



Prayers

God our Father, fountain of all blessing, we thank you for the countless graces that come to us in answer to the prayers of your saints. With great confidence we ask you in the name of your Son and through the prayers of St John Ogilvie to help us in all our needs.



Lord Jesus, you chose your servant St John Ogilvie to be your faithful witness to the spiritual authority of the chief shepherd of your flock. Keep your people always one in mind and heart, in communion with Francis our Pope, and all the bishops of your Church.

Holy Spirit, you gave St John Ogilvie light to know your truth, wisdom to defend it, and courage to die for it. Through his prayers and example bring our country into the unity and peace of Christ's kingdom. Amen.

St John Ogilvie, pray for us.

Almighty and eternal God,
you gave to St John Ogilvie
wisdom in defending the Catholic faith
and courage in facing a martyr's death:
listen to our prayers,
and send us an ever greater harvest
of faith, hope and love.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

St John Ogilvie, pray for us.

Lord, teach me to look for you
and when I look show yourself to me.
Without your help I will falter through life,
blind to the many things you do for me,
missing out on the opportunities you lay before me.
Like St. John Ogilvie who did not falter as he went to his death,
Grant me the confidence and courage
To stand up for what I believe in
And the compassion to forgive those who hurt me.

Saint John Ogilvie, pray for us.

O God, we thank you for all your gifts to us, and especially
For the precious gift of our Catholic faith.

May the prayers of Saint John Ogilvie obtain for us the
Blessings that we ask: Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint John Ogilvie, pray for us.

Classroom Activities

Religious Tolerance Discussion Activity

"If I only sat down with people who agreed with me, and I with them, or with those who were saints, I'd be taking all my meals alone."



"If I am I because I am I, and you are you because you are you, then I am I and you are you. But if I am I because you are you and you are you because I am I, then I am not I and you are not you!" Rabbi Mendel of Kotzk



In 1560, it had become illegal to preach, encourage people to become, or otherwise promote Catholicism in any way. Born in 1579, St John Ogilvie would have had a growing awareness of the religious controversies within Christianity that existed in Scotland and, in fact, throughout the whole of Europe.

- Use the quotes above to explore the ways in which we define ourselves in a religious sense. Both generally and within our own specific geographical context in Scotland.
- What is each quote telling us about religious freedom and tolerance?

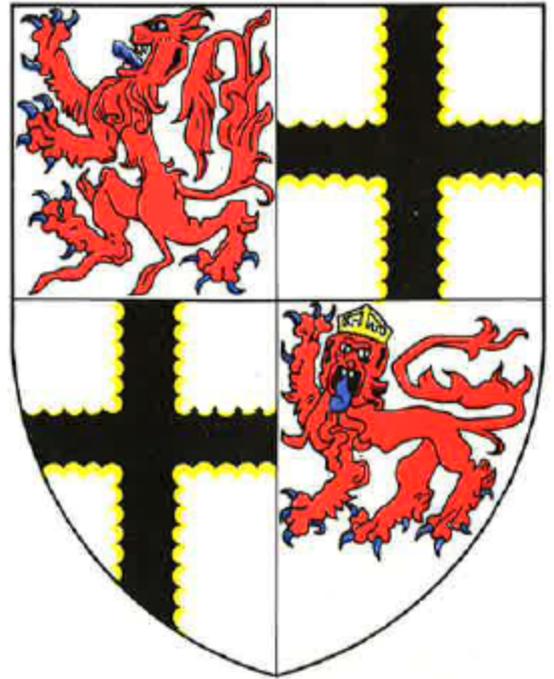
For further information on religious freedom and persecution, please visit:

