

A Synaxis of Latin Saints (Plain Reading)

February 28th

On February 28th, we commemorate Saint Oswald. Born in England of a noble Danish family, he was the nephew of St Oda of Canterbury. He went to Fleury in France to learn from monastic life and later became Bishop of Worcester (961), identifying himself with St Dunstan and St Ethelwold in their efforts to revive monastic life in England. St Oswald founded monasteries at Ramsey and at Worcester. In 972 he became Archbishop of York. He reposes on his knees after washing the feet of twelve poor people, as was his daily practice.

Verses

On this day we commemorate Saint Romanus of Condat. Saint Romanus, at the age of thirty-five, went to live as a hermit in the Jura mountains, where he was followed by his brother St Lupicinus. Many disciples soon gathered round the two brothers, who then founded the monasteries of Condat (later known as Saint-Oyend) and Leuconne, over which they ruled together, and the convent of La Beaume (later called St-Romain-de-la-Roche) where their sister was abbess.

On this day we commemorate Saint Hilarus, Pope of Rome. Born in Sardinia, he became Pope of Rome in 461 and worked energetically against Nestorianism and Eutychianism and also consolidated the Church.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

