

A Synaxis of Latin Saints (Plain Reading)

March 20th

On March 20th we commemorate Saint Cuthbert. He was a shepherd boy until he became a monk at Melrose in Scotland. After the Council of Whitby, he went to Lindisfarne where he became Abbot. In March 685, he was consecrated Bishop of Lindisfarne. After his repose his relics were found to be incorrupt and eventually, they were taken to Durham. One of the most famous English saints, he is called the Wonderworker of England. His relics are revered in Durham to this day.

Verses

On this day we commemorate Saint Herbert, the spiritual brother of Saint Cuthbert. A priest and friend of St Cuthbert, who lived as a hermit on the island named after him on Lake Derwentwater in England. The two saints were granted their prayer to repose on the same day.

On this day we commemorate Saint Martin of Braga. Born in Pannonia, he became a monk in Palestine, but later went to Galicia in Spain where he preached to the pagan Suevi. He was Bishop of Mondoñedo and then of Braga. He introduced monasticism throughout north-western Spain and Portugal. Several of his writings still exist.

Saint Wulfram, Evangelizer of the Frisians. Bishop of Sens, he worked to enlighten the Frisians, helped by monks from the monastery of Fontenelle. After many years among the Frisians, he returned to Fontenelle where he reposed. His relics are still in Abbeville in the north of France.

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