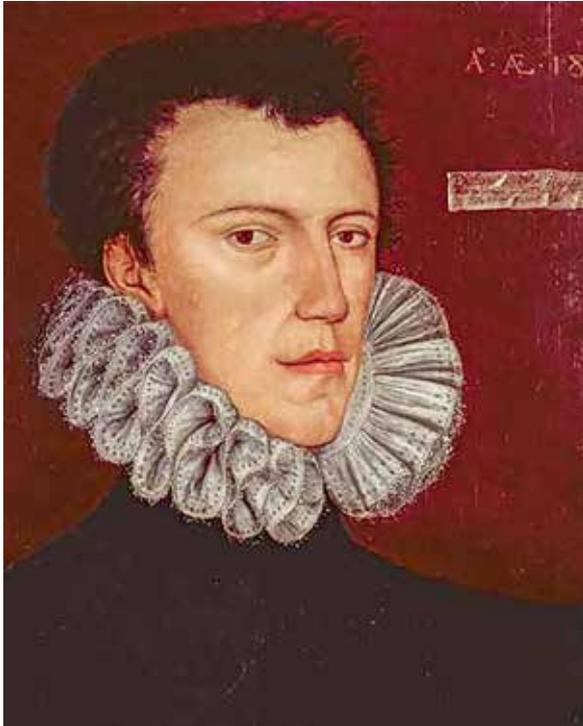




# Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

## St. Philip Howard



*Philip Howard, portrait at Arundel Castle, c.1575*

### **Saint Philip Howard (8 June 1557-19 October 1595)**

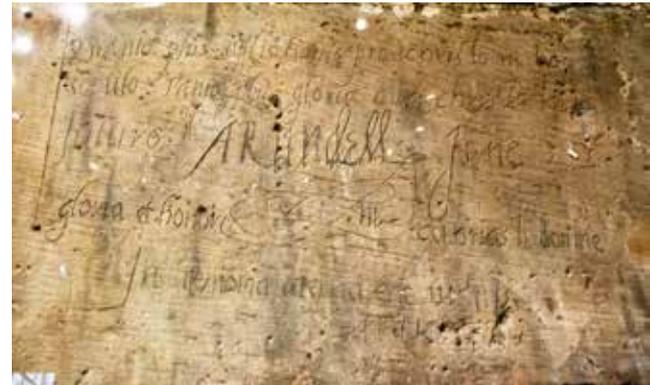
Among the saints we can find many whose lives were frivolous and unpromising to begin with. Such was Saint Philip Howard. We also find saints who were privileged and had everything to live for, but sacrificed all, even their lives, for the love of Christ and His Church. Such also was Philip Howard.

Philip was very well connected, being the son of Thomas Howard, 4<sup>th</sup> Duke of Norfolk and a cousin of Queen Elizabeth I. Unfortunately, his father was executed in 1572, charged with plotting against the queen. He had sought to marry Mary Queen of Scots and, it was claimed, planned to take the throne. Despite this misfortune, Philip's prospects were good. At the age of 18 he joined the court of Elizabeth, soon becoming one of her favourites. He began to live the frivolous life of a courtier, spending lavishly and neglecting his wife. Religion, it seemed, meant little to him.

Then, in 1581, he attended the debates that were held in the Tower between the tortured prisoners Fathers Edmund Campion and Ralph Sherwin and their Protestant opponents. He was much moved by the example of these two great martyrs and their arguments concerning religion. This was the start of Philip's conversion. He was reconciled with his wife, began to stay away from the court and embraced the Catholic faith. The queen never forgave him and he soon he fell under suspicion. He decided to o abroad where he could to live in accordance with his conscience, but, as he was attempting to depart, he was betrayed by a disloyal servant.

On 5<sup>th</sup> April 1585 he was arrested and sent to the Tower. Among other charges, he was falsely accused of having prayed for the success of the Armada and was sentenced to death. Reluctant, perhaps, to have him executed, the queen decided to let him languish in prison, kept in close confinement and living with the constant threat of execution. His imprisonment continued for ten years until the harsh conditions led to final illness and death. He was only 38 years old.

When he was close to death the queen refused Philip's request to see his wife and young son, offering instead that, if he would but once attend the Protestant church service, he would have everything restored to him. Rewards for apostasy have been offered to Catholic martyrs down through the ages. Philip did not think the reward worth the price.