<http://www.acnuk.org/>

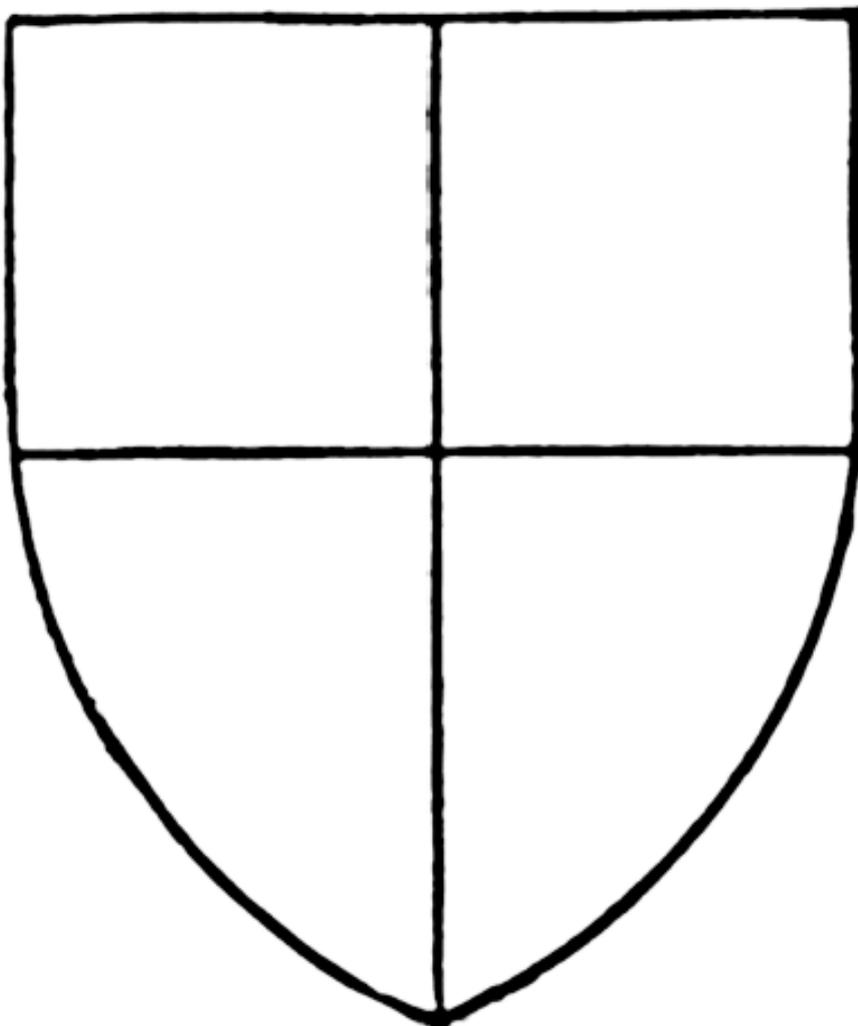
The Shield of Arms of Saint John Ogilvie

A shield or coat of arms is a design that is unique to a family or a person. The different parts of the shield each represent something about that person or tell us something about their life.

On the right is a picture of St John Ogilvie's Shield of Arms. Research this shield and find out what the various symbols represent or tell us about Saint John Ogilvie.



Think about what your own Shield of Arms would look like and what it would tell others about you. Use the template below to produce your own Shield of Arms.



