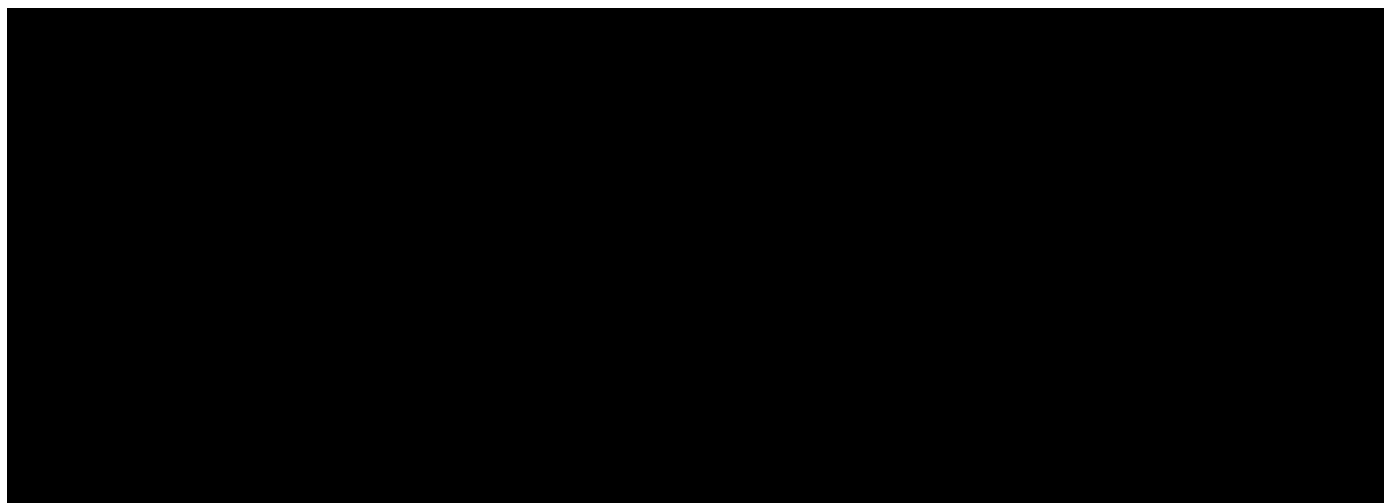


## WHITE, RAWLINS or RAWLYN (fl. 1485?-1555), one of the only three Marian martyrs in Wales -



**Name:** Rawlins White

**Gender:** Male

**Occupation:** one of the only three Marian martyrs in Wales

**Area of activity:** Religion

**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

the others were **bishop Robert Ferrar** and William Nichol of Haverfordwest, of whom nothing further seems to be known. White, a fisherman (from c. 1535) at Cardiff, is first heard of in the *Ministers' Accounts* of 1541-2, when he was the tenant of a half-burgage in the street extending from the West Gate as far as the wall of the town in front of the slaughterhouse in Hom'by (= Womanby), i.e. in the modern Westgate Street. In the 1542-3 *Ministers' Accounts* he holds a 'farm' of five 'hengis' (hang-nets) in Roath manor. He was married, and had children. Though himself illiterate, he had learnt by heart passages of the *Bible* read out to him by one of his sons, and had become a Protestant. For this, he was arrested, and imprisoned at Chepstow and at Cardiff; persistent and kindly efforts were made by **Anthony Kitchin**, the bishop of Llandaff, to get him to recant his opinions, but he refused, and was burnt at the stake at Cardiff, 'about March,' 1555, says Foxe. A modern memorial-tablet on Bethany chapel, Cardiff, gives the date as 30 March, but this precise dating is rather suspect - it would seem odd that White and **bishop Ferrar**, in widely distant corners of Wales, should have died on exactly the same day; for that matter, even the year has been queried, and it may have been 1556. According to Foxe, White was 70 'or thereabouts' at the time of his death.

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