

SAINT OLIVER PLUNKETT

1625-2025



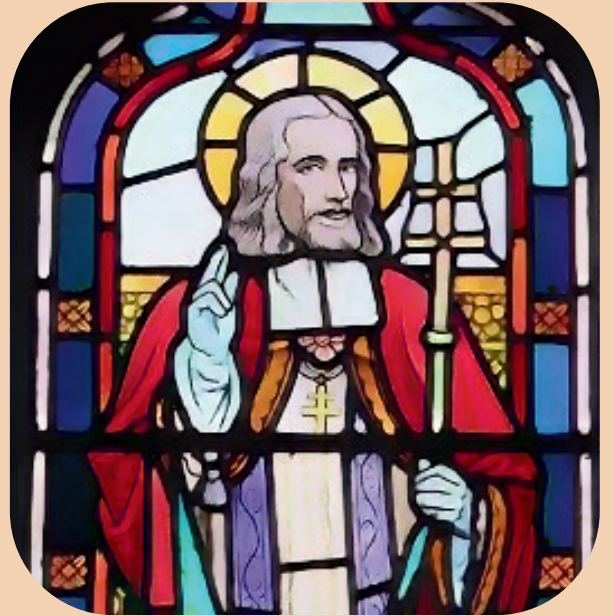
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WHO IS SAINT OLIVER PLUNKETT?



DATE OF BIRTH:
1ST OF NOVEMBER 1625

WHERE WAS HE BORN?
**LOUGHCREW, OLDCASTLE,
CO. MEATH**

**THE PATRON SAINT OF PEACE AND
RECONCILIATION.**

**ALSO, THE PATRON SAINT OF
DROGHEDA.**

FEAST DAY:
1ST OF JULY

ST. OLIVER'S JOURNEY

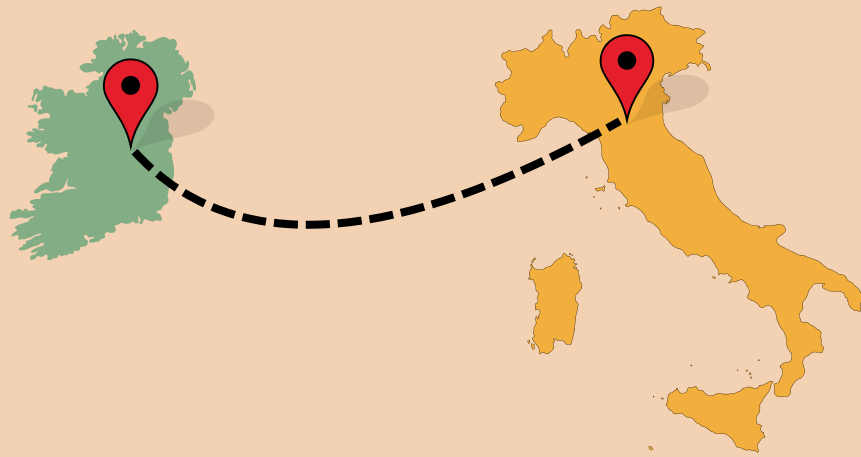
**OLIVER PLUNKETT HAD ALWAYS WISHED TO
BECOME A PRIEST.**

**ALONG WITH FOUR OTHERS HE WAS
CHOSEN TO ATTEND THE IRISH COLLEGE IN
ROME!**

**DURING THIS TIME WAS THE ULSTER RISING,
SO LEAVING IRELAND WASN'T EASY.**

**AFTER WEEKS OF DELAYS, THEY FINALLY
SAILED FROM WATERFORD.**

**THE JOURNEY WAS VERY DANGEROUS AS
AT THE TIME YOUNG MEN WERE FORBIDDEN
TO TRAVEL ABROAD TO ATTEND COLLEGE
TO BECOME A PRIEST.**



WHILE AT SEA, THEY WERE SPOTTED BY TWO ENGLISH WARSHIPS, IF CAUGHT THEY WOULD BE IMPRISONED.