*Inscription carved by Saint Philip Howard on the wall of his cell at the Tower of London*

The Catholic writer Nicholas Sander wrote:

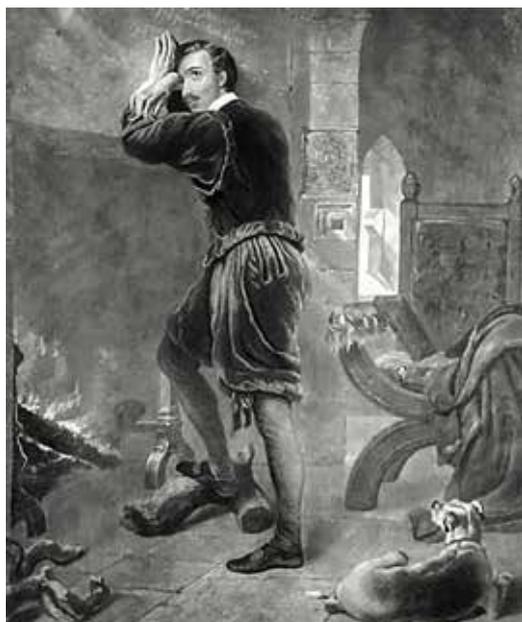
"The queen and her advisers now were not satisfied, in their cunning cruelty, with all they had done against priests, and people of moderate fortunes who kept the faith, so they began to treat with the grossest indignities persons of higher rank, especially the peers, for they saw that these hated more and more the falsehood, the meanness, and immeasurable cruelty of the new religion. But as it was impossible for them to destroy at once every noble person who held the faith, in order to gratify the hate or the greed of each upstart courtier, they assailed them, one after the other, by lying accusations and falsehoods." He goes on to name the noble persons imprisoned and put to death and adds: "I will not stop to describe the cruelty with which they have now or some time treated the most illustrious person in the whole kingdom, the earl of Arundel, the eldest son and heir of the duke of Norfolk, who also has been put to death by their hands stained in blood. The earl had taken to flight solely to save his conscience, but they laid hands upon him and put him in prison. They dishonour his

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name by shameless lying, and harass his brothers, his sisters, and all his kindred, who are all perfectly innocent.” (Nicholas Sander, Rise and Growth of the Anglican Schism, 1585)

You can still see where he carved on the wall of his prison cell at the Tower of London. He wrote his name with the following: **Quanto plus afflictiones pro Christo in hoc saeculo, tanto plus gloriae cum Christo in futuro** - “The more afflictions for Christ in this world, the more glory with Christ in the future.”

Philip had a dog to keep him company in prison. The dog carried messages between him and a fellow prisoner. That prisoner was the Jesuit priest and poet, Robert Southwell, who was also martyred in 1595, and who wrote his **Epistle of Comfort** for Philip Howard. A statue of Saint Philip Howard with his dog stands on top of his shrine at Arundel Cathedral.



Philip Howard in his cell with his faithful dog. Artist: William Barraud

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October we will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, the Titular Feast of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest. On that day we will have a **special collection for the support of the seminary.**

**November 1<sup>st</sup>, is a Holy Day of Obligation.** There will be two Masses at St. Winefride’s: 11.15am and 7pm and one at the Cathedral at 7.30am. *Being a Solemnity, that Friday will not be a day of abstinence from meat.*

The following Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Commemoration of all the Faithful departed will be celebrated together with our day of prayer and catechesis. The theme will be on the 4 Last Things and the Eschatological Role of Our Lady. Be sure to invite someone to come. The schedule of the day will soon be posted.

On Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Winefride, the titular saint of this church.

A Retreat for Mothers will be offered on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> from 10.45am. It will conclude with a 3pm Holy Hour open to all.

Novena for the faithful departed - November 3<sup>rd</sup> until November 11<sup>th</sup>.



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## Weekly Schedule \*

		Ordo	Cathedral	St Winefride’s	Mass Intention
Sun	20 Oct	XIX Sunday after Pentecost		11.15 Mass	Novena: Maria Jordan
Mon	21 Oct	Commemoration of St. Hilarion Abbot, Comm., Com. of St. Ursula and Companions Virgins and Martyrs.	7.30am Mass		Novena: Maria Jordan
Tue	22 Oct	Feria. (Morning Mass Requiem) (Evening Mass votive of the Holy Angels).	7.30am Mass	6pm Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions 7pm Mass	Jacques and Simone RIP Novena: Maria Jordan
Wed	23 Oct	St. Anthony Mary Claret Bishop and Confessor, III class.	7.30am Mass		Novena: Maria Jordan
Thu	24 Oct	St. Raphael Archangel, III class.	7.30am Mass 11am Holy Hour		For Dave’s Family
Fri	25 Oct	Commemoration of Ss. Chrysanthus and Daria Martyrs, Comm.	7.30am Mass	6pm Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions 7pm Mass	Shaun O’Hagan Holy Souls
Sat	26 Oct	Saturday of Our Lady, Comm. of St. Evaristus Pope and Martyr.		10.45am Confessions 11.15 Mass	Private Intention
Sun	27 Oct	Last Sunday in October: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, I class.		11.15 Mass	Private Intention

\* October 27<sup>th</sup> at 3.15pm Sunday Mass at St. Wulstan’s Little Malvern

\* Changes to usual schedule: No changes this week.