



*DRAFT PROGRAMME – SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Early Modern British and Irish Catholicism Conference**

**29 June – 1 July 2026**

**University of Notre Dame London**

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Durham University  
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## **Monday 29 June**

**10.00am: Registration**

**11.00am: Conference Welcome –**  
James Kelly, Durham University

**11.15am – 12.30pm: Plenary Session –**

**Jamie Goodrich** (Wayne State University) – ‘From Piety to Poetry: Poor Clares, Jesuits, and Literary History’

**12.30pm – 1.30pm: Lunch**

**1.30pm – 3.00pm: Parallel Sessions**

### **Catholic Lay Women’s Experiences**

**Lucy Allan** (Northumbria University) – ‘Faith over Family? Catholic Recusant Wives and Marital Negotiations of Piety and Patriarchy in Elizabethan England’

**Maddy Keightley-Phillipps** (Durham University) – ‘Raising “Prudent and Vertuose Women”: The Religious Education of Catholic Girls in Early Modern England’

**Krista Everson** (Liberty University) – ‘Concealed Sorrow’

### **Conversion and Choices**

**Andrii Patushenko** (Kharkiv National University of Economics) – ‘Catholic Mariners and Religious Life Aboard Elizabethan Ships: Conformity, Improvisation and Conversion’

**Bob Scully, SJ** (Le Moyne College) – ‘Henry Pier’s Roman Pilgrimage: An Anglo-Irish Protestant’s Conversion Narrative’

**Bob Siegfried** (KU Leuven) – ‘Sensibility and Persuasion: Confessional Choice in Eighteenth Century English-language Novels’

**3.00pm – 3.30pm: Coffee**

**3.30pm – 5.00pm: Parallel Sessions**

## **Cross-Confessional Relations**

**Kathryn Marshalek** (University of Florida) – ‘Protestant Devotional Texts for Catholic Women’

**Bláithín Hurley** (Open University) – ‘Language, Sound and Devotion: The Bedell Bible and Catholic Religious Practice in Early Modern Ireland’

**Esther Rollinson** (University of Manchester) – “‘If Sr. Robert is not well you must come to Bath this spring’: Exploring Catholic Consumption, Sociability and Faith in Bath during the Eighteenth Century’

## **Religion and Politics**

**Peter Stiffel** (Independent Scholar) – ‘England’s Last Hope: Mary I’s Pregnancy, What Really Happened?’

**Liam Temple** (Durham University) – ‘Brazil, Savoy and London: Devotional Space, the *Quarantore* and Missionary Frontiers in the Seventeenth Century French Capuchin Missions.’

**Geoffrey Scott, OSB** (Douai Abbey) – ‘Saint Oliver Plunkett and Abbot Maurus Corker: A Suffering Servant and his Support’

**5.00pm – 5.15pm: Break**

**5.15pm – 6.30pm: Roundtable**

**News from *Oxford Complete Works of Robert Southwell***

**Susannah Monta** (University of Notre Dame)

**Emily Ransom** (Belmont Abbey College)

**Peter Davison** (Campion Hall, Oxford)

**Tuesday 30 June**

**9.30am – 11.00am: Parallel Sessions**

**Visual and Spatial Culture**

**Sharon Smith** (College of the Holy Cross) – ‘Devotion Before the Nation: Mediterranean Catholic Space and Scottish Religious Practice, c.1530–1800’

**Diego Herrero** (University of Valladolid) – ‘Material Culture, Catholic Devotion and Patronage at the Spanish Embassy in London through Alonso de Cardena’s Accounts (1636–1655)’

**Laurence Lux-Sterritt** (Aix-Marseille University) – ‘Religious Practice and the Power of Images in English Convents in Exile, c.1600–1800’

**Catholic Journeys**

**Brian Mac Cuarta, SJ** (Campion Hall, Oxford) – ‘Financing an Irishman’s Journey to Rome, 1595–7’

**Thomas Santa Maria** (Harvard University) – ‘Tobie Matthew: The Ascetic Devotional Writer?’

**Sadie Sunderland Rhoads** (University College London) – ‘Recruitment *quid pro quo*: Lord Kenmare and Irish Catholic Recruitment for Service in the American Revolution’

**11.00am – 11.30am – Coffee**

**11.30am – 12.45pm – Plenary Session**

**Liam Chambers** (Mary Immaculate College, Limerick) – ‘Transubstantiation and Toleration in Dublin, 1725–40’

**12.45pm – 1.30pm – Lunch**

**1.30pm – 3.00pm: Parallel Sessions**

**Lived Catholicism**

**Claire Schiano-Locurcio** (Université de Montpellier Paul-Valéry) – ‘“To be Poor of all Earthly Things”: Poverty and Devotional Practices of the English Poor Clares in Exile’