THEY PRAYED AND PROMISED TO UNDERGO A PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI IN RETURN FOR A SAFE ARRIVAL!

AFTER THREE MONTHS THEY HAD ARRIVED SAFELY.

OLIVER MADE AN OATH TO RETURN TO IRELAND AS SOON AS HE WAS ORDAINED.

OLIVER WAS ORDAINED ON THE 1ST OF JANUARY 1654!



**DUE TO DANGER RETURNING TO IRELAND
THEY WERE ALLOWED TO STAY IN ROME UNTIL
IT WAS SAFE TO RETURN HOME.**

**ST. OLIVER WENT ON TO STUDY LAW IN
SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY.**

**DURING HIS TIME IN UNIVERSITY HE WORKED
AS A CHAPLAIN IN SANTO SPIRITO
HOSPITAL.**

**HE WAS KNOWN TO HAVE DEDICATED THE
MAJORITY OF HIS TIME VISITING THE POOR
AND ASSIST WITH HELPING PEOPLE WHO
WERE ILL.**

**AFTER CROMWELL'S DEATH, IT BECAME
SAFER TO RETURN TO IRELAND.**



ST. OLIVER WAS CHOSEN TO BE THE ARCHBISHOP OF ARMAGH AS POPE CLEMENT IX DECIDED HE WAS THE PERFECT PERSON FOR THE ROLE!

ST. OLIVER GOT PERMISSION TO SET UP A SCHOOL IN DROGHEDA. THIS SCHOOL WAS JUST FOR BOYS AND PRIESTS IN IRELAND.

ST. OLIVER TRAVELLED ON HORSE BACK FROM MASS ROCK TO MASS ROCK ACROSS THE ARMAGH PROVINCE, WHERE HE CONFIRMED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS.



MANY PLACES HAD NOT SEEN A BISHOP IN A GENERATION - HE WROTE THAT BEARDED MEN OF SIXTY WERE COMING TO HIM TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.



ST. OLIVER ALSO WROTE THAT THE OLD AND INFIRM WOULD BE CARRIED BY THE STRONG AND THE HEALTHY TO MASS ROCKS.

HE ORDAINED SEVERAL HUNDRED PRIESTS - GOOD MEN WHO HELPED THE PEOPLE KEEP THE FAITH DURING THE STRICT PENAL LAWS.

HE BROUGHT PEACE TO EACH DIOCESE THAT HE VISITED.

ST. OLIVER WAS FALSELY ACCUSED OF PLOTTING A REBELLION IN IRELAND AND HE BRAVELY REFUSED TO ESCAPE BY GOING INTO EXILE - INSISTING THAT HE SHOULD STAY WITH HIS PEOPLE.

HE WAS EVENTUALLY CAUGHT AND BROUGHT TO TRIAL IN LONDON, WHERE HE WAS EXECUTED IN 1681.

BEFORE HIS DEATH ST. OLIVER FORGAVE ALL, INCLUDING THOSE WHO HAD TOLD LIES ABOUT HIM.



DROGHEDA CO.LOUTH

DROGHEDA, IS KNOWN AS THE 'CITY OF THE CHURCHES' AS IT WAS THE LARGEST AND MOST IMPORTANT CENTRE OF ST. OLIVER'S ARCHDIOCESE OF ARMAGH.

THE NATIONAL SHRINE TO ST. OLIVER IS LOCATED IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

HERE YOU CAN VISIT THE RELIC OF THE HEAD OF ST OLIVER PLUNKETT.

VISITORS COME TO PRAY FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

MANY ADMIRE HIS LOYALTY IN FAITH.



PRAYER TO ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT

**GLORIOUS MARTYR, OLIVER, WHO WILLINGLY
GAVE YOUR LIFE FOR YOUR FAITH,
HELP US ALSO TO BE STRONG IN FAITH.**

MAY WE BE LOYAL LIKE YOU TO THE SEE OF PETER.

