



# Chaplaincy Check-In



Nicholas Postgate Special  
Ordinary Time - a time for growing

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## This is the psalm reading

### from the Feast of Blessed Nicholas Postgate

Announce to the nations, "The Lord is King!  
The world stands firm, never to be shaken,  
and he will judge its people with fairness."  
Tell the heavens and the earth to be glad and celebrate!  
Command the ocean to roar with all its creatures  
and the fields to rejoice with all their crops.  
Then every tree in the forest will sing joyful songs to the Lord.  
He is coming to judge all people on earth with fairness and truth.

**Psalms were written  
by Old Testament  
authors over  
hundreds of years  
and were originally  
songs of thanksgiving  
and praise and  
petition.**

## Why Green?

### Green is the colour of Ordinary Time, the time of the Church's year that we are currently celebrating

The clue is in what else is green—grass, leaves, trees, moss. Just look outside your window on any spring or summer day to notice that we live in a green and growing place. So, that's why we use green, this is our growing time. A time to learn more about God's plan and listen more carefully to God's Word.

## P is for Postgate

### Our P corridor is named after a famous Catholic.

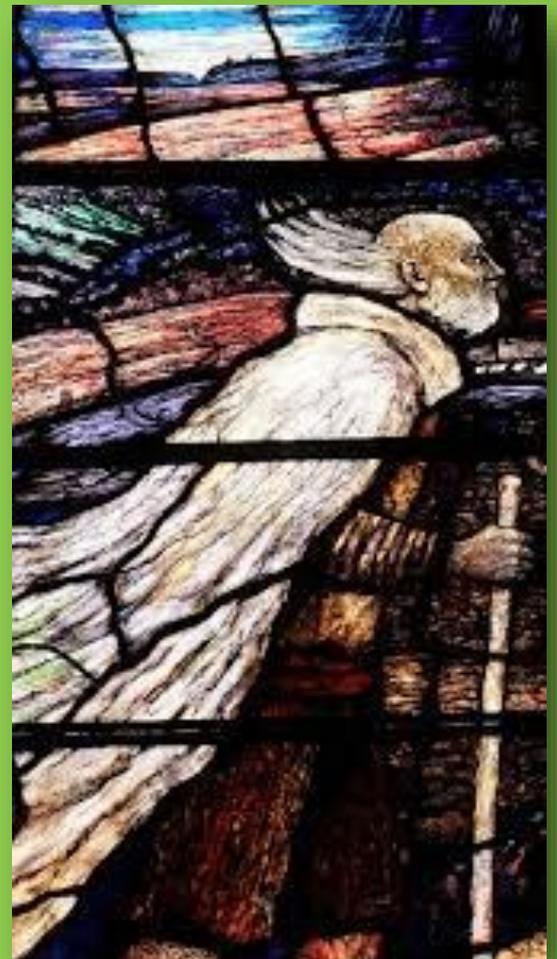
Blessed Nicholas Postgate was a catholic priest in Yorkshire at a time when it was a very dangerous thing to be. Since the advent of the reformation, there was widespread persecution of Catholics in England, and priests were particularly targeted by the authorities. He was ordained a priest on 20th March 1628 and ministered all over the north of England, finally settling back in Yorkshire in 1660 in the town of Ugthorpe, where his parish extended between Guisborough, Pickering and Scarborough.

*"For nearly half a century he tramped the high moors of North Yorkshire and the plains of the Holderness, ministering to a scattered flock". (J.P. Kenyon historian)*

He was arrested in 1678, while celebrating a baptism and charged with high treason. He was 82 years old when he was sentenced to death by public execution .

On the scaffold he said that he was too old and frail to make long speeches: he would simply die for the Catholic faith to which he had devoted his life.

Nicholas was one of the last Catholics to be executed for their faith in England.

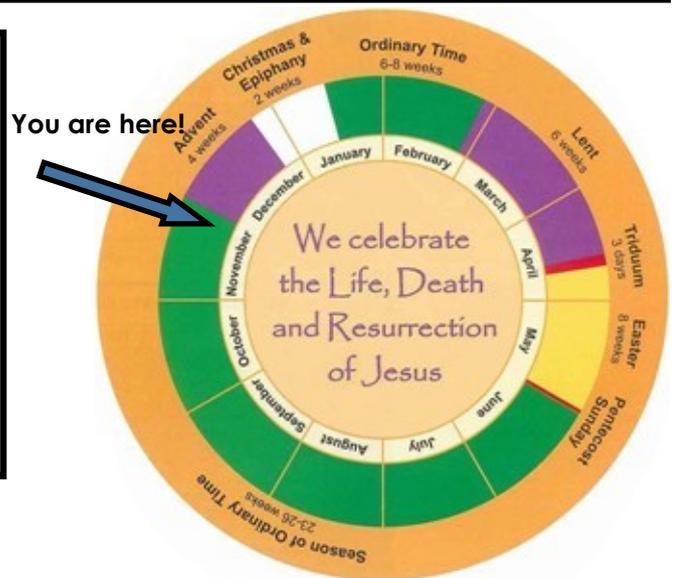


Lord Jesus,  
 We pray that we will never  
 face persecution and hatred like blessed Nicholas Postgate  
 That we will always be free to believe and live and act without fear.  
 Give us the courage to stand up for everyone who hasn't got the right to  
 the freedom that we enjoy.  
 Amen

### Nicholas Postgate

Like so many in our world today, he continued to do what was right and to stand up for what he believed in, despite the dangers he faced. He did it all in the quietest of ways, by living his life and trusting in God.

Through him, we remember all who seek justice and freedom. Those who long to be heard, who long to choose what they can wear, who long for the rights that we have. Those who suffer because they thirst for what is right.



# Nicholas Postgate

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