**Eilish Gregory** (Durham University) – ‘“She goes to her devotions in her study privately”: Queen Catherine of Braganza and Catholic Devotional Worship at the Restoration Stuart Court, 1662–1692’

**Jonathan Abernethy–Barkley** (King’s College London) – ‘Lived Catholicism: The Public and Private Devotional Lives of the Irish Catholics Involved in the 1798 Rebellion’

### **Travel Accounts**

**Aurelia E. Eburne** (Durham University) – ‘Richard Lassels’ *Voyage(s) of Italy*: English Catholic Exile and the proto-Grand Tour’

**Jane D. Tar** (University of St. Thomas) – ‘British Library MS Sloane 1572: Francis Bell’s Account of Five English Franciscans in Portugal (Summer of 1633)’

**Paul Arblaster** (Université Catholique de Louvain) – ‘English Martyrs in a Brussels Fictive Travelogue (1690)’

**3.00pm – 3.30pm: Coffee**

**3.30pm – 5.00pm: Parallel Sessions**

### **Memory and Continuity**

**Dewi Alter** (Cardiff University) – “De adventu Cadualladri Regis Britonum ad Urbem”: Robert Owen’s Essays in the Vatican Apostolic Library’

**Sho Makino** (Trinity College Dublin) – ‘Richard Belling’s Memory-Making of the 1641 Rebellion’

**Simon Johnson** (Downside Abbey) – ‘Corporate Community and Identity: The English Benedictine Confraternity of the Rosary, from Reformation to Emancipation’

### **Late Seventeenth Century Print Culture**

**Emily Baines** (The Farran Library, St Edmund’s Church, Castleton) – ‘Anti-Catholic Rhetoric in an Early Modern Anglican Parish Library’

**Chelsea Reutcke** (University of Utah) – “For his household and chappel”: The Devotional Print Agenda of James VII & II’

**Natasha Kee** (Newcastle University) – ‘Hiding in Plain Sight: Catholic False Imprints in London After the Deposition of James II’

**5.00–5.15pm: Break**

**5.15pm –6.45pm: Parallel Sessions**

## Plays and Performance

**Jolanta Rzegocka** (Ignatianum Jesuit University Kraków) – ‘Devotion in Performance: Thomas More and British Catholic Identity on the Polish-Lithuanian Jesuit Stage’

**Gašper Jakovac** (Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts) – ‘*Campionus*: Staging Edmund Campion at the English College, Rome’

**Sonja Fielitz** (University of Marburg) – “‘From this time be/ This island is free from beasts of venomous natures’”: James Shirley’s Drama *St. Patrick of Ireland* (1640) and Early Modern Religious Discourses’

## British and Irish Catholics in European Catholic Reform

**Clarinda Calma** (Independent Scholar) – Civic Friendship and Confessional Formation in Edmund Campion’s Sodality Texts in Early Modern Prague’

**Benjamin Johnson, OFM Cap** (University of Notre Dame Australia) – ‘Benet of Canfield’s Mysticism in Catholic Reformation’

**Jonathan Chant** (Durham University) – ‘Nobody Expects the English Inquisition: Collaboration and Censorship in Seventeenth Century Lisbon’

**6.45pm: Drinks Reception**

**Wednesday 1 July**

**9.30am – 11.00am: Parallel Sessions**

**Manuscript Culture**

**Earle Havens** (Johns Hopkins University) – ‘Reconstructing the Devotions of an Elizabethan Catholic Scribal Coterie’

**James January-McCann** (The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales) – ‘Believing the Saints: Defending the Cult of Saints in Sixteenth Century Wales’

**Magdalene Charzynska-Wojick** (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin) – ‘Irish Hands, Exiled Voices: The Saint-German Psalter and the English Poor Clares’

**Perceptions of British and Irish Catholics**

**Lauren Johnson** (Manchester Metropolitan University) – ‘The Devotional Sincerity of the Exiles of the English College at Rome – A Diplomatic Perspective’

**Carol Baxter** (Trinity College Dublin) – ‘Strangers and Sojourners?: Parisian Perceptions of the English Convents in Exile’

**Shaun Blanchard** (University of Notre Dame, Australia) – ‘Novatori Cisalpini: The Roman View of the English Cisalpines’

**11.00 am – 11.30pm: Coffee**

**11.30 – 1.00pm: The Catholic Record Society Lecture**

**Freddy Dominguez** (University of Arkansas) – ‘A Mirror for Princesses: English Queens in the Spanish Elizabethan Imagination’

**1.00pm – 2.00pm: Lunch**

**2.00pm – 3.00pm: Roundtable Discussion**

*Those taking part will include:*

**James Kelly** (Durham University)

**John McCafferty** (University College Dublin)

**Susannah Monta** (University of Notre Dame)

**3.00pm: Close**