

A Synaxis of Latin Saints (Plain Reading)

May 19th

On May 19th we commemorate Saint Dunstan of Canterbury. Born near Glastonbury, he eventually became a monk and abbot there. Before his tonsure, he had studied under Irish monks and was called to court as a counsellor. His peers, out of envy, devised a plot against Dunstan and forced him into exile. After experiencing several illnesses, he devoted himself to a deep ascetic life and dwelled in his monastic cell. He was eventually recalled to England by King Edgar and became his main advisor. He was consecrated Bishop of Worcester in 957 and Archbishop of Canterbury in 961. Together with Sts Ethelwold of Winchester and Oswald of York, he restored monastic life in England. He reposed peacefully at Canterbury.

Verses

On this day we commemorate Saint Pudens, a Roman senator who was baptized by the Apostles.

On this day we commemorate Saint Pudentiana, a holy virgin in Rome, daughter of the senator St Pudens. By tradition she died at the age of sixteen.

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