**BY YOUR INTERCESSION AND EXAMPLE MAY ALL
HATRED AND BITTERNESS BE BANISHED FROM THE
HEARTS OF MEN AND WOMEN.**

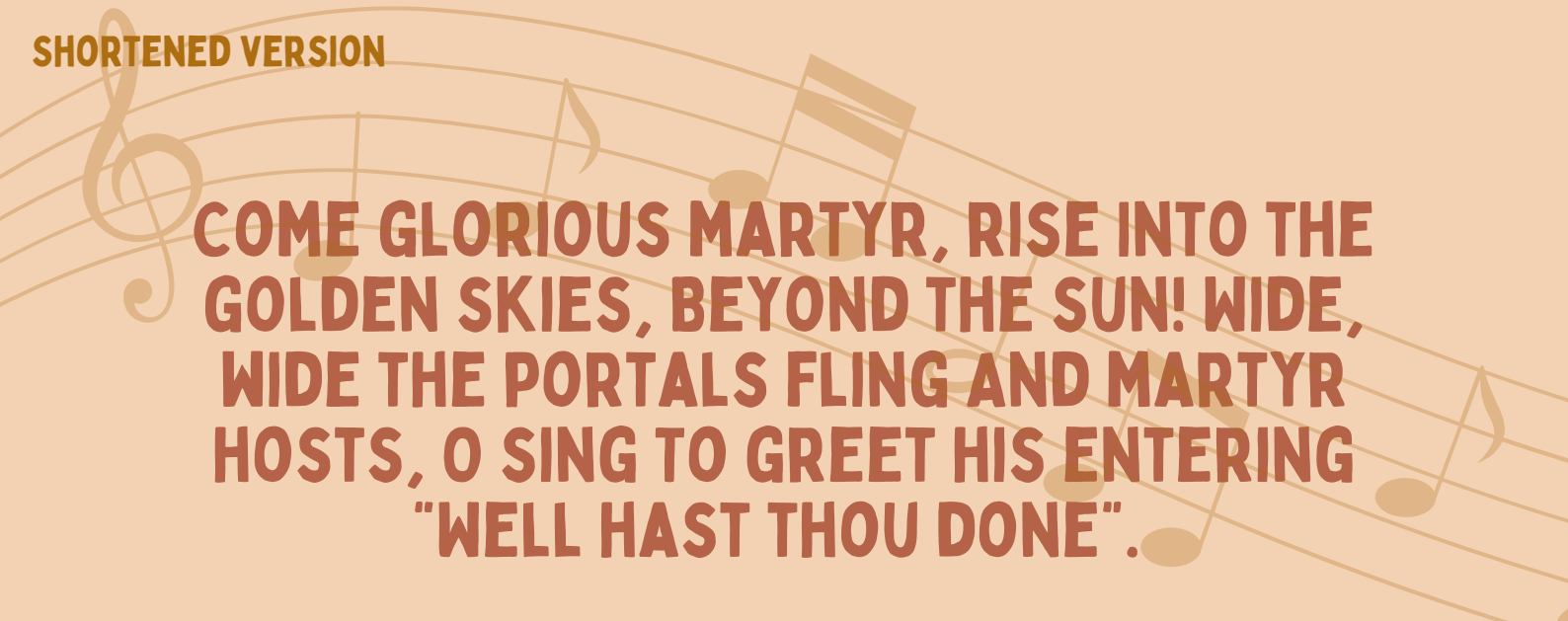
**MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST REIGN IN OUR HEARTS,
AS IT DID IN YOUR HEART, EVEN AT THE MOMENT
OF YOUR DEATH.**

**PRAY FOR US, FOR IRELAND AND
THE WHOLE WORLD.**

AMEN.

HYMN TO ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT

SHORTENED VERSION



COME GLORIOUS MARTYR, RISE INTO THE
GOLDEN SKIES, BEYOND THE SUN! WIDE,
WIDE THE PORTALS FLING AND MARTYR
HOSTS, O SING TO GREET HIS ENTERING
"WELL HAST THOU DONE".

