



### **Also known as**

- John Boast

### **Memorial**

- 24 July
- 25 October as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales
- 29 October as one of the Martyrs of Douai
- 1 December as one of the Martyrs of Oxford University

### **Profile**

Educated at Queen's College, Oxford, England from 1569 to 1572. Fellow at Queen's College. Convert to Catholicism in 1576 at Brome, Suffolk, England. Resigned his position at Oxford, and studied in Rheims, France in 1580. Ordained on 4 March 1581. Returned to England in April 1581 as a missionary to the northern counties, often disguised as a servant in the livery costume of Lord Montacute. Assisted in his mission by Blessed John Speed. He became the object of an intense manhunt, was betrayed by Francis Ecclesfield near Durham, England on 5 July 1593 at the home of one William Claxton, and arrested. He was sent to the Tower of London where he was crippled by being tortured on the rack. Sent to Durham in July 1594, where he was tried for the treason of being a priest. One of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.

### **Born**

- c.1544 at Dufton, Westmoreland, England

### **Died**

- hanged, drawn, and quartered on 24 July 1594 at Dryburn near Durham, England

### **Venerated**

- 8 December 1929 by Pope Pius XI (decree of martyrdom)

### **Beatified**

- 15 December 1929 by Pope Pius XI

### **Canonized**

- 25 October 1970 by Pope Paul VI