altar of God, to God who
 giveth joy to my youth.”