NEVER REPROACH HE MADE, LIKE TO HIS
LORD BETRAYED BY HIS OWN KIND. SHARING
HIS MASTER'S BLAME, GLADLY HE BORE THE
SHAME, WHILE THE FALSE CHARGE THEY
FRAME, "GUILTY" THEY FIND.

HAIL THEN, GREAT MARTYR, HAIL, IN DEATH
THOU DID PREVAIL WINNING RENOWN! BLOW
THE FULL TRUMPETS, BLOW, WIDER THE
PORTALS THROW, MARTYR TRIUMPHANT GO
WHERE WAITS YOUR CROWN.

Hymn to Saint Oliver Plunkett

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Allegro

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Allegro

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo is marked 'Allegro'. The score consists of ten staves of music, each with a line of lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes to indicate the harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Glor - i - ous Mar - tyr Saint Ol - i - ver who will - ing - ly ga - ve your life for your faith He - lp us al - so to be strong in faith May we be loy - al like you to the See o - f Pet - er By your in - ter - cess - ion a - nd ex - am - ple may all hat - red and bi - ter - ness be ba - nished from the hea - rts of men and wom - en May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts as it did in your heart e - ven at the mom - ent o - f your death Pra - y for us, for Ire - land and the whole world A - - - - men'. The score includes dynamic markings such as *f*, *mf*, and *mp*. The piece concludes with a final chord on the last staff.

G C Em D C D
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9 *f* G C Am Bm C
He - lp us al - so to be strong in faith May we be

