



Saint Richard Reynolds

Born 1492: Devon. Graduate of Christ's College and Corpus Christi Cambridge.

Richard Reynolds was made a Fellow of Corpus Christi in 1510. He entered the Bridgettine Order in 1513 at Syon Abbey. Richard was noted for his scholarship and personal holiness. He refused to take the Oath of Supremacy and was arrested on 28 April. He was tried with the three Carthusian Priors, John Houghton,

Augustine Webster and Robert Lawrence. All were found

guilty. Richard was the last of the four to suffer; he tried to encourage his fellow martyrs promising 'A heavenly banquet and supper for their sharp breakfast, taken patiently for their Master's sake.'

Richard was hanged, drawn and quartered on 4th May 1535 at Tyburn, London.



Saint John Stone

Born circa 1490:

John Stone was an Augustinian friar at Canterbury. He was a Doctor of Divinity and Prior at Droitwich. When the dissolution of the monasteries started in 1538; Richard Ingworth, Bishop of Dover, presented the monks at Droitwich with the Oath of Supremacy. John refused to

sign, saying 'The King may not be head of the Church in England, but it must be a spiritual father appointed by God'. He was arrested and imprisoned in Canterbury Castle.

Whilst awaiting trial, John fasted for three days then, ' - heard a voice which bade him be of good heart and not hesitate to suffer death with constancy for the belief which he had professed' (Nicholas Harpsfield). In December 1539 John was found guilty of treason. He was hanged, drawn and quartered in December 1539 at Dane-John, a hillock overlooking his friary.