

Dates for Catholics in England

- 1534 **HENRY VIII's ACT OF SUPREMACY** took control of the Church in England, severing the links between England and the Church of Rome (schism).
- 1559-1569 **BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER** and **THIRTY-NINE ARTICLES**
Elizabeth established Church of England as doctrinally different from Rome (heresy).
- 1661-1665 The **CLARENDON CODE** was a series of four acts:
1 Corporation Act, 1661
2 Act of Uniformity, 1662
3 Conventicle Act, 1664
4. Five Mile Act, 1665
These were designed to settle the religious problems of the Restoration
- 1667 Bishop Leyburn confirms in England – List of names
- 1689 **THE TOLERATION ACT** allowed concessions to non-conformists, but NOT Papists..
- 1705, 1706 **RETURNS OF PAPISTS**
- 1715, 1717 **PAPISTS ESTATES** Roman Catholics were required by two Acts to register their names and estates with the Justices of the Peace of the county in which they resided.
- 1754 **LORD HARDWICK'S MARRIAGE ACT** - To be legally valid, marriages had to be conducted by an authorised Anglican Minister in a licensed Anglican church. Quakers and Jews were exempted from the terms of this.
- 1767 **RETURN OF PAPISTS** - detailed returns for the Diocese of Chester.
- 1780 **CATHOLIC RELIEF ACT (1)** Allowed Catholics to own and inherit property and removed the punishment of perpetual imprisonment for the practise of their religion.
- 1791 **CATHOLIC RELIEF ACT (2)** allowed Catholic clergy, chapels, schools and school teachers to be registered with the Justices of the Peace
- 1829 **CATHOLIC EMANCIPATION ACT** enabled Roman Catholics to worship freely.
- 1836 **CIVIL REGISTRATION** - These Acts enabled non-conformists (including RCs) to have marriage ceremonies in their own chapels, provided the chapel was registered, and the Registrar attended.
- 1837 **A ROYAL COMMISSION** invited non-conformist churches to deposit their early registers at the Public Record Office. Blackburn, St Alban's, was the only Catholic chapel in Lancashire to send its registers - on the understanding that they would be returned..
- 1850 Catholic hierarchy (Bishops) restored, dioceses established. Could not have the same title as an existing CE Diocese.
- 1880 **BURIAL LAWS AMENDMENT ACT 1880** permitted burials in Anglican churchyards without the Anglican service, provided notice given.
- 1898 **THE MARRIAGE ACT** enabled non-conformist churches to request an Authorised Person from their congregation to act as a Registrar of Marriages. Catholic chapels tended not to use this facility.
- 1909 Papal document "**Ne Temere**" clarified and unified the laws relating to the marriage of Catholics in the Catholic Church, worldwide.
- 1919 Establishment of Catholic Parishes in England and Wales.

Last Fifty Years

The last fifty years have seen changes in many areas that affect Catholics. The Second Vatican Council, and Ecumenism. Discussions between the Catholic and Anglican Churches - ARCIC1 and ARCIC2.

The revision of the civil marriage laws (and others). The acceptance more generally by Catholic Churches of the appointment of Authorised Persons for the civil part of the marriage ceremony.

The problems of authority within the Anglican Church and establishment by Rome of the *Ordinate of Our Lady of Walsingham* for 'traditional' Anglican clergy who join the Catholic community.

BAPTISM

Die 31 Decembris 1894 natus, et die 1 Januarii 1895 baptizatus est *Jacobus Bright*, filius *Jacobi et Mariae Bright* (olim *Saunders*) conjugum:

A me M.Byrne Rect. Miss., [vel Miss. Apos., vel Miss. Coad.]

Patrinus fuit *Timotheus Russell* Matrina fuit *Maria Ward*

This translates roughly as

On 31 December 1894 was born, and on 1 January 1895 was baptised James BRIGHT, son of James and Mary BRIGHT (formerly SAUNDERS), married: by me M.Byrne Miss. Rect, or Miss. Apos. or Miss. Coad. Godfather was Timothy RUSSELL; Godmother was Mary WARD.