16 D Em D
loy - al like you to the See o - f Pet - er By

23 G C Am D Em D G
your in - ter - cess - ion a - nd ex - am - ple may all hat - red and bi - ter -

31 *f* D Em C Am C D
ness be ba - nished from the hea - rts of men and wom - en

38 G Em D Bm C D C
May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts as it

47 D Em C D
did in your heart e - ven at the mom - ent o - f your death

56 G C Am C
Pra - y for us, for Ire - land and the whole

61 *f* D C D G
world A - - - - men

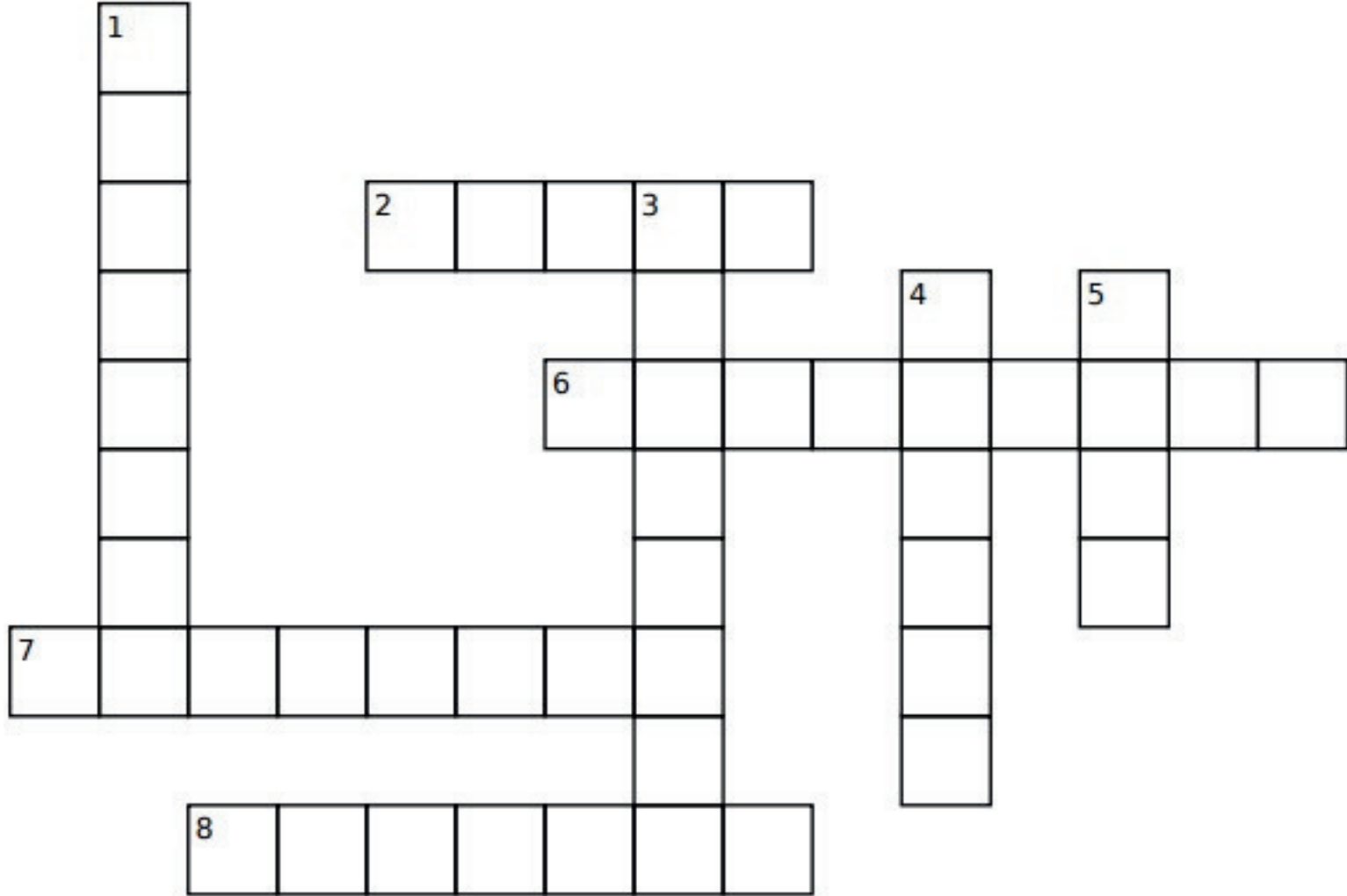
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CROSSWORD

CAN YOU ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS?

HINT: ALL THE ANSWERS ARE WITHIN THIS BOOKLET!



DOWN:

- 1. IN WHICH MONTH WAS ST OLIVER BORN?**
- 3. WHAT DID ST OLIVER WORK AS IN SANTO SPIRITO HOSPITAL?**
- 4. WHAT DID ST OLIVER ALWAYS WISH TO BECOME?**
- 5. IN WHICH CITY DID ST OLIVER GO TO COLLEGE?**

ACROSS:

- 2. WHAT IS ST OLIVER THE PATRON SAINT OF?**
- 6. WHERE DID THEY SET SAIL FROM TO START THEIR JOURNEY TO ROME?**
- 7. WHERE DID ST OLIVER OPEN HIS FIRST SCHOOL?**
- 8. IN WHICH COUNTRY WAS ST OLIVER BORN?**

QUIZ

1.WHAT WAS ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT'S MAIN ROLE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

- A. ARCHBISHOP**
- B. PRIEST**
- C. CARDINAL**
- D. NUN**

2.IN WHICH CENTURY DID ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT LIVE?

- A. 16TH**
- B. 17TH**
- C. 18TH**
- D. 19TH**

3.WHY WAS ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT IMPRISONED AND EVENTUALLY EXECUTED?

- A. FOR BEING INVOLVED IN POLITICAL UPRISING**
- B. FOR REFUSING TO STOP PREACHING THE FAITH**
- C. FOR COMMITTING A CRIME**
- D. FOR HIS SUPPORT OF THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS**

4.WHERE IS ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT SHRINE ?

