

## A Synaxis of Latin Saints (Plain Reading)

March 2nd

On March 2nd we commemorate Saint Chad of Mercia. Saint Chad began his ascetic life as a monk at Lindisfarne in Ireland, under the spiritual guidance of Saint Aidan the Great Apostle of Northumbria. On returning to England, he became Abbot of Lastingham. He was then consecrated Bishop of York, but two of the presiding bishops during his consecration were considered dubious. Saint Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury, requested Saint Chad step down as Bishop and return to the monastery of Lastingham as a simple monk, and out of humility Saint Chad agreed. Recognizing Saint Chad's incredible humility and virtue, Saint Theodore of Canterbury sent Saint Chad to Mercia and consecrated him Bishop. During his days as Bishop of Mercia, Saint Chad modeled his life and ministry after his spiritual father, Saint Aiden, and devoted his time to the building up of monastic life, visiting parishes, ordaining clergy and taking great care of the flock of Mercia. Though attempts were made to destroy his relics during the protestant reformation, they still remain today in Birmingham.

### *Verses*

On this day we commemorate Saint Cynibil the brother of Saint Chad and Saint Cedd.

On this day we commemorate Saint Fergna the White, who succeeded Saint Columba as the abbot of Iona.

On this day we commemorate the eighty Lombard martyrs of Italy.

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