



THE BAR CONVENT

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Quick Definitions

<i>Catholic</i>	A member of the Roman Catholic Church, which has the Pope as its head
<i>Chapel</i>	A place of worship, like the one hidden here in the Bar Convent
<i>Congregation</i>	A group of people who gather together for religious worship
<i>Congregation of Jesus</i>	The religious congregation to which the Bar Convent sisters belong, established by Mary Ward
<i>Convent</i>	A place where nuns live together
<i>Contemplative</i>	A way of religious life where people devote themselves completely to prayer and silence, without active work in the world
<i>Enclosed</i>	The ordinary life for nuns in Mary Ward's time – behind a convent wall, with little contact with the outside world
<i>English Reformation</i>	The period of religious upheaval started by Henry VIII's split from the Catholic church. This led to the creation of the Church of England.
<i>Jesuit</i>	A member of the Society of Jesus, founded by Ignatius of Loyola in 1540 to do missionary work. Jesuit priests came to England after the Reformation to support Catholics in their faith, and make new converts.
<i>Martyr</i>	Someone who dies for their faith
<i>Missionary</i>	A religious person who goes out across the world to spread

	God's message
<i>Mother Superior</i>	The sister who is in charge of a convent
<i>Nun</i>	A woman who takes religious vows to live her life in devotion to God
<i>Persecution</i>	An attack on people because of their religious or political beliefs
<i>Pope</i>	Head of the Catholic Church, who lives in Rome
<i>Priest Hole</i>	A hiding place in a house during the recusant period where priests had to hide if the authorities came searching
<i>Protestant</i>	A member of one of the churches set up after the Reformation
<i>Recusant</i>	Someone who, during the time of people like Margaret Clitherow, did not attend their Anglican parish church when they were supposed to by law.
<i>Relic</i>	A sacred item or object connected to a holy person or a saint
<i>Vows</i>	Special promises made to God, such as those made by our sisters when they enter religious life