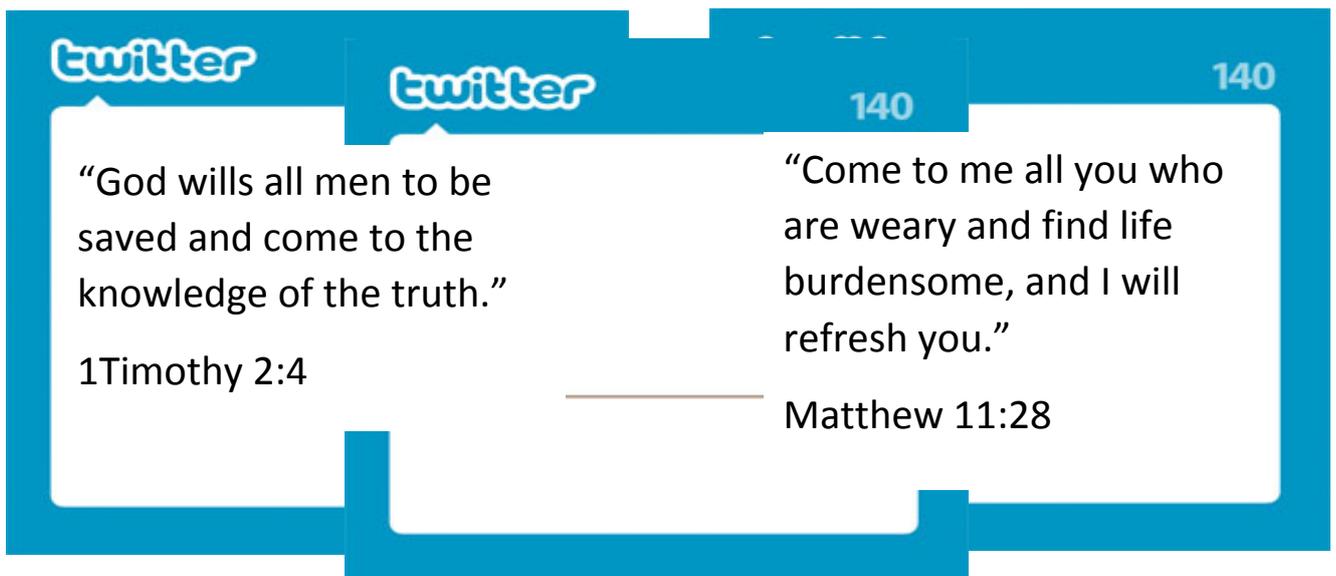
Instant Inspiration

In the time at which Saint John Ogilvie lived there was much disagreement over religious matters. Amidst this confusion, Saint John Ogilvie turned to two short pieces of scripture (short enough to have been tweets!) for inspiration to help him persevere in the face of adversity.

Look at the two scripture quotes. As you read them, think about the kind of life Saint John Ogilvie would have been living in Scotland. It was illegal to celebrate the sacraments, he would have been constantly on the move, always relying on others to hide him or help him, desperate to serve the Catholics of Scotland.

Explore the two quotes below and, working with a partner, discuss their meaning and why these two particular quotes would have been so important to Saint John Ogilvie.

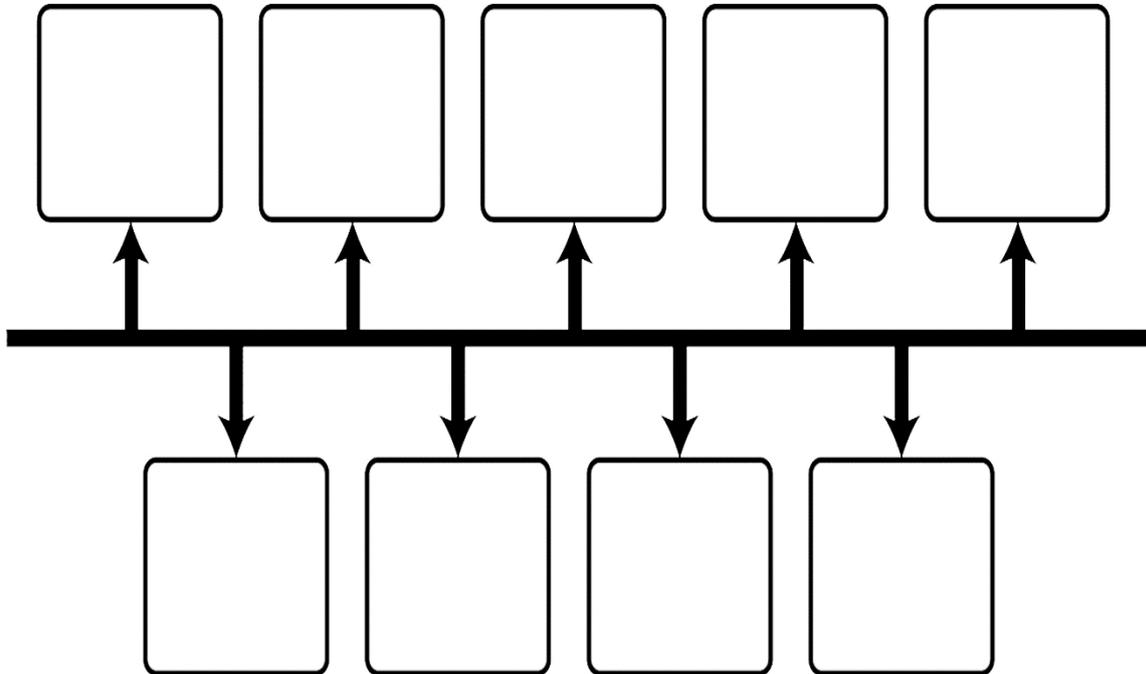
Using a bible and thinking particularly about Saint John Ogilvie, select another tweet sized scripture quote that would have given him strength in times of distress.



Whole Class Timeline

Timeline About: _____

Name _____



Using the Assembly PowerPoint as a reference or another biographical source, select one event from the life of Saint John Ogilvie. Find out as much information as possible about this particular event and decide how you want to present it. This could take the form of an illustration, a diary entry, the written statement of a witness, a prayer, to name a few possibilities.

All of these individual pieces of work will feed into a whole class timeline of Saint John Ogilvie's life which can be used for display.

Useful websites for more detailed biographical information

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=820

<http://www.stalloysius.rcglasgow.org.uk/stjohnogilvie>

http://www.therealpresence.org/archives/Saints/Saints_017.htm