

Saint John Almond

Born *circa* 1577: Allerton, Liverpool

John Almond was initially educated at the grammar school in Much Woolton and then in Ireland. He attended the College in Rome where he was ordained in 1601, returning to England for his mission in 1602. In 1608, John was arrested and imprisoned, but released.

In 1612 he was again arrested, but refused to sign the Oath of Supremacy when it was proffered. He said he was 'Ready to swear as much allegiance to King James as he or any Christian King could expect by law of nature, the law of God, or the positive law of the true Church'. He was incarcerated at Newgate Prison for nine months before he was tried.

John said, 'One hour overtaketh another, and though never so long at last comes death. And yet not death, for death is the gate of life unto us, whereby we enter into everlasting blessedness', before he was hanged, drawn, and quartered on 5th December 1612 at Tyburn.