MARRIAGE

Anno 1917 die 31 mensis Julii, Ego *J. Boardman* in Matrimonio conjunxi *Jacobus Bright (Bury)* filium *Jacobi et Mariae Bright* et *Aliciam Jones (Openshaw Fold)* filiam *Gulielmi et Annae Trickett*.

Praesentibus) *Jacobo Burns (talis loco)*

testibus) *Maria Burns (talis loco)*

J. Boardman Rector Miss, [vel Miss. Apos. vel Miss. Coad]

This translates roughly as

On 31 July 1917, J. Boardman, joined in marriage James Bright (of Bury), son of James and Mary Bright, and Alice Jones (of Openshaw Fold) daughter of William and Ann Trickett.

In the Presence) James Burns (of place)

Witnesses) Mary Burns (of place)

J. Boardman Miss. Rect, [or Miss. Apos. or Miss. Coad]

BURIAL (Liber Defunctorum)

Anno 1951 die 26 mensis Decembris, in communione S Matris Ecclesia, aetatis 57, anima Deo reddidit *Joanna Smith* filia *Joanni et Mariae Jones*, et conjux *Thomae Smith*, Rdo Dno *Joanne Brady* confessario probate confessa, Sanctissimoque Viatico refecta et sacro Olei unctione roborata per Rdm Dnm *Joanne Brady*; cujus corpus anno 1951 die 31 mensis Dec. in coemeterio publico apud *Bury* sepultum est.

[*Thoma Connor signature*]

This translates roughly as

On 26 December 1951, in communion with Holy Mother Church, aged 57, returned her soul to God, Jane Smith, daughter of John and Mary Jones, and spouse of Thomas Smith. She confessed to Rev. Fr. John Brady, an approved confessor, and received the Most Holy Viaticum and was strengthened by anointing with sacred Oil by Rev. Fr. John Brady, whose body on 31 Dec 1951 in the public cemetery in Bury, was buried.

Thomas Connor.

ANNOTATIONS - Types of Annotations that may be found

(privm. domi) Caerem. suppleta sunt d. 20 Augusti a me Henr. F. Roche.	(Private [baptism] at home) Ceremonies supplied 20 August by me Henry F Roche
Conditionate	Conditional
conversa ad fidem	Convert to the Faith
Cum dispensatione bannorum	With dispensation of banns
Cum dispensatione mixta religione	With dispensation for mixed religions
Ipse mat. contraxit cum Aliciam JONES filia Gulielmi et Annae TRICKETT die 31 Oct 1927 in eccles Sti. Josephi apud Bury. Praes Test Jacobo BURNS et Maria BURNS (T.F.)	This person contracted marriage with Alice JONES, daughter of William and Ann TRICKETT on 31 Oct 1927 in the church of St Joseph, Bury. Witnesses James BURNS and Mary BURNS (T.F.)
Matrimonium contraxit; post matrimonium civile, cum Jacobo Edwin BROOKS, in Ecclesia Stae Walburgae apud Chester, die 13 Decembris 1952	Contracted marriage, following a civil marriage, with James Edwin BROOKS, in the church of St Walburge, Chester, 13 December 1952.

LATIN NAMES

There was no standard list for translating English names into Latin. Each priest had his own versions and they may change with time. The ones below are a rough guide.

Andreas	Andrew	Agneta	Agnes
Carolus	Charles	Anna	Ann, Anna, Anne,
Dionysius	Dennis		Hannah, Nancy
Gulielmus	William	Birgitta	Bridget
Jacobus	James	Joanna	Jane, Joan, Jean, Janet
Joannes	John	Maria	Mary, Marie, Maria
		Ellena }	{Ellen, Eleanor
		Helena }	{Helen, Aileen

Transcribe the entry in Latin **as written**, then match the names to the ones you expect in your family. **ONLY** use lists as a last resort.

INTERNET

English Catholic History site, leading to several related sites –
www.catholic-history.org.uk

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