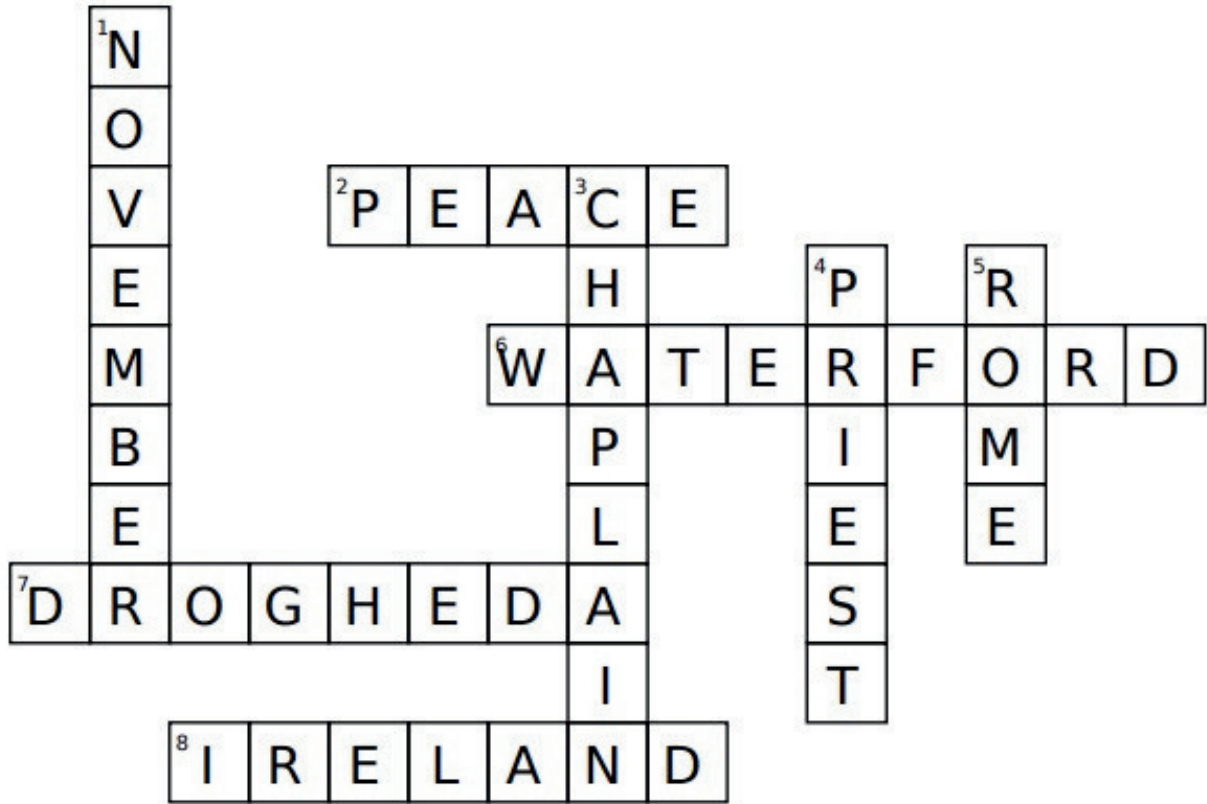
- A. DUBLIN**
- B. LONDON**
- C. ROME**
- D. DROGHEDA**

5.WHAT DID ST OLIVER STUDY IN UNIVERSITY?

- A. ENGLISH**
- B. LAW**
- C. MATHS**
- D. HISTORY**

ANSWER SHEET

CROSSWORD



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2. 17TH
3. FOR REFUSING TO STOP PREACHING THE FAITH
4. DROGHEDA
5. LAW



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St Oliver Plunkett: Page 1: Archdiocese of Armagh

St Oliver Plunkett Stained Glass: Page 2 & 9: Flickr.com

St Peter's Church: Page 7: Wikipedia.com

Information/ Prayer/ Hymn:

saintoliverplunkett.com/literature.html

More resources:

saintoliverplunkett.com

Youtube: STOLIVERPLUNKETTVIDS

There are four videos on St Oliver.

****Early life in Ireland***

****Rome***

****Return to Ireland***

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