

RODSLEY, SUNDAY 26TH JUNE 3PM

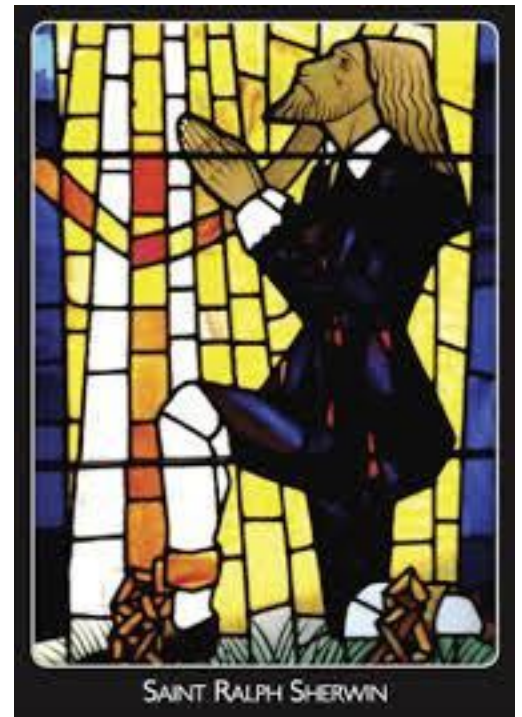
ST RALPH SHERWIN

Why is there a pilgrimage here?

Rodsley, near Ashbourne in Derbyshire, is the birthplace of **St Ralph Sherwin**, the first martyr of the English College in Rome. St Ralph was born 1550, studied at Eton College and the University of Oxford where he felt called to the Priesthood, as it was illegal at the time to be a Priest In England he travelled to Douai College in France in 1575. After his ordination he was one of the first students enrolled at the Venerable English College in Rome, with a missionary zeal he returned to England arriving in London in 1580 hoping to be called to his home diocese. He was caught preaching in a friend's house and despite being tortured he refused to give up his Catholic faith and was executed at Tyburn on the 1st December 1581.

What happens on this pilgrimage?

The first pilgrimage to Rodsley was over 40 years ago, around the time of his canonisation by Pope Saint John Paul II. Pilgrims meet at 3pm at the Rodsley Crossroads to process while praying the Rosary to the field where St Ralph's first home stood for the celebration of Mass. This year Rt Rev. Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham, will lead the pilgrimage, presiding and preaching at the Mass, which will begin at 3:15pm. Following the Mass there will be a presentation by the St Ralph Sherwin CMAT.



What do people say about this pilgrimage?

"The Rodsley pilgrimage is a wonderful experience, it is so inspiring to be in the simple place where this great saint, who has inspired thousands, was born."

Where is it?

The Corner Farm, Rodsley, Ashbourne,
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