

= Cwm , Llanrothal =

Cwm (also known as Come and Welsh Jesuit College of St Francis Xavier) was a Jesuit gathering place , Ecclesiastical province and college in Llanrothal , Herefordshire , England . It became a Jesuit college in 1622 . Based in a large farmhouse , the Cwm included two houses , called " Upper Cwm " and " Lower Cwm " . They were divided by a walled forecourt and each was able to generate £ 60 (equivalent to £ 10 @, @ 000 in 2015) during its prime annually in rents from its own land .

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= = History = =

The Jesuits ' South Wales Mission was originally based about 14 miles to the south , in Raglan , Monmouthshire , but soon after the year 1600 , their Superior received from the Earl of Worcester an estate called The Cwm in the parish of Llanrothal . The estate consisted of farm buildings and land between the villages of Welsh Newton and Llanrothal , about 5 miles from Pontrilas . The Cwm became " one of the two focal points of disturbance in June and July 1605 " . That year , Father Robert Jones who resided at Cwm , was implicated in an attempt to save two of the Gunpowder Plot perpetrators .

Henry Milbourne worshipped with the Jesuits at the Cwm for some time and " refused to issue warrants under the Elizabethan legislation , saying that it was not intended for use against Papists . " In the early 17th Century , it was home to the recusant William Griffith . The province was founded in 1622 by Fr . John Salusbury (d . 1625) , and it sheltered the College of St Francis Xavier , and the Cwm college became known as the Welsh Jesuit College of St Francis Xavier . After Salusbury 's death , Charles Gwynne (also known as Bodvel) became rector . Serving as a refuge for priests (1625 ? 1678) , in 1648 it was the base of the martyr St David Lewis , who became head of the Catholic seminary there . In 1678 , it came under attack during the Popish Plot , when it was raided by such Protestants as Bishop Croft , John Arnold of Monmouthshire and ultra @-@ Protestant Charles Price .

= = Buildings and grounds = =

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