

# **ARCHER, JAMES, 1751-1834.**

## **James Archer sermons, 1788-1826**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Archer, James, 1751-1834.  
**Title:** James Archer sermons, 1788-1826  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 006  
**Extent:** .4 cubic ft. (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Contains 83 sermons written for Sundays, religious holidays, and as inducements into the religious profession.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### **Administrative Information**

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#### **Custodial History**

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#### **Citation**

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#### **Processing**

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### **Collection Description**

#### **Biographical Note**

James Archer was born in London, England to Peter and Bridget Lahey Archer on 17 November 1751. He was employed in a Public House called the Ship where English Catholics fearing

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persecution met secretly to worship. Discovered there by Bishop Richard Challoner, he was sent to study at Douai in 1769. Archer was ordained and in 1870 returned to London where he was appointed Vicar-general. Renown for his oratorical skill, he was considered the most popular Roman Catholic priest of his time.

Several editions of his sermons were published between 1788 and 1832 and reprinted after his death. He wrote widely on a variety of topics including religious persecution, marriage, spirituality and the religious profession. In recognition of his achievements the Pope granted him a Doctor of Divinity degree. James Archer died on August 1832 at the age of 82 just as a new era of religious tolerance was dawning.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of 82 sermons written for Sundays, religious holidays, and as inducements into the religious profession. Only one sermon is dated (1788) although the watermarks on the paper run as late as 1826. The sermons are of varying length but generally run about 12 pages long. For a list of titles of the sermons see the following container list. The text of the sermons contain many corrections and revisions and appear to be intended for delivery rather than for publication although two, item 66 and item 70 in the container list appear exactly as printed in Archers published work *Sermons on various Moral and Religious Subjects for All the Sundays and some of the Principal Festivals of the Year*, London, 1817. The sermons reveal to the scholar the style and content of a popular English Catholic priest during the period of Roman Catholic persecution in England. Lacking dates the collection remains in the same order in which it was received. The scholar will have to decide if the order is significant.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Sermon on the Feast of All Saints; Matthew 5:12.
1	1	A Discourse on Satisfaction; John 20:23.
1	1	A Discourse on Christmas Day; Luke 2:10-11.
1	1	A Discourse on the Passion of our L.J.C.; Luke 23:27-28.
1	1	A Clothing Discourse; Mark 10:29-30.
1	1	A Sermon for the 11th Sunday after Pentecost; Mark 7:35.
1	1	For the 8th Sunday after Pentecost; Luke 16:2.
1	1	A Discourse for the 1st Sunday of Lent, "On Fasting and Abstinence;" Matthew 4:4.
1	1	On Christmas Eve; Luke 2:12. Note in pencil "Copied from Burges Sermon"
1	2	A Discourse on Christmas Day; John 1:14.
1	2	A Discourse on the Passion of our L.J.C.; Luke 23:27-28.
1	2	Christmas Day; Luke 2:15.
1	2	A Discourse for New Year's Day; Titus 2:12.
1	2	Sermon for the 5th Sunday of Epiphany; no verse.
1	2	A Discourse for the 4th Sunday after Easter, "On Faith;" John 16:8-9.
1	2	A Sermon for the 1st Sunday of Lent, "On Fasting and Abstinence;" Matthew 4:4.
1	2	A Sermon for the First Sunday of Advent; Luke 21:27.
1	2	Sermon for Sexagesima; Luke 8:15.
1	2	A Discourse for the 1st Sunday after Pentecost; Luke 6:8.
1	2	Sermon for the 24th Sunday after Pentecost; Matthew 24:15.
1	2	Untitled; John 6:59.
1	2	Sermon for the Sunday within the Oct. of the Holy Sacrament; Luke 14:16.
1	3	Untitled; Romans 4:25.
1	3	Sermon for the 4th Sunday in Lent; John 20:23.
1	3	A Discourse for Christmas Day; Luke 2:10.
1	3	Christmas Day; Luke 2:15. (Another version of folder 2, Item 12).
1	3	A Discourse for the Sunday within the Oct. of Corpus Christi, "On the Sacrifice of the Mass;" Luke 14:24.
1	3	Untitled; II Corinthians 6:2.
1	3	Discourse for Palm Sunday; Matthew 21:5.
1	3	A Clothing Discourse; Apocalypsis Ioannes 2:17.
1	3	A Discourse for the 14th Sunday after Pent.; Matthew 8:24.
1	3	Sermon for the [?] Sunday of Advent; Luke 3:3.
1	3	A Discourse on the Nativity of our L.J.C.; Luke 2:14.
1	3	On the Passion of our L.J.C.; Ephesians 5:2.

- 1 3 Untitled; Ephesians 5:2.
- 1 3 A Discourse for the 1st Sunday of Lent; Matthew 4:2.
- 1 3 A Discourse for the 3rd Sunday of Lent; Luke 11:15.
- 1 4 A Discourse for the 7th Sunday after Pent.; Matthew 7:19.
- 1 4 A Discourse for Sexagesima Sunday; Luke 8:11.
- 1 4 Sermon for the 5th Sunday after Easter; John 16:23.
- 1 4 Sermon for the 3rd Sunday of Lent; Luke 16:22.
- 1 4 Sermon for the 4th Sunday of Lent; John 9:8-9.
- 1 4 Untitled; Ephesians 5:2. (Another version of Folder 3, Item 34)
- 1 4 Three short discourses, all untitled, concerning candidates for a religious profession.
- 1 4 Untitled; Matthew 22:39.
- 1 4 A Clothing Discourse; no verse.
- 1 4 A Discourse for a Religious Profession; Deuteronomy; 26:17-18.
- 1 4 A Sermon for the Feast of All Souls; Jeremiah 1:12.
- 1 4 A Sermon for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost; Matthew 22-37.
- 1 4 A Sermon for the first Sunday of Lent; Matthew 4:1.
- 1 5 For the Second Sunday of Lent, "On Contrition;" John 26:23.
- 1 5 A Discourse for a Religious Profession; Psalms 83:1-2.
- 1 5 A Sermon for Quinquagesima Sunday; Luke 18:34.
- 1 5 On Christmas Eve; Luke 2:10. Bruges 1789.
- 1 5 A Discourse for the 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany; Matthew 8:1-2.
- 1 5 Sermon for [?] Sunday after Pentecost; Matthew 22:21.
- 1 5 Discourse for the 1st Sunday of Lent; Matthew 1:4.
- 1 5 A Discourse for the 3rd Sunday of Lent; John 20:23.
- 1 5 A Discourse for the Religious Profession; Canticles 2:16
- 1 5 A Discourse for Trinity Sunday; Matthew 28:19-20.
- 1 5 A Sermon for the 4th Sunday after Pentecost; Luke 5:8.
- 1 5 A Profession Discourse; Luke 9:23.
- 1 5 A Discourse on the Religious State; John 6:15.
- 1 5 A Sermon for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost; John 4:46.
- 1 6 A Discourse for the 16th Sunday after Pentecost; Luke 14:3.
- 1 6 16th Sunday after Pentecost, "On Good Example;" Luke 14:1.
- 1 6 A Sermon for the 2nd Sunday of Lent; Thessalonians 4:2.
- 1 6 For a Religious Profession; Deuteronomy 26:17.
- 1 6 A Clothing Discourse; no verse.
- 1 6 Sermon for the 1st Sunday of Advent, "On the General Judgement;" Luke 21:26.
- 1 6 A Discourse on the Passion or Lord J.C.; no verse.
- 1 6 A Clothing Discourse for Christmas Day; Luke 9:23.
- 1 6 A Discourse for Christmas Day; Luke 2:14.

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| 1 | 6 | A Nativiate in Domini; Luke 2:10.   |
| 1 | 6 | Discourse for a Religious Profession; Job 14:15.                          |
| 1 | 6 | Discourse for the first Sunday after Pentecost; Luke 6:37.                |
| 1 | 6 | Untitled; Matthew 4:1-2.  |
| 1 | 6 | Untitled; Matthew 17:2.   |
| 1 | 6 | A Discourse for Christmas Day; Luke 2:14.                                 |
| 1 | 6 | Sermon for the 7th Sunday after Pentecost; Matthew 7:19.                  |
| 1 | 6 | Untitled; Matthew 5:9.  |
| 1 | 6 | Untitled; Hebrews 9:27.   |
| 1 | 6 | Untitled; no verse. Concerning the loyalty of Catholics to their country. |
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